

**United Nations Human Rights Treaty System (Treaties and Optional Protocols),
Year of General Assembly Approval, Number of States Parties, Whether the US is a
Party or Not, US Limitations, Number of Signatories; Whether the US is a
Signatory or Not (February 1, 2010)**

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), 1965
173 parties, U.S. is a party – 3 reservations, 1 understanding, and 1 declaration*
85 signatories, US is a signatory
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), 1966
160 parties; US is not a party
69 signatories; US is a signatory
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966
165 parties; US is a party – 5 reservations, 5 understandings, 3 declarations*
72 signatories; US is a signatory
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 1979
186 parties; US is not a party
98 signatories; US is a signatory
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), 1984
146 parties; US is a party – 2 reservations, 9 understandings, 1 declaration*
76 signatories; US is a signatory
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), 1989
193 parties; US is not a party
140 signatories; US is a signatory
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their
Families (ICRMW), 1990
42 parties; US is not a party
31 signatories; US is not a signatory
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), 2006
77 parties; US is not a party
144 signatories; US is a signatory
- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR-OP1) (implements
Treaty), 1966
113 parties; US is not a party
35 signatories; US is not a signatory
- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the
abolition of the death penalty, (ICCPR-OP2) 1989
72 parties; US is not a party
35 signatories; US is not a signatory
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (OP-CEDAW)
(implements Treaty), 1999
99 parties; US is not a party
79 signatories; US is not a signatory
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed
conflict (OP-CRC-AC), 2000
125 parties; US is a party – 8 understandings, 4 declarations*
131 signatories; US is a signatory
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution
and child pornography (OP-CRC-SC), 2000
135 parties; US is a party – 1 reservation, 9 understandings*
117 signatories; US is a signatory
- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or
Punishment (implements Treaty), OP-CAT), 2002
50 parties; US is not a party
64 signatories; US is not a signatory

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (implements Treaty), (OP-CRPD), 2006

48 parties; US is not a party

88 signatories; US is not a signatory

Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance. 2006

Not yet in force; 18 parties and 81 signatories

The US is neither a party nor a signatory

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2008

Not yet in force; 31 signatories

The US is not a signatory

*The United States has attached reservations, understandings and/or declarations to each of the three treaties and two protocols that it has ratified, thus limiting for itself the full applicability of each treaty/protocol. (e.g., the United States has declared each of the three treaties it has ratified to be “not self-executing”).

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