PROJECT 2025: DISMANTLE U.S. CLIMATE POLICY

Former President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement, staffed his environmental agencies with fossil fuel lobbyists and claimed — against all scientific evidence — that the Earth's rising temperatures will " start getting cooler."

Expect a second Trump presidency to show less restraint.

> ***"Former President Donald Trump's second term could begin with a clear direction on climate policy: Trash it."***
> Politico

The Project 2025 Mandate calls for removing regulations to curb greenhouse gas pollution from cars, oil and gas wells and power plants, dismantling almost every clean energy program in the federal government and boosting the production of fossil fuels.

The Project Mandate aims to purge the "climate fanaticism" that, the report charges, pervades the federal government under President Joe Biden.

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Project 2025 calls for the next GOP president to immediately freeze, then reverse, all policies that aim to mitigate climate change. Its authors believe:

- Climate change is a myth.
  - Rejects current scientific consensus on climate change; scientists should be relegated to an advisory role (where the president can ignore their recommendations). *(pg. 60)*
- Climate change is an excuse to limit Americans' freedom and climate policies are a radical attack against our freedom.
  - Americans should fight back to reclaim their right to drive whatever cars they choose and use whatever energy source they like.
- Climate change advocates are "environmental extremists" or "climate fanatics."
- Climate programs "kill the economy." (*pg, 270)*
- All talk about climate change is "fear-based rhetoric."
- Attempts to slow down global warming are part of an "unprovoked war on fossil fuels." *(pg. 286)*
- The energy crisis is caused by extreme green policies, not fossil fuels. *(pg. 363*)
- Fracking and drilling are the path to US energy security, not problems.
  - Build more oil and gas pipelines (*pg 408*) and encourage fracking.
  - Reject preservation of federal lands for national parks. Instead, *all* federal land should be open for fracking, even though there is evidence that fracking damages the land and the water table.*(pg. 518)*
- The US should roll back energy regulations.
  - Eliminate all energy all efficiency requirements for appliances (*pg. 378*)
  - Remove any concerns about sustainability from agriculture. (*pg. 292*)

- The US should stop producing electric vehicles (*pg. 627*)
- US should reopen oil and gas drilling in the Arctic, expand other drilling projects, and increase leasing land in western states for coal mining.
- Obtaining more fossil fuels is more important than protecting endangered species.

Project 2025 advocates disbanding a number of federal offices related to renewable energy and climate science, including the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Loan Program Office, the Clean Energy Corps, the Grid Deployment Office and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In a chapter on the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Mandate's authors suggest the next administration:

> ***"rescind all climate policies from its foreign aid programs" and shut down any offices or departments connected to the Paris Climate Agreement***

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> ***As with other federal departments and agencies, the Biden Administration's leveraging of the federal government's resources to further the woke agenda should be reversed and scrubbed from all policy manuals, guidance documents, and agendas."***

The Bottom Line? Project 2025 Would Harm Human Life

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