

Project 2025 Coverage

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Trump Ties and Seriousness

CAP Action: Project 2025 is Donald Trump's agenda. “Moreover, the project is vetting extreme Trump loyalists to stack thousands of federal jobs. President Trump is more than aware of those behind Project 2025—he has often spoken positively of Kevin Roberts and the Heritage Foundation, calling them “wonderful” and “highly respected.” His vice presidential pick, Sen. JD Vance (R-OH), was praised by the Heritage Foundation and said Heritage would play a “major role” in a Republican presidency. Johnny McEntee, the man behind Project 2025's personnel database effort, was President Trump's hand-picked selection to oversee all political appointees from the White House. Given that Project 2025 insiders say that President Trump's distancing from the plan is simply a public relations gesture, it is clear that no matter what the former president says, this extremist movement is driven by him. If elected, he would be in a position to enact it.” [CAP Action, [8/1/24](#)]

Semafor: Many of the Project 2025 proposals are based on Trump's past comments. “Even as Trump's campaign has tried to distance itself from group's like Project 2025, many of the project's proposals are based on Trump's past comments, The New York Times reported back in November: ‘One challenge for the Trump team is that the most incendiary rhetoric and proposals have come from Mr. Trump's own mouth,’ the article pointed out.” [Semafor, [3/8/24](#)]

Rolling Stone: Trump has “bearhugged Heritage's agenda.” “For the last 40 years, Heritage has released a similarly detailed list of policy recommendations before every presidential contest. The organization has a strong track record of exerting influence: Reagan enacted roughly half of the recommendations his first year in office. But Donald Trump bearhugged Heritage's agenda: In 2018, just one year into his administration, Heritage boasted that Trump had already implemented two-thirds of their policy recommendations, the most of any president since the organization's founding.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Rolling Stone: Project 2025 “was drafted with extensive input from many of [Trump's] allies.” “There is good reason to believe that Trump, if nominated and elected, would find this new set of recommendations even more compelling than he did in his first term. That's because it was drafted with extensive input from many of his allies, advisers and appointees. Among the groups that contributed are America First Legal (led by high-ranking Trump administration officials Stephen Miller and Gene Hamilton), the Conservative Partnership Institute (where Mark Meadows, Trump's last chief of staff, is a senior partner) and the Center for Renewing America (helmed by Russell Vought, the director of the Office of Management and Budget under Trump). High-ranking Trump administration officials even authored individual chapters of the report, including its recommendations to dramatically restrict abortion access.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Financial Times: Project 2025 “is a serious blueprint for a Trump administration...if you want a guide of what Trump would do, this is the best you can find.” “At any rate, my point here is to draw Swampians' attention to the serious thought that the new right has put into what Trump would do if he regained power. I am a little late to reading Project 2025's Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise which was published last April. The 920-page document is a serious blueprint for a Trump administration. It is based on the eponymous book that the Heritage Foundation published before Ronald Reagan took power in 1980. He implemented most of its policies. If you want a guide to what Trump would do, this is the best you can find. I suggest you read it.” [Financial Times, [1/19/24](#)]

Financial Times: Project 2025 is “far from moronic” and “Trump's laziness and incompetence that makes such blueprints so indicative.” “Whatever else you might think of this Heritage-led effort — and I disagree with each of its fundamental premises — it is far from moronic. The fact that Trump is, in the most fundamental ways, a deeply bad person should not blind us to the intelligence of the policy thinkers behind him. Reagan was a somnolent fellow who did not sacrifice a day of his life in contemplation of policy. His administration, however, was one of the most active and effective in modern US history. It is precisely Trump's laziness and incompetence that makes such blueprints so indicative.” [Financial Times, [1/19/24](#)]

Salon: Trump’s interview with Time “makes it clear that [he] is on board with almost all of [Project 2025 and Agenda 47].” “Project 2025 and Agenda 47 among other plans being pulled together by the MAGA establishment, which now includes venerable institutions like the Heritage Foundation and the Club for Growth, have been public for months but the media seemed to be reluctant to take them too seriously. Perhaps this was because Trump campaign officials Susie Wiles and Chris LaCivita put out several statements insisting that none of these plans were official campaign policies and that any lists of personnel or plans were mere suggestions. But the election is just six months away now and it is long past time that Trump is confronted with what we’ve been hearing. This interview makes it clear that the candidate is on board with all of it and even has some extreme ideas of his own to add to the list.” [Salon, [5/1/24](#)]

Reuters: “Many of [Trump’s] allies are involved” in Project 2025. “While the Trump campaign has distanced itself from the project, the consortium has drafted a policy blueprint for a potential Trump administration. Many of the former president’s allies are involved.” [Reuters, [5/4/24](#)]

Axios: Project 2025 “is undeniably a Trump-driven operation.” “But this is undeniably a Trump-driven operation. The biggest tell: Johnny McEntee — one of Trump’s closest White House aides, and his most fervent internal loyalty enforcer — is a senior adviser to Project 2025.” [Axios, [11/13/23](#)]

Vox: Many of the Project 2025 authors “are members of the first Trump administration” and “would likely have roles in a second.” “Nonetheless, many of the authors of Mandate are members of the first Trump administration who would likely have roles in a second.” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

The Week: “many of Trump’s indicated plans for a second term fall in line with the Project 2025 outline.” “The former president has made little mention of the project by name. However, as New York Magazine said, many of Trump’s indicated plans for a second term fall in line with the Project 2025 outline.” [The Week, [2/26/24](#)]

Slate: “Behind the scenes, leaders of Project 2025 are collaborating with the Trump campaign and plotting a rapid-fire post-inauguration rollout of a right-wing agenda.” [Slate, [5/14/24](#)]

San Francisco Chronicle: In a speech to the National Religious Broadcasters Association, “Trump echoed the goals of Project 2025.” “In a February speech to evangelical broadcasters in Nashville — in which he referred to the Jan. 6 insurrectionists as ‘persecuted Christians’ — Trump said he would repeal a 70-year-old ban on churches endorsing political candidates, something he tried to do as president, eroding a 300-year dividing line between church and state. ‘In my first term, I fought for Christians harder than any president has ever done before. You know that, you know that. And I will fight even harder for Christians with four more years in the White House,’ Trump told the National Religious Broadcasters association. ‘I get in there, you’re gonna be using that power at a level that you’ve never used it before.’ In the same speech, Trump echoed the goals of Project 2025, an ambitious policy agenda for a conservative administration’s first six months in office.” [San Francisco Chronicle, [5/19/24](#)]

New York Times: Project 2025 “wants to institutionalize Trumpism.” “Project 2025, led by the Heritage Foundation, involves more than 100 right-wing organizations that are drafting policy plans and recruiting ‘an army of conservatives’ from ‘across the fruited plain’ to enact them, as the project director, Paul Dans, put it to DealBook. The think tank wants to institutionalize Trumpism.” [Dealbook, New York Times, [6/1/24](#)]

John Oliver: While Trump’s first term was “sort of like a hamster in an attack helicopter,” his second term, supported by Project 2025, could be defined by “ruthless efficiency.” “What can be done? Don’t vote for Trump, for one. But ‘even if Trump loses, that won’t be the end of this. The people who cooked up Project 2025 will just move on to Project 2029 instead,’ said Oliver, noting that the ideas expressed in it – a limited government of a white minority rule with a strongman to keep everyone in line – are not new.” [The Guardian, [6/17/24](#)]

MSNBC: Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts says that “Project 2025 is something that is going to transcend the next 4 years, the next 10 years.” “It really is for the first time in the history of the conservative movement the apparatus for policy and personnel.” [MSNBC, [6/22/24](#)]

MSNBC: Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts denied direct ties between Project 2025 and Trump, but then stated the work of the Heritage Foundation was to “institutionalize Trumpism.” “By institutionalizing Trumpism, what we are saying is that even though we are known as Ronald Reagan’s think tank...that’s four years ago, and we need to understand what time it is in America, and right now, Donald Trump...is the standard bearer for conservatism. [MSNBC, [6/22/24](#)]

MMFA: Paul Dans, director of Project 2025, says that it is the “instruction manual” for a second Trump administration, and that it was constructed by many who came “right out of the Trump admin.” [Media Matters for America, [6/20/24](#)]

Politico: Trump invited the Heritage Foundation to a private meeting aimed at collaboration and discussing policy priorities for the general election. “On Tuesday, the Trump campaign sent a letter to pro-Trump, external organizations asking them to attend an ‘entirely off-the-record, private,’ and ‘invite-only’ meeting with senior campaign officials...By holding the meeting, the Trump operation and the third-party entities could conceivably get on the same page about their plans. Two people familiar with the planning for the event said Heritage Action and Turning Point Action were among the pro-Trump groups invited.” [Politico, [4/26/24](#)]

BidenHQ: The Trump campaign’s press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, was in a recruitment video for Project 2025. [X, @BidenHQ, [7/5/24](#)]

ABCNews: The Heritage Foundation promises to have “significant influence” over a second Trump administration. “Roberts’ remarks shed light on how a group that promises to have significant influence over a possible second term for former President Donald Trump is thinking about this moment in American politics.” [ABCNews, [7/3/24](#)]

New York Times: Project 2025 dovetails with Trump campaign plans to expand executive power. “That work at Heritage dovetails with plans on the Trump campaign website to expand presidential power that were drafted primarily by two of Mr. Trump’s advisers, Vincent Haley and Ross Worthington, with input from other advisers, including Stephen Miller, the architect of the former president’s hard-line immigration agenda.” [New York Times, [7/8/24](#)]

The Week: Many of Project 2025’s plans are in line with Trump’s own. “However, as New York Magazine said, many of Trump’s indicated plans for a second term fall in line with the Project 2025 outline. This includes giving the president unchecked power over federal agencies and the total ability to bypass Congress.” [The Week, [2/26/24](#)]

Hemant Mehta: “There’s no way to separate Project 2025 from Trump.” “Much like a football team’s playbook may be written with its star quarterback in mind, there’s no way to separate Project 2025 from Trump. The Heritage Foundation can act like ‘Project 2025 does not speak for any candidate or campaign,’ but none of this would work unless Trump or another Republican as shameless and ignorant as Trump is willing to implement it—and no one who inspires the GOP base has the courage to reject it.” [Friendly Atheist, [7/8/24](#)]

Politico: Many authors of Project 2025 are former Trump officials. “The Trump campaign has stated that all its policy ideas would come from the former president and described Project 2025 as suggestions from allies. But many of the authors of the blueprint are former Trump officials, and the Heritage Foundation has spent the past year-plus recruiting people to implement the plans within the administration, Scott said. ‘So they don’t just have a long, sprawling policy document,’ he said, ‘they also have a growing list of staff who are being tested to see if they are loyal to Trump and if they are willing to administer this in his potential administration.’ While groups like Heritage have put forward conservative policy proposals in the past, Scott said Project 2025 is distinct in that it’s so comprehensive and

far-reaching. 'It has so many groups contributing to it. It's the whole conservative policy movement gathered together,' he said. [Politico, [4/15/24](#)]

Media Matters: Trump on Kevin Roberts, President of the Heritage Foundation: "He's going to be so incredible." "Trump gave the keynote address at the Heritage Foundation's annual leadership conference on April 21, 2022, just a few months after Roberts took the reins of the organization. 'He's going to be so incredible,' Trump said of Roberts. 'I know that for a fact, because I know what he did and where he came from, and he's going to be outstanding, and congratulations to his very exciting new role and a very important role.'" [MMFA, [7/8/24](#)]

Brian Tyler Cohen: The suggestion that Trump does not know who is behind Project 2025 is 'laughably false.' "The fact that Trump is attempting to distance himself from this agenda is a testament to how obviously out of step it is with mainstream America. It's not that he doesn't agree with it; he just rightly recognizes that the vast majority of voters don't." [NBC News, [7/8/24](#)]

Judd Legum: An overwhelming percentage of Project 2025 authors are tied directly to Trump. "All told, of the 38 people responsible for writing and editing Project 2025, 31 were appointed or nominated to positions in the Trump administration and transition. In other words, while Trump claims he has 'nothing to do' with the people who created Project 2025, over 81% had formal roles in his first administration." [Popular Information, [7/8/24](#)]

The New Republic: Trump tried, but failed to distance himself from Project 2025. "Project 2025 reflects Trump's core political philosophy and has been boosted by key allies, including former advisers Stephen Miller and John McEntee. Trump's own super PACs have run ads highlighting Project 2025's policy goals." [The New Republic, [7/5/24](#)]

ABCNews: The RNC platform committee's policy director and deputy policy director both have ties to Project 2025. "In May, the Trump campaign and the RNC announced their Platform Committee leadership team, the senior officials tasked with drafting the Republican platform, and named Russ Vought as the platform committee's policy director and Ed Martin as deputy policy director. Both have ties to Project 2025." [ABCNews, [7/9/24](#)]

The Guardian: Project 2025 and Trump "share the same vision" for policy goals including civil service cuts, deportation, and education reform. "But, in reality, Trump and Project 2025 share the same vision for where the US should go in a conservative presidency. His platform, dubbed Agenda 47, overlaps with Project 2025 on most major policy issues. Project 2025 often includes more details on how some key conservative goals could be carried out, offering the meat for Trumpian policy ideas often delivered as soundbites." [The Guardian, [7/9/24](#)]

The Guardian: a former White House advisor to Mike Pence said that Trump's attempt to distance himself from 2025 was "preposterous" and driven by campaign concerns. "This is preposterous if you look at the collaborators and the authors of this plan,' she told CNN when asked whether Trump's denial was credible. 'A lot of these people...served in Trump's cabinet during his administration. There are people that I worked with. I sat in those policy meetings with them.'" [The Guardian, [7/8/24](#)]

The Washington Post: Separating Trump from Project 2025 is "impossible." "There's no reason to think that Trump agrees with everything that's in Project 2025. But identifying those specific things that are 'ridiculous and abysmal' means endorsing everything else. It means outlining his policy proposals in detail, which he doesn't want to do. And so he's saddled with the proposals made by people who want to and eventually may work for him — if their proposals don't first drag down his candidacy." [The Washington Post, [7/9/24](#)]

The New Republic: Trump is "obviously lying" about not knowing of Project 2025. "All kidding aside, Trump is obviously just lying. It's really that simple. It's worked for him in the past, and it'll work for him in the future. But even his denial of knowledge comes with its own contradictions. As Ellie Quinlan Houghtaling wrote at The New Republic: 'How can Trump both know nothing about Project 2025 and

‘disagree’ with it? He doesn’t say. But it’s clear that he recognizes that the plan is a growing political liability.” [The New Republic, [7/8/24](#)]

The New Republic: The Heritage Foundation previously bragged about how the Trump administration “embraces” their policy platforms. “In a January 2018 blog post, the Heritage Foundation bragged, ‘One year after taking office, President Donald Trump and his administration have embraced nearly two-thirds of the policy recommendations from The Heritage Foundation’s ‘Mandate for Leadership.’” [The New Republic, [7/8/24](#)]

CNN: At least 140 people who worked for the Trump administration had a hand in Project 2025. “In fact, at least 140 people who worked in the Trump administration had a hand in Project 2025, a CNN review found, including more than half of the people listed as authors, editors and contributors to ‘Mandate for Leadership,’ the project’s extensive manifesto for overhauling the executive branch. Dozens more who staffed Trump’s government hold positions with conservative groups advising Project 2025, including his former chief of staff Mark Meadows and longtime adviser Stephen Miller.” [CNN, [7/11/24](#)]

New York Times: Several of Trump’s top advisors, including Russell T. Vought and John McEntee, are behind Project 2025. “Portions of the plan were driven by people who were top advisers to Mr. Trump during his first term and would most likely serve in prominent roles if he wins in November.” [New York Times, [7/11/24](#)]

New York Magazine: Trump is upset not about the policies in Project 2025, but about the perception that someone else is in charge. “Conversations with current and former Trump staffers suggest that the policies of Project 2025 aren’t what have earned Trump’s ire — such as eliminating the Education Department and putting the president directly in charge of the FBI and the Justice Department — but rather how it has created the perception that someone else is in charge. Indeed, Project 2025 is a set of ideas that represents an attempt by the conservative movement to codify what “Trumpism” is so that it can survive after Trump. And as Trump and his campaign have made clear, in his eyes he is the movement.” [New York Magazine, [7/10/24](#)]

Media Matters: A project 2025 director said Trump is “very bought in” with Project 2025. “Paul Dans, a former Trump administration official and the director of Project 2025, told a right-wing podcast last year that his group has a “great” relationship with former President Donald Trump, and “Trump’s very bought in with this.” His comments fly in the face of Trump’s recent attempts to distance himself from Project 2025.” [Media Matters for America, [7/11/24](#)]

The 19th: Ties between Project 2025 and Trump are extensive. “But CNN found that at least 140 people who worked in the Trump administration contributed to Project 2025 in some way. And, when Trump spoke at a Heritage Foundation dinner in 2022 as work on Project 2025 was underway, he said, ‘This is a great group and they’re going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do, and what your movement will do, when the American people give us a colossal mandate to save America.’ The Heritage Foundation is a Republican National Convention ‘partner’ and will host a day-long policy conference in Milwaukee this week.” [The 19th, [7/16/24](#)]

NBC News: Project 2025 insiders are not worried about Trump distancing himself from the project, and sees it as simply a PR gesture. “Describing conversations with others connected to the conservative battle plan, one person at a conservative think tank on the Project 2025 advisory board said that ‘people weren’t overly worried about’ Trump’s comments. This person added that in Trump’s first term, he was quite open to policy input from outside groups, including the Heritage Foundation. ‘The general sense is this is a PR gesture for him to provide himself maximum room to maneuver and avoid making any commitments at this point,’ this person said.” [NBC News, [7/16/24](#)]

Vox: The lack of detail in the GOP platform suggests that Project 2025 will serve as the primary policy document for the party. “Of course, the thinness of the document means that it’s not always clear how this vision is meant to be translated into action. And that’s where outside parties come in — most notably, the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025 blueprint for a second Republican term. The

now-infamous document puts meat on the platform's bones: It details a set of proposals for how to take the RNC's vague Trumpy principles and turn them into actual, concrete policy. In essence, it is serving as the policy shop for a party uninterested in doing its own homework." [Vox, [7/15/24](#)]

New York Times: It is "more than reasonable" to assume that Project 2025 details Trump's policy agenda. "More generally, since Trump has never shown himself to be a policy wonk, there's every reason to believe that if he wins he will, as he did in his first term, leave a lot of the granular policymaking to people who do sweat the details — so it's more than reasonable to think of Project 2025 as a guide to what could happen in a second Trump term." [New York Times, [7/15/24](#)]

Maryland Matters: Just blocks from the Republican National Convention, Kevin Roberts described Project 2025 as the "unification of the conservative movement." "Despite former President Donald Trump's denial of any connection to the conservative presidential transition plan known as Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation promoted the project mere blocks from the Republican National Convention. Officials and personalities from the party's most conservative wing were on hand Monday as Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts described the plan as the unification of the conservative movement at an all-day Policy Fest near the convention Monday. 'For once in modern American history, we have a plan among a unified movement to speak on behalf of the everyday American, the forgotten American,' Roberts said. [Maryland Matters, [7/17/24](#)]

Forbes: In an April 2023 speech, JD Vance said the The Heritage Foundation would play a "major role" in a Republican presidency. Vance stated: "The Heritage Foundation 'is going to play a major role in helping us figure out how to govern, at the White House, at the Senate, at the House and all across our great country.' CNN notes his speech took place one day before Project 2025's policy proposals were unveiled. [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

USA Today: JD Vance and Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts are "good friends." "The Associated Press reported that Roberts said Monday that he and vice-presidential pick JD Vance are "good friends" and that the Heritage Foundation had been hoping for a Vance nomination, though it did not endorse him publicly before the announcement." [USA Today, [7/17/24](#)]

Forbes: Heritage President Kevin Roberts calls JD Vance a man who "personifies hope of our nation's future," said the organization was rooting for him to be the VP pick. "Vance, however, openly has close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts, who told reporters Monday the organization was privately "really rooting" for Vance to be the VP pick and praised him on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday as "a man who personifies hope for our nation's future." [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

Forbes: JD Vance has been a champion for the Heritage Foundation, is going to be one of the "leaders" of the movement. "Vance has been a key champion of Roberts' efforts to turn the Heritage Foundation "into the de facto institutional home of Trumpism," Politico reported in a March piece, in which Roberts said the senator "is absolutely going to be one of the leaders — if not the leader — of our movement." [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

Vox: JD Vance has made it impossible for Trump to run away from Project 2025. "Kevin Roberts, the self-proclaimed 'head' of Project 2025, has a book coming out in September — and the book's foreword is written by Trump's vice presidential candidate, J.D. Vance, who lavishly praises its ideas. 'Never before has a figure with Roberts's depth and stature within the American Right tried to articulate a genuinely new future for conservatism,' Vance writes, according to the book's Amazon page. 'We are now all realizing that it's time to circle the wagons and load the muskets. In the fights that lay ahead, these ideas are an essential weapon.'"

The New Republic: JD Vance not only wrote the foreword to Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts's new book, but gave the book a 'favorable' review. As Trump desperately tries to separate his campaign from Project 2025, users on X have noted one big problem: J.D. Vance wrote the foreword to a forthcoming book by the plan's lead author, Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts. The

product page also includes a favorable review from Vance. ‘Never before has a figure with Roberts’s depth and stature within the American Right tried to articulate a genuinely new future for conservatism,’ the review says. ‘We are now all realizing that it’s time to circle the wagons and load the muskets. In the fights that lay ahead, these ideas are an essential weapon.’ When the book first became available for preorder on June 19, Vance promoted it on X, writing, ‘I was thrilled to write the foreword for this incredible book, which contains a bold new vision for the future of conservatism in America.’” [The New Republic, [7/24/24](#)]

MMFA: Vance has appeared at events and on several right-wing podcasts associated with Project 2025 partner organizations, praising their leaders and promoting their work. “Vance’s connections to The Heritage Foundation and Roberts are well-documented: He has spoken at Heritage multiple times, he wrote the foreword to Roberts’ forthcoming book, and in 2017 he wrote the introduction to Heritage’s yearly ‘culture and opportunity’ report. Additionally, Vance praised Roberts earlier this year as ‘somebody I rely on a lot who has very good advice, very good political instincts.’ Vance has been featured on several right-wing podcasts, panels, and events associated with Project 2025 partner organizations, and he has promoted their research and praised the groups’ leaders in interviews and other appearances.” [Media Matters for America, [7/30/24](#)]

One Project 2025 author told *Rolling Stone* that Trump’s attempt to distance himself from the project was an ‘ass-covering.’ “Multiple Project 2025 authors and key figures in the Heritage-housed initiative tell *Rolling Stone* that they aren’t taking Trump’s supposed disavowals personally. They are aware that he and his campaign staff are hyper-focused on not scaring off too many swing voters who will determine the 2024 presidential election. One project author simply dismisses Trump’s words as “ass-covering” and little more. And several of these sources remark that the ex-president and his lieutenants’ fury lately had done nothing but create a “Streisand effect,” drawing greater attention to Project 2025 and Trump’s connections to it.” [Rolling Stone, [7/31/24](#)]

Despite Trump’s attempts to distance himself from Project 2025, the Project 2025 training videos heavily feature individuals with ties to his administration. “Of the 36 speakers appearing in the recordings, 29 have worked for Trump in some capacity – either on his transition team, in his administration, or on his current reelection campaign.” [Newsweek, [8/12/24](#)]

In April 2022, Trump delivered a keynote address at a Heritage Foundation conference where he said Heritage would provide the ‘groundwork and detail plans’ for ‘exactly’ what the conservative movement will do. “But in April 2022, Trump shared a 45-minute private flight with Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts, according to people familiar with the trip, plane-tracking data and a photograph from on board the plane, which has not been previously reported. They flew together to a Heritage conference where Trump delivered a keynote address that gestured to Heritage’s forthcoming policy proposals. ‘They’re going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do,’ Trump said in the speech.” [The Washington Post, [8/7/24](#)]

Kevin Roberts, the new director of Project 2025 and President of the Heritage Foundation, says he personally discussed Project 2025 with Trump. “Roberts told The Washington Post in an interview in April of this year that he had previously discussed Project 2025 with Trump as part of offering briefings to all presidential candidates. ‘I personally have talked to President Trump about Project 2025,’ he said in the interview, ‘because my role in the project has been to make sure that all of the candidates who have responded to our offer for a briefing on Project 2025 get one from me.’” [The Washington Post, [8/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 has tied Trump to the unpopular policies of the MAGA coalition. “Project 2025 has done what Democrats tried to do for years: tie Trump to the unpopular policies of the MAGA coalition, from the Christian nationalists trying to ban abortion and IVF to the mega-rich trying to give themselves more tax breaks. ‘If you’re a person who is deeply upset by Roe being overturned in 2022, this is a roadmap of everything that can be done to further curtail reproductive rights,’ says Bryan Bennett, a pollster at the progressive Hub Project, which works alongside Navigator on its surveys. ‘If you are an advocate for a more fair economy, this is a roadmap for raising tax on the middle class and working class while giving tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations. If you are a healthcare advocate, this goes into

excruciating detail about how to roll back and undermine things like the Affordable Care Act.” [Mother Jones, [8/10/24](#)]

The Guardian: President Trump will be in a position to solidify the right’s ‘master plan’ forever. “This connection to the Heritage Foundation isn’t incidental. It tells us that conservatives see a Trump presidency as the final stage of their grand half-century scheme to destroy the legacy of the New Deal and the Great Society – a scheme first outlined a half-century ago.” [The Guardian, [8/29/24](#)]

Transition and Personnel

Axios: The Heritage Foundation is collecting applications and questionnaires from those seeking jobs in a future Trump administration “that would be driven more by ideology than by policy expertise or innovation.” “We told you in a ‘Behind the Curtain’ column last month that Trump allies are pre-screening the ideologies of thousands of potential appointees and employees in case he wins back the White House. Now we have copies of the exact questionnaires Trump allies are using — and that then-President Trump used himself during his final days in office. Why it matters: These future Trumpers would staff an unprecedented effort to centralize and expand presidential power at every level of the administration. Trump insiders are planning a far more targeted and sophisticated sequel to his haphazard first term, when internal feuding deterred policy wins or permanent changes to government. The 2020 questionnaire — paired with the application the Heritage Foundation is currently collecting from job prospects for a future administration — points to a top-down government-in-waiting that would be driven more by ideology than by policy expertise or innovation.” [Axios, [12/1/23](#)]

Axios: Project 2025 is “the most sophisticated, expensive pre-transition planning ever undertaken for either party.” “Similar questions are being asked for the Talent Database being assembled by the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025 — the most sophisticated, expensive pre-transition planning ever undertaken for either party.” [Axios, [12/1/23](#)]

Heritage’s president said Project 2025’s mission is to get the next conservative president “ready to govern in the most aggressive, ambitious, audacious way to destroy the Deep State and devolve power back to the individual Americans.” “Heritage president Kevin Roberts said recently that Project 2025’s mission is to get the next conservative president ‘ready to govern in the most aggressive, ambitious, audacious way to destroy the Deep State and devolve power back to the individual Americans.’” [Axios, [12/1/23](#); @KevinRobertsTX, X, [11/17/23](#)]

Heritage’s new president has the organization aligning closer to the Trump wing of the party. “Heritage is not institutionally tied to Trump. But under its new president, Kevin Roberts, the organization appears to be moving closer than any previous iteration of Heritage in allying itself with the Trumpian ‘America First’ wing of the Republican Party. Roberts has developed a closer personal relationship with Trump than his predecessor did. Trump even visited Amelia Island in Florida to speak to Heritage’s annual leadership conference in April. In addition to courting Trump, Roberts has also opened his door to the ‘New Right’ — individuals and organizations whose views differ dramatically from many of the Bush era conservative policies Heritage has traditionally supported.” [Axios, [12/1/23](#)]

Washington Post: Much of the planning for a second Trump term “has been unofficially outsourced” to Project 2025. “Much of the planning for a second term has been unofficially outsourced to a partnership of right-wing think tanks in Washington. Dubbed ‘Project 2025,’ the group is developing a plan, to include draft executive orders, that would deploy the military domestically under the Insurrection Act, according to a person involved in those conversations and internal communications reviewed by The Washington Post.” [Washington Post, [11/5/23](#)]

Project 2025 is being led by former Trump administration officials in an effort to form a government-in-waiting for a potential Trump second term. “With more than a year to go before the 2024 election, a constellation of conservative organizations is preparing for a possible second White House term for Donald Trump, recruiting thousands of Americans to come to Washington on a mission to

dismantle the federal government and replace it with a vision closer to his own. Led by the long-established Heritage Foundation think tank and fueled by former Trump administration officials, the far-reaching effort is essentially a government-in-waiting for the former president's second term — or any candidate who aligns with their ideals and can defeat President Joe Biden in 2024.” [Associated Press, [8/29/23](#)]

The director of the 2025 Presidential Transition Project Paul Dans is a former Trump

administration official. “We need to flood the zone with conservatives,’ said Paul Dans, director of the 2025 Presidential Transition Project and a former Trump administration official who speaks with historical flourish about the undertaking. ‘This is a clarion call to come to Washington,’ he said. ‘People need to lay down their tools, and step aside from their professional life and say, “This is my lifetime moment to serve.”’” [Associated Press, [8/29/23](#)]

Implementing Schedule F was formulated by Trump allies Johnny McEntee and Russell Vought, who are involved in Project 2025. “Implementation of ‘Schedule F’, a plan formulated by extreme Trump allies to purge the federal bureaucracy of officials deemed insufficiently loyal, would also likely be needed, to force government departments to accept a reshaping of US law and life by presidential fiat. But as the former Trump White House aides Johnny McEntee and Russell Vought, key drivers of Schedule F, are also involved in Project 2025, so advocates say the Mandate for Leadership should be taken seriously.” [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

Trump would strip employment protections from tens of thousands of career government officials.

“He intends to strip employment protections from tens of thousands of career civil servants, making it easier to replace them if they are deemed obstacles to his agenda. And he plans to scour the intelligence agencies, the State Department and the defense bureaucracies to remove officials he has vilified as ‘the sick political class that hates our country.’” [New York Times, [7/17/23](#)]

Planning to fire ‘allegedly disloyal’ public servants is ‘intentionally dangerous to US democracy.’

“The parts of this document that have garnered the most attention are the Schedule C plans to fire allegedly disloyal members of the federal civil service. Make no mistake, it would be a revolution in the way Washington works. I think the whole approach is intentionally dangerous to US democracy. But would enough of America? What most strikes me, however, is the level of planning and organisation Project 2025 exhibits. I can find nothing comparable on the left. Somewhat counter-intuitively, American conservatism has historically exhibited greater skill and determination than the US left in its plans for government. That has not changed.” [Financial Times, [1/19/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Heritage Foundation Makes Plans to Staff Next G.O.P. Administration.” [New York Times, [4/20/23](#)]

New York Times’ Carlos Lozada: Project 2025 is “proposing to remake the executive branch, department by department, agency by agency, office by office.” “It is possible to read ‘Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise’ — an 887-page document proposing to remake the executive branch, department by department, agency by agency, office by office — as one more go-round in this Washington tradition. With contributions by dozens of conservative thinkers and activists under the leadership of the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, the book announces itself as part of a ‘unified effort to be ready for the next conservative administration to govern at 12:00 noon, Jan. 20, 2025.’ There is much work ahead, it states, ‘just to undo the significant damage that will have been done during the Biden years.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 called “for a relentless politicizing of the federal government.” “It calls for a relentless politicizing of the federal government, with presidential appointees overpowering career officials at every turn and agencies and offices abolished on overtly ideological grounds.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Salon: Democracy experts believe Project 2025 could “potentially erode the country’s system of checks and balances.” “Democracy experts view Project 2025 as an authoritarian attempt to seize

power by filling the federal government, including the Department of Justice and the FBI, with unwavering Trump supporters, which could potentially erode the country's system of checks and balances." [Salon, [9/5/23](#)]

HEADLINE: "Dark' right-wing network recruits MAGA 'army' to replace 50K federal workers Trump plans to purge." [Salon, [9/5/23](#)]

McEntee will be a "gateway to many White House jobs." "McEntee, a senior adviser on personnel for Project 2025, the right's plan for a second Trump administration, is going to be the gateway to many White House jobs. And Trump's two older sons, of course, love posting photos of themselves with the dead trophy animals they hunt." [Michelle Goldberg Column, New York Times, [5/13/24](#)]

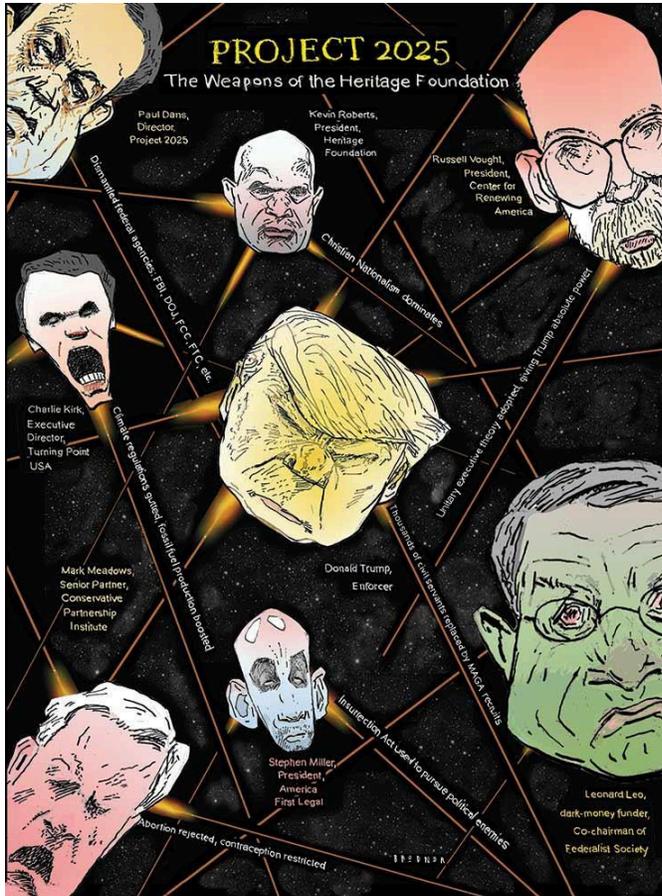
McEntee, who said he gave out fake money to homeless people, is a senior advisor for Project 2025. "According to Newsweek, it's illegal to intentionally have or hand out false, forged, or counterfeit bills, and those distributing them can be fined and face, at most, 20 years in prison. The original TikTok video was posted by The Right Stuff, a dating app that targets U.S. conservatives, co-founded by McEntee. McEntee now works for Donald Trump's presidential campaign and is a senior adviser for the Heritage Foundation's 2025 Presidential Transition project. He first worked under Trump at the White House in 2018 but was later fired when it was discovered that large deposits he made into his bank account were gambling winnings. He was rehired in 2020 as the director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office, overseeing vetting and hiring." [Complex, [5/15/24](#)]

Some at Project 2025 want to expand the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, which would allow departments to bring in outside experts with the help of non-profits. "Some Trump allies at Project 2025 also want to expand the use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, an obscure statute that allows departments to bring in outside experts with the help of non-profits, several people with knowledge of those deliberations said." [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Newsweek: Project 2025 "could dismantle the United States government and replace it with one more in line with Trump's MAGA agenda, including an overhaul of the DOJ and taking steps to make it easier to fire federal workers." "The remarks made during an episode of Bannon's WarRoom podcast echo proposals set out under Project 2025, a conservative guideline led by the right-wing Heritage Foundation think tank on how the next conservative administration could dismantle the United States government and replace it with one more in line with Trump's MAGA agenda, including an overhaul of the DOJ and taking steps to make it easier to fire federal workers." [Newsweek, [5/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes making it easier to fire top agency officials. "Project 2025, a sweeping presidential transition plan for a potential second Trump presidency led by Heritage staff, suggests making it easier to fire top agency officials as a way to gut bureaucracy and hold them more accountable." [The Hill, [6/3/24](#)]

May 2024: Heritage reported that 10,000 resumes were submitted to the Project 2025 database. "10,000 résumés had been submitted to the Project 2025 database as of May. Candidates are 'vetted for alliance' with the project, trained in government process and mechanics and 'schooled in the battle plan,' Dans said. The group includes 'thousands of professionals, moms and people 18 to 80,' he added. He also said it had been only four years since Trump was in office, so many previous appointees were waiting in the wings to return." [Dealbook, New York Times, [6/1/24](#)]



[The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

An immediate priority in Project 2025 would be to create up to 50,000 political appointees instead of the normal 4,000. “An immediate priority, as Chris Lehman details, will be to bring the permanent bureaucracy to heel. Schedule F—an executive order that Trump released in the last weeks of his presidency—will be revived, empowering the president to turn the civil service into a spoils system, creating 20,000 to 50,000 political appointees instead of the normal 4,000.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 envisages replacing thousands of career staff with political loyalists. “If elected, Trump has threatened to reinstate a policy he unsuccessfully attempted in his first term with the creation of “Schedule F”, a new category of federal employees which would be applied to tens of thousands of civil servants in “policy-related” jobs, robbing them of legal protections and making them liable to be fired at will.” [The Guardian, [6/13/24](#)]

Scientists fear Schedule F provisions in Project 2025 due to the Trump Administration previously muting their findings. “The Trump administration sidelined, muted or forced out hundreds of scientists and misrepresented research on the coronavirus, reproduction and hurricane forecasting, environmental advocates said. Now as an example of what’s to come, they point to a blueprint called ‘Project 2025,’ a plan for the next conservative administration drafted by right-wing think tanks in Washington.” [Washington Post, [6/12/24](#)]

The president of the Heritage Foundation confirmed that he wants to fire over 50,000 federal employees to “devolve power from the imperial state of Washington back to the people.” “We’re going to fire someone...because over the last century, the radical left has seen the administrative state as the fourth branch of government.” [MSNBC, [6/22/24](#)]

Democracy Docket: Project 2025's 180-day transition plan reads like a "cult's recruiting pamphlet." "Much of the 180-Day Playbook reads like a cult's recruiting pamphlet, explaining how department and agency heads should be vetting potential candidates. 'This book is functionally an invitation for you the reader—Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, and Ms. Smith—to come to Washington or support those who can,' Dans writes in the intro to the Playbook. 'Our goal is to assemble an army of aligned, vetted, trained, and prepared conservatives to go to work on Day One to deconstruct the Administrative State.'" [Democracy Docket, [6/28/24](#)]

Government Executive: Project 2025 is the "worst-case scenario" for veterans in the federal workforce. "Veterans make up roughly 30% of the federal workforce, with approximately 300,000 veterans currently employed by the federal government. These individuals, having served their country in the military, have chosen to continue their service in a civilian capacity. They bring unparalleled dedication, discipline, and unique skill sets often not found in the private sector. Many of these veterans, including a substantial number who are disabled, find employment in agencies that Project 2025 targets for elimination, such as the FBI and the Justice Department." [Government Executive, [7/9/24](#)]

The Griot: Project 2025 would "make the government white again." "Every Black person has a cousin or aunt who works in the federal government. While the civilian federal workforce is disproportionately white at the highest levels, in March 2021, nearly half (46.7%) of low-level government employees were non-white. In fact, African-American government workers are overrepresented in the federal government. This is the "swamp" that Trump wants to drain." [The Griot, [7/15/24](#)]

A former Trump aide called Trump's Schedule F proposal "very, very scary." "I saw the actual executive order at the end of the last administration, ready to go, that would remake every civil servant into a political appointee and a loyalist to Trump,' recalled Griffin, an apparent reference to Trump's Schedule F plan, which he has vowed to reinstitute if he wins back the White House. It goes 'beyond Social Security and some of these technical things, it's the national security apparatus, it's our emergency management, it's FEMA, it's responding to natural disasters, pandemics,' she explained." [HuffPost, [7/12/24](#)]

Project Sovereignty 2025

Funded by the Heritage Foundation, the American Accountability Foundation is investigating federal employees suspected of being hostile toward Donald Trump's policies. "The concept of compiling and publicizing a list of government employees shows the lengths Trump's allies are willing to go to ensure nothing or no one will block his plans in a potential second term. Jones' Project Sovereignty 2025 comes as Heritage's Project 2025 lays the groundwork, with policies, proposals and personnel ready for a possible new White House." [AP News, [6/24/24](#)]

The AAF plans to publish a 'blacklist' of federal employees they consider hostile to Trump, with the goal of ultimately firing them. "In recent years, AAF has focused its efforts on derailing Biden's political appointments. Now, according to a press release, the AAF is getting to work on a new mission: 'Project Sovereignty 2025'. Backed with a \$100,000 grant from the Heritage Foundation, an influential rightwing thinktank, AAF will compile information, including social media posts, about civil servants they suspect will 'obstruct and sabotage a future conservative president'. They plan to publish dossiers on those non-public facing individuals, starting with the Department of Homeland Security, and expose them to scrutiny." [The Guardian, [6/30/24](#)]

Project Sovereignty 2025, the formal name of the AAF's blacklist project, is based largely on 'gut checks' and 'instinct'. "Project Sovereignty 2025, a McCarthyite plan to identify and make public names of governmental employees serving as bulwarks against unconstitutional border and deportation policies, is the creation of former Republican congressional aide Tom Jones and his American Accountability Foundation, an AP report revealed...Jones's work is based largely on "gut check[s]" and "instinct," running roughshod over the lives of federal workers to ensure the easy implementation of conservative policies should Trump win in November." [The New Republic, [6/24/24](#)]

Presidential Power

Project 2025 would increase the president's authority over every part of the federal government that has operated independent from political interference. “Donald J. Trump and his allies are planning a sweeping expansion of presidential power over the machinery of government if voters return him to the White House in 2025, reshaping the structure of the executive branch to concentrate far greater authority directly in his hands. Their plans to centralize more power in the Oval Office stretch far beyond the former president's recent remarks that he would order a criminal investigation into his political rival, President Biden, signaling his intent to end the post-Watergate norm of Justice Department independence from White House political control. Mr. Trump and his associates have a broader goal: to alter the balance of power by increasing the president's authority over every part of the federal government that now operates, by either law or tradition, with any measure of independence from political interference by the White House, according to a review of his campaign policy proposals and interviews with people close to him.” [New York Times, [7/17/23](#)]

Trump would bring independent agencies like the FCC and FTC under direct presidential control. “Mr. Trump intends to bring independent agencies — like the Federal Communications Commission, which makes and enforces rules for television and internet companies, and the Federal Trade Commission, which enforces various antitrust and other consumer protection rules against businesses — under direct presidential control.” [New York Times, [7/17/23](#)]

Trump allies make the case that all executive branch powers are invested in the president. “Project 2025, a coalition effort led by the Heritage Foundation, an influential conservative think tank, released a nearly 1,000-page handbook earlier this year that lays out a plan for Americans to dismantle the federal government's ‘deep state’ and replace it with a vision that furthers Trump's agenda and policies. Political analyst and historian Julian Zelizer told Newsweek that Trump allies could ‘go very far’ with the ideas being put forward by the project, which argues that Article II of the Constitution makes it ‘abundantly clear’ that the executive branch's powers are solely invested in the president.” [Newsweek, [11/9/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “‘It's very well-thought-out’: Authoritarian expert breaks down dangers of Project 2025.” [MSNBC, [2/24/24](#)]

Project 2025's agenda would diminish Congress's powers of oversight. “Congress's powers of oversight, for instance, would diminish in various ways. Rather than endure the process of congressional confirmation for people taking on key positions in the executive branch, the new administration should just place those officials in acting roles, which would allow them to begin pursuing the president's agenda ‘while still honoring the confirmation requirement.’ (That is, if bypassing the requirement is a form of honor.) Lawmakers would no longer review U.S. foreign arms sales, the book states, except when ‘unanimous congressional support is guaranteed,’ a requirement that renders those reviews pointless. The Department of Homeland Security should have the power to select and limit its congressional oversight committees. And the White House can tell the State Department when to remain ‘radio silent’ in the face of congressional inquiries.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Project 2025, if allowed, will cement America as a rightwing authoritarian state.” [Michigan Advance, [1/16/24](#)]

TIME: “Trump would enter a second term backed by a slew of policy shops staffed by loyalists who have drawn up detailed plans in service of his agenda, which would concentrate the powers of the state in the hands of a man whose appetite for power appears all but insatiable.” [TIME, [4/30/24](#)]

New Republic: “Project 2025 is a plan for an authoritarian takeover of the United States.” “The fascists believed that you have to destroy to create, and this is what a second Trump administration would do. Project 2025 is a plan for an authoritarian takeover of the United States that goes by a deceptively neutral name. It preserves Trumpism's original radical intent in its goals to ‘[d]ismantle the administrative state’ and ‘decentralize and privatize as much as possible,’ allowing the American people to ‘live freely.’

‘[T]he Trump administration, with the best of intentions, simply got a slow start,’ Heritage Foundation head Kevin Roberts told The New York Times in January. ‘And Heritage and our allies in Project 2025 believe that must never be repeated.’ The solution to this ‘slow start’—code for the restraints imposed by operating in a democracy—is counterrevolution.” [New Republic, [5/16/24](#)]

New Republic: “This is why Project 2025 declares that there is an ‘existential need’ to make ‘aggressive’ use of executive power. The alternative could be defeat.” [New Republic, [5/16/24](#)]

The American Conservative, a Project 2025 partner, wrote in support of repealing the 22nd Amendment. “In March, The American Conservative — a right-wing blog — published an article in support of repealing the 22nd Amendment, which was ratified after FDR’s tenure to prohibit people from being elected president more than twice. The blog, which is a partner of the Christian nationalist movement Project 2025, advocates for Trump to be able to serve a third term as president in 2028 if he wins the current election.” [People, [5/20/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “GOP’s ‘Project 2025’ Plan May See the Rise of Dictator Trump.” [Daily Beast, [5/19/24](#)]

Mother Jones: Project 2025 is “a plan to pack a second Trump administration with loyalists and rearrange American bureaucracy to give the president unprecedented power.” “As we approach the 2024 election, Christian nationalism has become more mainstream in American politics than ever. The Heritage Foundation is now leading the charge on Project 2025, a plan to pack a second Trump administration with loyalists and rearrange American bureaucracy to give the president unprecedented power—a blueprint that, the filmmakers argue, shares the anti-democratic overtones of Heubeck’s manifesto.” [Mother Jones, [5/29/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 is a “blueprint for an eventual authoritarian takeover of the federal government.” “It’s a lesson he will not have forgotten if he wins or steals a second term. Mandate for Leadership, the Project 2025 blueprint for an eventual authoritarian takeover of the federal government, contains a lot of dangerous proposals for how Trump and his ruling conservatives can remake the executive branch.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

WTVB: Project 2025 would place the entire federal bureaucracy under presidential control. “That, at first glance, doesn’t seem to be too dystopian. But there are 920 pages, written by multiple former Trump appointees and accepting input from more than one hundred conservative organizations. You have to read the detail, and here are a few of the proposed actions: The entire federal bureaucracy, including independent agencies such as the Department of Justice, will be placed under executive branch (presidential) control.” [WTVB, [6/27/24](#)]

Project 2025 would give the President total power over federal agencies and the ability to bypass Congress. “However, as New York Magazine said, many of Trump’s indicated plans for a second term fall in line with the Project 2025 outline. This includes giving the president unchecked power over federal agencies and the total ability to bypass Congress. He has also pledged to appoint a special prosecutor to go after the Biden family and other political opponents, as well as the installation of loyalists throughout the government.” [The Week, [2/26/24](#)]

Heritage Foundation President says the Supreme Court’s presidential immunity ruling could reinforce a second American revolution. “Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts told Steve Bannon’s “War Room” podcast how the Supreme Court ruling on immunity — which largely shields former presidents from criminal prosecutions for actions in office — should encourage conservatives. ‘In spite of all this nonsense from the left, we are going to win. We’re in the process of taking this country back. No one in the audience should be despairing,’ Roberts said, adding, ‘And in spite of all of the injustice, which, of course, friends and audience of this show, of our friend Steve know, we are going to prevail.’ ‘We are in the process of the second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be,’ he added later. Calling the Supreme Court ruling “vital,” Roberts pointed to Alexander Hamilton’s 1877 essay Federalist No. 70, in which he argued for a strong executive leader.” [The Hill, [7/3/24](#)]

A Project 2025 partner organization is pushing for a presidential impoundment power, ignoring congressional spending in a major power grab. “The group pushing for this major expanse of presidential power is the Center for Renewing America, a MAGA-aligned think tank that has deployed several of its top figures to make its argument across right-wing broadcast and digital media. Its most recent salvo came in June, when CRA released a white paper arguing that a 1974 law restricting a president from unilaterally refusing to spend funds allocated by Congress — the so-called “impoundment” power — represented an improper break from historical precedent. Instead, CRA argued that the White House should have the authority to halt Congressional spending virtually at will.” [MMFA, [7/8/24](#)]

BBC: Project 2025 proposes the entire federal bureaucracy be placed under direct presidential control. “Project 2025 proposes that the entire federal bureaucracy, including independent agencies such as the Department of Justice, be placed under direct presidential control – a controversial idea known as ‘unitary executive theory’. In practice, that would streamline decision-making, allowing the president to directly implement policies in a number of areas. The proposals also call for eliminating job protections for thousands of government-employees, who could then be replaced by political appointees. The document labels the FBI a “bloated, arrogant, increasingly lawless organization” and calls for drastic overhauls of this and other federal agencies, including eliminating the Department of Education. [BBC, [7/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the reinstatement of Schedule F, which could be done without Congressional approval. “But some of the most prominent ideas in the Mandate for Leadership could likely be pursued without congressional approval. Most famously, the document recommends reinstating a Trump-era executive order known as Schedule F, which would make it far easier to fire huge numbers of federal employees in policymaking roles. While it would likely take years to identify, reclassify, terminate, and replace all the civil servants that a second Trump administration might like to target, such a reform holds the potential of fundamentally changing the way the Department of Education (among countless other agencies) functions.” [The 47, [7/16/24](#)]

Election

HEADLINE: “Project 2025 targets election 2024.” [Salon, [5/11/24](#)]

Insurrection Act

Washington Post editorial: Project 2025, a group of right-wing think tanks have drawn up executive orders to invoke the Insurrection Act on Trump’s first day in office. “Mr. Trump’s associates have reportedly drafted plans to invoke the law on his first day in office, to allow him to deploy the military against civil demonstrations. A partnership of right-wing think tanks, dubbed Project 2025, has drawn up executive orders to do so. Jeffrey Clark, a former Justice Department official who is one of the unnamed co-conspirators in Mr. Trump’s indictment in the federal election interference case, is leading this work. Mr. Trump has openly expressed regret for not using the Insurrection Act during the rioting that followed Black Lives Matter protests in the summer of 2020, bowing to governors who asked him not to send federal troops. ‘The next time, I’m not waiting,’ he said at a November rally.” [Editorial, Washington Post, [5/5/24](#)]

Christian Nationalism

HEADLINE: “The right’s Project 2025 wants to make faith the government’s job.” [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

Project 2025 appeared to call on the next GOP administration to draw distinctions between parts of law as religious and nonreligious. “Project 2025 appears to call on the next Republican president to draw distinctions between parts of the law as ‘religious’ and ‘nonreligious.’ The Bible is not a higher authority than laws passed by Congress, and far-right groups do not have to like American laws to respect that those laws are not overruled by their personal interpretation of the Bible.” [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

Project 2025's DOL section called for the federal government to push people back to church.

"Meanwhile in his chapter on the U.S. Department of Labor, Jonathan Berry frames his proposals as part of divine history. 'The Judeo-Christian tradition, stretching back to Genesis, has always recognized fruitful work as integral to human dignity, as service to God, neighbor, and family,' he writes, while claiming the Biden administration 'has been hostile to people of faith.' Berry worries that 'God ordained the Sabbath as a day of rest, and until very recently the Judeo-Christian tradition sought to honor that mandate by moral and legal regulation of work on that day' and blames consumerism and secularism for the decline in Sabbath observance. But he's not content to reminisce about the good ol' days when Americans went to church. He wants the federal government to push people back to church, and calls on Congress to 'encourage communal rest by amending the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to require that workers be paid time and a half for hours worked on the Sabbath.' Berry argues this would lead to higher costs that would reduce work on the Sabbath." [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

MSNBC Opinion: "Right-wing groups do not want to ensure all Americans have religious freedom, but want to impose conservative Christian views on our religiously-diverse country."

"Conservatives often frame their policy crusades as part of an effort to expand 'religious freedom,' a narrative deployed across the Trump administration to gut civil rights protections. But now 'Project 2025' is saying the quiet part out loud: Right-wing groups do not want to ensure all Americans have religious freedom, but want to impose conservative Christian views on our religiously-diverse country." [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

San Francisco Chronicle: Project 2025 "syncs closely with an evangelical agenda" and is written by some organizations led by Christian nationalists.

"Coordinated by the Heritage Foundation and authored by an array of conservative organizations, including ones led by Christian nationalists, Project 2025 syncs closely with an evangelical agenda to enforce a binary definition of gender while ending access to abortion, contraception and end-of-life care. Among its myriad policy recommendations, the 900-plus-page tome calls for a Republican president to:" [San Francisco Chronicle, [5/19/24](#)]

Salon: Project 2025 and Agenda 47 is a plan "to end America's multiracial democracy and to replace it with a White Christian nationalist plutocracy."

"Project 2025 (and its auxiliary Trump's 'Agenda 47') are a plan by right-wing extremists and other authoritarians to end America's multiracial democracy and to replace it with a White Christian nationalist plutocracy." [Salon, [5/30/24](#)]

The Nation: "it's a theocratic manifesto, an attempt at ensuring public health through ultra-orthodox Christianity."

"HHS will also focus on weeding out programs geared to the rights of LGBT people, especially anyone who is transgender. It would direct subsidies for childcare facilities to parents themselves—all in a punitive, misguided effort to shore up the nuclear family. This isn't a public health document; it's a theocratic manifesto, an attempt at ensuring public health through ultra-orthodox Christianity." [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 provides robust protections for religious employers.

"But one category does earn a special solidarity as the most oppressed people in the U.S. Their rights get affirmative action: 'Provide robust protections for religious employers ... an executive order protecting religious employers and employees ... make clear via executive order that religious employers are free to run their businesses according to their religious beliefs, general nondiscrimination laws notwithstanding ... reasonable accommodations for an employee's sincerely held religious beliefs ...'" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 will promote "faith-based adoption agencies," imposing religious requirements on families who look to adopt.

"Project 2025, a 900-plus page blueprint for the next Republican administration and the policy brainchild of the conservative Heritage Foundation, contains an explicitly sympathetic view toward 'faith-based adoption agencies' like the one that rejected the Rutan-Rams, who are "under threat from lawsuits" because of the agencies' religious beliefs. Project 2025's Adoption Reform section calls for the passage of legislation to ensure providers 'cannot be subjected to discrimination for providing adoption and foster care services based on their beliefs about marriage.' It

also calls for the repeal of an Obama-era regulation that prohibits discrimination against prospective parents and subsequent amendments made by the Biden administration.”

Project 2025 would allow adoption placement decisions to be based on religious beliefs. “In addition to calling for the passage of the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act, which would allow adoption and foster care agencies to make placement decisions based on their ‘religious beliefs or moral convictions’, it also calls on Congress to ensure ‘religious employers’ are exempt from nondiscrimination laws and free to make business decisions based on their religious beliefs.” [The Guardian, [7/25/24](#)]

The family image promoted by Project 2025 is ‘blatantly exclusionary.’ “The plan envisions upholding ‘a biblically based, social science-reinforced definition of marriage and family’. It would remove nondiscrimination roadblocks governing faith-based grant recipients, such as the agency that denied the Rutan-Rams. The authors argue that ‘heterosexual, intact marriages’ provide more stability for children than ‘all other family forms;....To the Rev Naomi Washington-Leapheart, a professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova University and a queer parent, the image of family portrayed by the policy agenda is blatantly exclusionary. The Christian nationalist plan rejects unmarried parents, single parents and LGBTQ+ families.” [The Guardian, [7/25/24](#)]

Heritage Foundation Ties

The Heritage Foundation increased efforts to boost Project 2025 by distributing over \$1.67 million in grants in 2022, including \$965,000 to organizations on the advisory board. “The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, stepped up efforts to boost its Project 2025 initiative by ramping up grants to the venture aimed at creating a ‘government-in-waiting’ for the next Republican presidential administration, according to a new tax filing. The foundation distributed over \$1.67 million in grants in 2022 — including a total of \$965,000 to organizations on the advisory board of Project 2025, tax records show. These donations accounted for 58% of Heritage’s total grant-making in 2022. It also distributed \$400,000 to its political arm, Heritage Action for America.” [NBC News, [11/17/23](#)]

Kevin Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, has close ties to Opus Dei, a radical Catholic group who sees their followers as a “rising militia” against progressivism. “Gareth Gore, the author of a forthcoming book on Opus Dei, called the Catholic organization ‘a political project shrouded in a veil of spirituality’. The group’s founder, Saint Josemaría Escrivá, saw his followers as part of a ‘rising militia’, Gore said, who were seeking to ‘enter battle against the enemies of Christ’. ‘Like Project 2025, Opus Dei at its core is a reactionary stand against the progressive drift of society,’ Gore said. ‘For decades now, the organization has thrown its resources at penetrating Washington’s political and legal elite – and finally seems to have succeeded through its close association with men like Kevin Roberts and Leonard Leo.’ [The Guardian, [7/26/24](#)]

Training Videos

29 of the 36 speakers in Project 2025 training videos leaked to ProPublica worked for Trump on his transition, administration, or his 2024 campaign. “A review of the training videos shows that 29 of the 36 speakers have worked for Trump in some capacity — on his 2016-17 transition team, in the administration or on his 2024 reelection campaign. ... The speakers in the Project 2025 videos are careful not to explicitly side with Trump or talk about what a future Trump administration might do. They instead refer to a future ‘conservative president’ or ‘conservative administration.’ But the links between the speakers in the videos and Trump are many. Most of those served Trump during his administration, working at the White House, the National Security Council, NASA, the Office of Management and Budget, USAID and the departments of Justice, Interior, State, Homeland Security, Transportation and Health and Human Services. Another speaker has worked in the Senate office of J.D. Vance, Trump’s 2024 running mate. Sullivan, the former DOJ acting assistant attorney general in charge of the department’s Office of Justice Programs, which oversees billions in grant funding, appears in three different videos. Leavitt, who is in a training video titled ‘The Art of Professionalism,’ worked in the White House press office during

Trump's first presidency and is now the national press secretary for his reelection campaign." [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Project 2025's training videos include strategies to avoid embarrassing FOIA disclosures and ensuring policies aren't struck down by 'left-wing judges.' "The Project 2025 videos coach future appointees on everything from the nuts and bolts of governing to how to outwit bureaucrats. There are strategies for avoiding embarrassing Freedom of Information Act disclosures and ensuring that conservative policies aren't struck down by "left-wing judges." Some of the content is routine advice that any incoming political appointee might be told. Other segments of the training offer guidance on radically changing how the federal government works and what it does." [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Bethany Kozma, former deputy chief of staff at USAID under Trump, said that the next conservative administration would need to 'eradicate climate change references from absolutely anywhere.' "In one video, Bethany Kozma, a conservative activist and former deputy chief of staff at the U.S. Agency for International Development in the Trump administration, downplays the seriousness of climate change and says the movement to combat it is really part of a ploy to 'control people.' 'If the American people elect a conservative president, his administration will have to eradicate climate change references from absolutely everywhere,' Kozma says." [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Kozma: 'When I think of climate change, I immediately think of population control, don't you?' Kozma said. "I think about the people who don't want you to have children because of the impact on the environment. Perhaps not everyone will make that connection, but after spending time in the international space trying to protect life, I can tell you that this is part of their ultimate goal to control people." [E&E News by Politico, [8/12/24](#)]

In the video, Kozma offers to teach political appointees just how to eradicate climate change references. "In that video, titled, 'Hidden Meanings: The Monsters in the Attic,' Kozma and former Trump Justice Department official Katie Sullivan offer to teach viewers 'how to identify the left's progressive language, scrutinize career staff compositions for dangerous language, and how to combat the manipulative efforts, ensuring clarity of definition and conservative intention.'" [E&E News by Politico, [8/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 training videos take aim at diversity, equity, and inclusion, calling for the removal of all equity plans and calling the idea of gender fluidity 'evil.' "In the same video, Kozma calls the idea of gender fluidity 'evil.' Another speaker, Katie Sullivan, who was an acting assistant attorney general at the Department of Justice under Trump, takes aim at executive actions by the administration of President Joe Biden that created gender adviser positions throughout the federal government. The goal, Biden wrote in one order, was to 'advance equal rights and opportunities, regardless of gender or gender identity.' Sullivan says, 'That position has to be eradicated, as well as all the task forces, the removal of all the equity plans from all the websites, and a complete rework of the language in internal and external policy documents and grant applications.'" [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Sullivan: 'The noxious tenets of critical race theory and gender ideology should be excised from curriculum in every single public school in this country.' [The Independent, [8/11/24](#)]

David Burton, an economic policy expert at the Heritage Foundation, called on increased staffing for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to effectively police other agencies. "Burton, in the Project 2025 video, urges future political appointees to work in OIRA and argues that the office should 'increase its staffing levels considerably' in service of the conservative goal of reining in the so-called administrative state, namely the federal agencies that craft and issue new regulations. 'Fifty people are not enough to adequately police the regulatory actions of the entire federal government,' Burton says. 'OIRA is one of the few government agencies that limits the regulatory ambitions of other agencies.'" [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Katie Sullivan, former acting assistant attorney general under Trump, urges appointees to limit access to their calendars and leave career staff out of meetings. “Operating under the assumption that some career employees might seek to thwart a future conservative president’s agenda, some of the advice pertains to how political appointees can avoid being derailed or bogged down by the government bureaucrats who work with them. Sullivan urges viewers to ‘empower your political staff,’ limit access to appointees’ calendars and leave out career staff from early meetings with more senior agency officials. ‘You are making it clear to career staff that your political appointees are in charge,’ Sullivan says.” [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

To counter perceived hostility from career government bureaucrats, Bethany Kozma recommends that political appointees scrub personal social media accounts of potentially controversial content. “Other tips from the videos include scrubbing personal social media accounts of any content that’s ‘damaging, vulgar or contradict the policies you are there to implement’ well before the new administration begins, as Kozma put it.” [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Alexei Woltornist, a former assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Homeland Security, encourages political appointees to focus media engagement efforts on conservative outlets, not mainstream news organizations. “...Woltornist encourages future appointees to bypass mainstream news outlets like The New York Times and The Washington Post. Instead, they should focus on conservative media outlets because those are the only outlets conservative voters trust. ‘The American people who vote for a conservative presidential administration, they’re not reading The New York Times, they’re not reading The Washington Post,’ Woltornist says. ‘To the contrary, if those outlets publish something, they’re going to assume it’s false. So the only way to reach them with any voice of credibility is through working with conservative media outlets.’” [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Tom Jones, a former Senate investigator who now runs the American Accountability Foundation, advises future appointees to handle sensitive information in person to avoid creating documents that could be subject to the Freedom of Information Act or reported by the press. “And in a video about oversight and investigations, a group of conservative investigators advise future appointees on how to avoid creating a paper trail of sensitive communications that could be obtained by congressional committees or outside groups under the Freedom of Information Act. ... Appointees are best served, he argues, if they don’t put important communications in writing in the first place. ‘You’re probably better off,’ Jones says, ‘going down to the canteen, getting a cup of coffee, talking it through and making the decision, as opposed to sending him an email and creating a thread that Accountable.US or one of those other groups is going to come back and seek.’” [ProPublica, [8/10/24](#)]

Kate Sullivan and Bethany Kozma say political appointees must vet every word that they say publicly to ensure they aligns with Project 2025’s agenda, banning words such as ‘gender,’ ‘imperialism,’ and pronouns. One particular video shows the Heritage Foundation’s obsession with eliminating “left-wing code words” from the speech of potential political appointees. ‘The noxious tenets of critical race theory and gender ideology should be excised from curriculum in every single public school in this country,’ said Katie Sullivan, former acting assistant attorney general under Trump, in a Project 2025 video entitled, ‘Hidden Meanings: The Monsters in the Attic.’ ... They advocate for potential political appointees to vet every single word that they say publicly to ensure that it aligns with Project 2025’s agenda and cannot be misconstrued against them. This includes a refusal to use the terms ‘gender,’ ‘cisgender,’ ‘imperialism,’ or pronouns, which Sullivan says ‘are quite a mouthful, and it’s one America needs to spit out before we choke on it.’” [LGBTQ Nation, [8/15/24](#)]

Abortion & Contraception

HEADLINE: “Trump may sound moderate on abortion. The groups setting his agenda definitely aren’t.” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

Project 2025 would rescind the FDA approval of mifepristone. “Rescinding FDA approval of mifepristone, one of the drugs used in medication abortion (something a Trump-appointed HHS secretary could do without approval from FDA scientists, Mary Ziegler, a law professor at UC Davis and author of the book *Abortion and the Law in America: Roe v. Wade to the Present*, has written).” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for the prosecution of people who send abortion pills by mail using the Comstock Act. “Prosecuting people who send abortion pills by mail using the Comstock Act, a little-known 1873 law banning the mailing of ‘obscene, lewd, lascivious, indecent, filthy or vile’ materials. (This would cut off one of the only pathways for getting an abortion in red states.)” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

Project 2025 called married men and women the “ideal, natural family structure” and recommended HHS install a pro-life task force. “Promoting a ‘family agenda’ that states that ‘men and women are biological realities’ and ‘married men and women are the ideal, natural family structure.’ The document also recommends that HHS ‘install a pro-life task force’ and ‘return to being known as the Department of Life,’ a nickname introduced under Trump.” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

Law professor at UC Davis on said Project 2025 authors are people Trump would in theory listen to, saying in his first term “he delegated” on abortion policy. “Roger Severino, the author of the HHS chapter, was the director of the HHS Office for Civil Rights under Trump, a role in which he oversaw the removal of nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ Americans in health care settings. Gene Hamilton, the author of the Justice Department chapter, served in Trump’s DOJ and Department of Homeland Security and worked on the ‘zero tolerance’ immigration policy that separated children from their parents at the border. ‘These are all people that, in theory, Trump listens to,’ Ziegler told Vox. When it came to abortion policy in Trump’s first term, ‘he delegated,’ Ziegler added. Odds are he would do so again, and Project 2025 gives some clues about how and to whom.” [Vox, [4/8/24](#)]

Semafor: Project 2025 “floated ideas like reviving the Comstock Act to ban sending abortion pills by mail.” “Project 2025’s policy papers have floated ideas like reviving the Comstock Act to ban sending abortion pills by mail, bringing back a failed effort to implement a citizenship question on the census, and other initiatives aimed at drastically reshaping the executive branch.” [Semafor, [3/8/24](#)]

In Project 2025, the Comstock Act is only referred to by its statute number. “In a plan released by a coalition that has been drawing up America First-style policy plans, nicknamed Project 2025, the Comstock Act is also referred to only by the statute number. ‘Following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs*, there is now no federal prohibition on the enforcement of this statute,’ the plan states. ‘The Department of Justice in the next conservative Administration should therefore announce its intent to enforce federal law against providers and distributors of such pills.’ The plan also cites the statute number in a footnote justifying its recommendation that the F.D.A. stop ‘promoting or approving mail-order abortions in violation of longstanding federal laws that prohibit the mailing and interstate carriage of abortion drugs.’” [New York Times, [2/17/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Inside the MAGA Plan to Attack Birth Control, Surveil Women and Ban the Abortion Pill; Republicans’ Project 2025 blueprint spells out how they’ll leverage virtually every arm, tool and agency of the federal government to attack abortion.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Rolling Stone: Project 2025 “explicitly names their intention not just to rescind FDA approval for the abortion pill if they regain control of the White House in 2024, but to revive a 150-year-old law that criminalizes sending or receiving through the mail any ‘article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine or thing’ that could be used to facilitate an abortion.” “That’s because GOP operatives have already crafted an expansive blueprint, 887 pages long, laying out in painstaking detail how they intend to govern, including plans to leverage virtually every arm, tool and agency of the federal government to attack abortion access. The document explicitly names their intention not just to rescind FDA approval for the abortion pill if they regain control of the White House in 2024, but to revive a 150-year-old law that criminalizes sending or receiving through the mail any ‘article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine or thing’ that could be used to facilitate an abortion. That law, the Comstock

Act, is viewed as a de facto federal abortion ban by reproductive rights advocates and anti-abortion activists alike.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Project 2025 includes plans to attack contraception access, use the CDC to increase “abortion surveillance”, rescind a DoD policy to “prohibit abortion travel funding, punish states that require health insurance to cover abortion, and change a law that is protecting pregnant women with life-threatening conditions. “Those plans — and many more, including proposals to attack contraception access, use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase ‘abortion surveillance’ and data collection, rescind a Department of Defense policy to ‘prohibit abortion travel funding,’ punish states that require health insurance plans to cover abortion, and retool a law that is currently protecting pregnant women with life-threatening conditions — are outlined in Project 2025’s ‘Mandate for Leadership.’” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Project 2025’s HHS author called abortion pills “the single greatest threat to unborn children” and proposed a requirement that the pills be given in-person under a doctor’s supervision, and limiting its prescription window to 7 weeks gestation versus 10 weeks. “Writing for Project 2025, Severino calls abortion pills ‘the single greatest threat to unborn children’ now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned. He proposes that, as an ‘interim step,’ the next HHS secretary immediately reimpose old regulations that required the pill be dispensed in-person, under a doctor’s supervision, a requirement researchers have long argued is unnecessary. His proposal would also shorten the period in which mifepristone could be prescribed to terminate pregnancies: 7 weeks gestation or less, compared to 10 weeks today.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Rolling Stone: Project 2025 proposed turning the CDC into “a kind of snitch network that would collect data about who had abortions and where – and punish any states that refuse to share that information.” “Elsewhere, Severino complains that the CDC’s ‘abortion surveillance’ system is ‘woefully inadequate,’ and proposes turning the agency into a kind of snitch network that would collect data about who had abortions and where — and punish any states that refuse to share that information. ‘Because liberal states have now become sanctuaries for abortion tourism, HHS should use every available tool, including the cutting of funds, to ensure that every state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother’s state of residence, and by what method,’ Severino writes.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

A professor at the UC Davis School of Law said the CDC data collection plan was to set the table for investigations down the road. “Read together with the proposals to begin enforcing the Comstock Act, Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law and one of the preeminent historians of abortion in America, says the data collection plan ‘is essentially setting the table for investigations to take place later.’” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Project 2025 includes proposals to eliminate the morning-after pill from the ACA’s contraception mandate, prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid funds, and stop requiring hospitals to provide medically necessary abortions under EMTALA, while using the law to investigate hospitals and doctors who provide abortions. “Elsewhere in the document, there are proposals to eliminate the morning-after pill from the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive mandate under the rationale that it is a ‘potential abortifacient’; to revoke a Biden-era rule that allows members of the military and their dependents who are stationed in states with abortion bans to seek medical care in other states; to prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid funds; to punish states that require insurance to cover abortion; and to end the requirement that hospitals provide medically necessary abortions under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act and, separately, use the law to ‘investigate’ hospitals and doctors who provide abortions.” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Project 2025 proposed USAID remove all references to abortion and reproductive health in agency materials, while urging the UN to not promote abortion in official documents or policy statements. “The chapter on the U.S. Agency for International Development suggests not only that the next administration remove references to ‘abortion,’ ‘reproductive health,’ and ‘sexual and reproductive rights’ from all agency materials, but also propose creating a new position that would involve, among other

responsibilities, pressing the United Nations for ‘assurances that language promoting abortion will be removed from U.N. documents, policy statements and technical literature.’” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

Project 2025 is asking potential appointees if they agree or disagree with the statement: “Life has a right to legal protection from conception to natural death.” “Project 2025, meanwhile, is already pre-screening applicants for jobs in the next Republican administration, filtering out candidates based on their answers to a list of questions, including whether they agree or disagree with the statement: ‘Life has a right to legal protection from conception to natural death.’” [Rolling Stone, [12/22/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Republicans Advocate Transphobic, Authoritarian ‘Project 2025’ Even After Election Failures.” [Advocate, [11/11/23](#)]

Project 2025 includes proposals for strict abortion bans, restrictions on contraception and IVF, and changing the name of HHS to the Department of Life. “Their aims are described in detail by a Heritage Foundation document called Project 2025. Mandate for Leadership: The conservative promise. It includes strict abortion bans. Restrictions on contraception and IVF. And formally changing the name of the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Life.” [WBUR, [3/26/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for the Reproductive Healthcare Task Force to be replaced by a pro-life task force. “Sometimes search and destroy gives way to search and replace. At the Department of Health and Human Services, for instance, the Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force, which the Biden administration created five months before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022, must be supplanted by a pro-life task force that ensures that all Health and Human Services divisions ‘use their authority to promote the life and health of women and their unborn children.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls on the next administration to require every U.S. state to report “exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother’s state of residence and by what method.” “If ‘Mandate for Leadership’ has its way, the next conservative administration will also target the data gathering and analysis that undergirds public policy. Every U.S. state should be required by Health and Human Services to report ‘exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother’s state of residence and by what method.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

The Heritage Foundation called for the enforcement of a 19th century statute that would outlaw the mailing of abortion pills. “Trump’s allies don’t plan to be passive on abortion if he returns to power. The Heritage Foundation has called for enforcement of a 19th century statute that would outlaw the mailing of abortion pills. The Republican Study Committee (RSC), which includes more than 80% of the House GOP conference, included in its 2025 budget proposal the Life at Conception Act, which says the right to life extends to ‘the moment of fertilization.’ I ask Trump if he would veto that bill if it came to his desk. ‘I don’t have to do anything about vetoes,’ Trump says, ‘because we now have it back in the states.’” [TIME, [4/30/24](#)]

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Conservative activists behind Project 2025 have complained the CDC’s abortion surveillance capabilities are “woefully inadequate.” “Conservative activists behind Project 2025, the plan for far-right governance if Trump is elected, have complained the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s abortion surveillance is ‘woefully inadequate.’ So a Trump administration could strengthen it

by federalizing the use of high-tech abortion surveillance tools I've written about in the past — like warrants for geolocation data and internet search histories — to identify people who search the internet for abortion-related terms or enter facilities known to provide abortions.” [ReidOut Blog, MSNBC, [5/5/24](#)]

The RSC budget endorsed legislation like the Life at Conception Act, which grants protection from “the moment of fertilization.” “The RSC proposal also endorses several bills ‘designed to advance the cause of life,’ such as the Life at Conception Act, which has 126 co-sponsors in the House. The legislation would provide legal protections ‘at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization.’ The endorsement of the bill from the committee comes weeks after Republicans attempted to quell concerns about whether the Supreme Court’s decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* would lead to restrictions on reproductive treatments such as IVF.” [Washington Post, [3/21/24](#)]

The RSC budget endorsed the Life at Conception Act, which would restrict abortion and potentially threaten IVF. “Apart from fiscal policy, the budget endorses a series of bills ‘designed to advance the cause of life,’ including the Life at Conception Act, which would aggressively restrict abortion and potentially threaten in vitro fertilization, or IVF, by establishing legal protections for human beings at ‘the moment of fertilization.’” [NBC News, [3/20/24](#)]

New Republic: “Project 2025 has drafted various executive orders allowing a future President Trump to roll back access to abortion.” “Project 2025 has drafted various executive orders allowing a future President Trump to roll back access to abortion. ‘We’re trying to do as much, now, of the future president’s work that we can,’ Chretien told Politico’s Alice Miranda Ollstein way back in January. Why can’t the future president write his own executive orders, or get his White House staff to write them? Because they won’t be competent enough to do so. Having worked on the inside, Chretien ought to know.” [New Republic, [5/10/24](#)]

19th News: Multiple legal scholars say Project 2025 offers “a window into what policies could be on the table under Trump.” “Representatives from the Heritage Foundation did not respond to requests for comment. But multiple legal scholars said Severino’s and Hamilton’s writings — part of a project known as Project 2025, a purported roadmap of executive actions a future Republican president could take on a range of issues — offer a window into what policies could be on the table under Trump. “ [19th News, [1/30/24](#)]

Politico: Project 2025 “remove requirements that insurance cover certain emergency contraception.” “Conservative allies want to reimpose those policies and go further if he wins in November. Their ‘Project 2025’ blueprint includes proposals to require coverage of natural family planning methods and remove requirements that insurance cover certain emergency contraception.” [Politico, [5/29/24](#)]

Conservatives want to change which forms of birth control insurance companies would be required to cover at no cost under the ACA. “As part of their 2025 wish list, conservatives want to overhaul which forms of birth control insurance companies must cover for patients at no cost under the Affordable Care Act. For instance, they have drafted plans to allow insurers to drop coverage of the emergency contraceptive pill Ella, which some on the right believe is an abortifacient.” [Politico, [5/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 urged Trump to reinstate restrictions on Title X. “The Project 2025 blueprint urges Trump to reinstate restrictions on Title X ‘quickly’ and require participating clinics ‘provide information to customers about the importance of marriage’ and ‘focus on better education around fertility awareness.’” [Politico, [5/29/24](#)]

Project 2025’s application of the Comstock Act could effectuate a de facto abortion ban. “By banning Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved abortion care from being delivered via mail, far-right extremists can criminalize the provision and distribution of medication abortion, which is the most common form of abortion care in the United States. And by criminalizing medication abortion via mail, these extremists will effectuate a de facto abortion ban while avoiding a more unpopular and likely unsuccessful process with Congress.” [Center for American Progress, [6/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 details steps Trump can take to immediately limit access to abortion, including applying the Comstock Act to create a backdoor federal ban. “Roger Severino, a former top Trump Health and Human Services official who drafted the chapter on the department for the Project 2025 policy book, told CNN that a second Trump administration would set out to rescind all of Biden’s abortion access actions and restore and expand all of Trump’s first-term policies.” [CNN, [6/14/24](#)]

Project 2025 partner organizations have advocated for extreme rollbacks to reproductive rights and access to healthcare. “Project 2025 groups have spread misinformation about contraceptive methods or championed limiting access to contraception, largely on religious grounds; published written content, supported legal efforts, or had organizational leadership make comments against the use of safe and effective abortion pills, specifically mifepristone; publicly criticized IVF; and published and publicly presented anti-surrogacy arguments.” [Media Matters for America, [6/24/24](#)]

The Heritage Foundation and at least 20 other Project 2025 partner organizations have falsely claimed that abortion medication is unsafe for women. “Mifepristone is an overwhelmingly safe and effective drug, with less than 1% of patients experiencing serious side effects after taking it. Nevertheless, the Heritage Foundation and at least 20 other Project 2025 partner organizations have published or said publicly that abortion medication is unsafe for women, calling them ‘high risk drugs’ that are ‘exceedingly hazardous,’ and claiming there is ‘nothing safe about DIY abortion.’” [Media Matters for America, [6/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 partner organizations have extensively fear mongered about IVF, comparing it to eugenics or claiming it will lead to more extreme technologies such as cloning. “Students for Life of America even claimed IVF encourages “targeted killing” based on “undesirable traits”; Eagle Forum and Susan B. Anthony ProLife America claimed that relaxing restrictions on IVF will lead to cloning or genetic engineering of human embryos.” [Media Matters for America, [6/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 recommends ensuring that training for medical professionals does not include abortion training, and penalizing institutions that do not make it easier for professionals to opt out of abortion training. “‘It sounds like, ideally, they want to defund or essentially have like a Hyde amendment for any kind of federal support, whether direct or indirect, for training,’ said Ziegler, referring to a nationwide rule that bans the use of federal dollars for abortions. Residency programs and medical schools, like virtually all US educational institutions, take money from the federal government.” [The Guardian, [6/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for enforcing the Comstock Act to effectuate a backdoor ban on distributing abortion pills. “The 920-page blueprint for a second Trump administration created by Project 2025, a coalition of conservative organizations, calls for enforcing Comstock’s criminal prohibitions against using the mail — widely understood to include common carriers like UPS and FedEx — to provide or distribute abortion pills. Some MAGA legal minds believe that Comstock could also be wielded to prevent the mail from transporting tools used in surgical abortions.” [New York Times, [6/21/24](#)]

The Hill: Project 2025 “rails” against abortion. “The handbook also rails against abortion, demanding that the federal government cut funding for abortions in some of its programs and that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reverse its approval of abortion pills, such as mifepristone.” [The Hill, [7/3/24](#)]

In addition to rescinding FDA approval of mifepristone, Project 2025 will also reinstate more stringent rules for mifepristone use. “In recommendations for the Department of Health and Human Services, the agenda calls for the Food and Drug Administration to reverse its 24-year-old approval of the widely used abortion pill mifepristone. Other proposed actions targeting medication abortion include reinstating more stringent rules for mifepristone’s use, which would permit it to be taken up to seven weeks into a pregnancy, instead of the current 10 weeks, and requiring it to be dispensed in-person instead of through the mail.” [CBS News, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to enforce the Comstock Act against providers and distributors of abortion pills. “The policy book also recommends the Justice Department enforce the Comstock Act against

providers and distributors of abortion pills. That 1873 law prohibits drugs, medicines or instruments used in abortions from being sent through the mail.” [CBS News, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 will require a record kept of abortions and lift medical confidentiality rules to potentially prosecute women who get abortions. “They want their new ‘Department of Life’ to require a record kept of how many abortions take place in all states, what was the reason for the abortion, where the woman lives, and what was the gestational age of ‘the child.’ They want the rules requiring confidentiality of medical records lifted so that states can pursue criminal investigations of women who cross state lines to get an abortion. And they want the Trump Department of Justice to use the ancient and never-used Comstock Act to prosecute anyone using the mails to send or receive abortion pills.” [Salon, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 would “torch access to abortion and restrict reproductive health care.” “Project 2025 calls for using every governmental lever possible to torch access to abortion and restrict reproductive health care. The plan would rescind the FDA’s approval for commonly used abortion medication like mifepristone, or otherwise restrict its use; limit access to emergency contraceptive options such as the morning-after pills and IUDs; and dissolve the Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force established by the Biden administration and replacing it with government-wide directives promoting anti-choice policies...the plan would also utilize federal government agencies for the purpose of “abortion surveillance.” [Rolling Stone, [7/10/24](#)]

Mother Jones: Project 2025 is twisting disability rights law to attack abortion. “Using Section 504 ‘to demonize pregnant people who may seek an abortion goes against the very purpose,’ Ditkowsky says, since ‘disabled pregnant people are more likely to experience complications’ that threaten their lives and health.” [Mother Jones, [7/11/24](#)]

Project 2025 directly attacks abortion access in reproductive sanctuary states like California. “Project 2025’s approach has been less fanciful and much more focused on policy detail. It rails, for example, against what it calls “abortion tourism” in California and other states and proposes a number of administrative remedies to track women who travel there because of abortion bans in their states, and to withhold Medicaid and other federal funding if California continues to insist that insurance companies make abortion part of their health coverage.” [The Guardian, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 would defund abortion providers and ensure patients couldn’t travel across state lines to get abortions. “For years, Republicans have made sure that no federal funding is used for abortion care through the Hyde Amendment. This plan would take that even further, making sure that no federal funds could be used to assist anyone traveling to a different state for an abortion, and defunding all “abortion providers,” starting with Planned Parenthood.” [Glamour, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for accommodations for mothers, but under the guise of pro-life measures. “There is impressive language on promoting ‘workplace accommodations for mothers’—except that’s under the heading ‘Pro-Life Measures,’ and followed by advice on how the Labor Department can contribute to the cause of forced childbirth. (‘ERISA does not preempt states’ power to restrict abortion, surrogacy, or other anti-life ‘benefits.’” [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 hides its opposition to IVF under the rights of children. “Project 2025: ‘In the context of current and emerging reproductive technologies, HHS policies should never place the desires of adults over the right of children to be raised by the biological fathers and mothers who conceive them.’ Current and emerging reproductive technologies: That’s in vitro fertilization he’s talking about. Bottom line: Those clusters of cells pressed under that glass—the “children”—have rights, too. More, maybe, than you and me.” [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

JD Vance and Project 2025 want to use the Comstock Act to effectuate an abortion ban without Congress. “Vance was among a group of GOP lawmakers who sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland in January 2023 asking for him to enforce the Comstock Act and ‘shut down all mail-order abortion operations,’ opposing the DOJ’s December 2022 memo that stated abortion pills could be mailed

under federal law, including to states where the procedure is banned. Policy proposals outlined in Project 2025—a sweeping policy blueprint by private right-wing organizations for the next conservative president to overhaul the executive branch—also call for the DOJ to enforce the Comstock Act to ban the mailing of abortion pills.” [Forbes, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for a ban on the mailing of abortion pills, which could be extended to ban abortion medication or equipment to hospitals and clinics, effectuating a nation-wide abortion ban. “Policy proposals outlined in Project 2025—a sweeping policy blueprint by private right-wing organizations for the next conservative president to overhaul the executive branch—also call for the DOJ to enforce the Comstock Act to ban the mailing of abortion pills. While Project 2025 specifies using the law to ban the mailing of abortion pills, legal experts have noted the law could also be used in a much more sweeping way to bar abortion medications and equipment from being mailed to hospitals or clinics, effectively prohibiting abortion entirely.” [Forbes, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for serious limitations on access to birth control. “Project 2025 wants coverage of what it calls the “week after pill” removed from the guidelines, as they claim it is a “potential abortifacient.” They are referring here to Ella, a morning-after pill that is not an abortifacient, but can be effective up to five days after unprotected sex. Project 2025 then goes a step farther, and even calls for the elimination of the “male condom” from the guidelines. None of this amounts to an outright ban on contraception, but it does show a serious effort to limit the availability of all kinds of birth control.

Project 2025 would turn the Department of Health and Human Services to the ‘Department of Life.’ “Project 2025 calls for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to become the ‘Department for Life.’ Under this new name, the government would track women’s pregnancies, including abortions, miscarriages and stillbirths; dismantle sex education; replace birth control programs with “fertility awareness” and marriage promotion programs; allow employers to refuse birth control coverage; allow healthcare providers and pharmacists to refuse to dispense medication they morally oppose; and divert child care funding into programs that push women to stay at home.”

The Independent: Project 2025 abortion surveillance idea comes back to bite Trump. “But Project 2025 and Donald Trump’s running mate, JD Vance, both have stated clear opposition to this rule. ‘Abortion is not health care — it is a brutal act that destroys the life of an unborn child and hurts women. Congress did not authorize HHS to extend special provisions for abortion such as these under the guise of ‘health care.’ The Proposed Rule unlawfully thwarts the enforcement of compassionate laws protecting unborn children and their mothers, and directs health care providers to defy lawful court orders and search warrants,’ read a letter to the agency Vance signed on to in 2023 when the rule was first proposed.” [The Independent, [8/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 poses dangers to maternal health. “Pregnant women receiving benefits from Medicaid — the federal health insurance plan that also provides coverage for children, parents, older Americans and individuals with disabilities — could expect fewer of those benefits. Pregnant women with serious complications — such as the death of the fetus inside their bodies — could find it harder to get medical treatment, risking death because of the poisoning of their bodies by the decaying fetus. (Actually, this is already happening in states where abortion is banned.)” [Lancaster Online, [8/11/24](#)]

Motherly: Project 2025 would negatively impact women and mothers in multiple key areas. “The biggest key area, arguably, is reproductive rights. The policies outlined call for stricter abortion laws, potentially including a national ban on abortions after a certain gestational age. This could severely limit women’s reproductive choices and access to abortion services—even in cases of medical necessity or pregnancy resulting from rape or incest. Project 2025 also suggests reducing federal funding for family planning services, which could limit access to contraception and reproductive health education...Project 2025 proposes major changes to programs like Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. These changes could disproportionately affect women, particularly low-income mothers who rely on these programs for prenatal care, postpartum care, and general healthcare for themselves and their children. The project also suggests rolling back certain mandates for insurance coverage of women’s health services, potentially making it more difficult or expensive for women to access essential care... The proposal also seeks to

reduce labor regulations, union rights, discrimination protections—including those in place to protect vulnerable pregnant and postpartum workers—wage policies, parental leave, and more.” [Motherly, [8/12/24](#)]

Kevin Roberts, President of the Heritage Foundation and a Project 2025 architect, compared abortion to slavery and the Holocaust in a speech. “In a speech earlier this year, Kevin Roberts, the architect of Project 2025, a vast plan for a second Trump administration, compared abortion to slavery, lynchings, the Holocaust, antisemitic violence and terror attacks. ‘Every slave auction, every lynching, every concentration camp, every abortion mill, every pogrom, every terrorist bombing from the Middle East to Kermit Gosnell, from Herod to Hitler to Hamas, has been justified on the same inhuman pretense that the victims aren’t really people,’ Roberts said.” [The Guardian, [8/9/24](#)]

Vogue: Project 2025 would generally make abortion more stigmatized and reproductive care more difficult to access. “Unsurprisingly, Project 2025 celebrates the 2022 overturning of Roe v. Wade, noting that “the Dobbs decision is just the beginning” and encouraging “the next conservative president” to “work with Congress to enact the most robust protections for the unborn that Congress will support while deploying existing federal powers to protect innocent life and vigorously complying with statutory bans on the federal funding of abortion.” The Project seeks to ban abortion medication, limit contraceptive access, force states to report miscarriages and abortions to the federal government, and generally make abortion even more stigmatized and reproductive care in general even more difficult to access than it has become over the last two years.” [Vogue, [8/13/24](#)]

KFF Health News: The Department of Health and Human Services would adopt a ‘staunch abortion stance’ and the CDC would research abortion risks under Project 2025. “For instance, the Department of Health and Human Services would adopt a staunch antiabortion stance, and federal approval for one commonly used abortion drug could be revisited and potentially withdrawn. ‘Abortion,’ ‘reproductive health’ and any other term ‘used to deprive Americans of their First Amendment rights’ would be removed from every federal rule, regulation, grant or piece of legislation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would research abortion risks and complications. And HHS would be recast as the Department of Life, underscoring a new Christian nationalist focus.” [KFF Health News, [8/22/24](#)]

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HuffPost: House Republicans passed bills that “closely mirror priority actions found in Project 2025” that would “dismantle environmental protections across millions of acres of federal land.” “Never missing an opportunity to make life easier for extractive industries, House Republicans passed a suite of bills this week to boost development and dismantle environmental protections across millions of acres of federal land. The bills stand little chance of passing in the Democratic-controlled Senate, but they give GOP industry allies something to tout heading into the 2024 elections. And since several of the measures closely mirror priority actions found in Project 2025, the 920-page policy blueprint that dozens of right-wing organizations compiled to guide former President Donald Trump, it might be a preview of what’s to come next year should Trump win the election.” [HuffPost, [5/1/24](#)]

William Perry Pendley, who served as Trump’s acting director of the Bureau of Land Management, wrote the Project 2025 section for the Interior Department which calls for taking the 500 million acres of federal land and “effectively turn them into a playground for extractive industries.” “When it was time to outline their vision for managing America’s federal lands under a future Republican presidency, pro-Donald Trump conservatives turned to a man who has spent his career advocating for those very lands to be pawned off to states and private interests. William Perry Pendley, who served illegally as Trump’s acting director of the Bureau of Land Management for more than a year, authored the Interior Department chapter of Project 2025, a sweeping policy blueprint that the Heritage Foundation and dozens of other right-wing organizations compiled to guide Trump and his team should he win in

November. The 920-page, pro-Trump manifesto, titled ‘Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise,’ aims to dismantle the federal government, ridding it of tens of thousands of public servants and replacing them with ‘an army of aligned, vetted, trained, and prepared conservatives to go to work on Day One’ of a Republican administration. Pendley’s dream for the more than 500 million acres of federal land that the Interior Department manages is to effectively turn them into a playground for extractive industries — the same interests he’s spent most of his career representing in court.” [HuffPost, [4/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 claimed the current Interior Department was “abusing” U.S. laws to “advance a radical climate agenda.” “In his 22-page contribution to the project, Pendley writes of an Interior Department that he says has lost its way and grown beholden to ‘radical’ environmentalists, and that is now ‘abusing’ U.S. laws to ‘advance a radical climate agenda.’” [HuffPost, [4/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 said there should be “robust oil and gas leases on- and offshore, boosting drilling across northern Alaska”, cut royalties fossil fuel companies pay to drill on federal lands, quicken oil and gas permitting, among others. “Pendley’s blueprint for Trump, if he should win in November, includes holding robust oil and gas lease sales on- and offshore, boosting drilling across northern Alaska, slashing the royalties that fossil fuel companies pay to drill on federal lands, expediting oil and gas permitting, and rescinding Biden-era rules aimed at protecting endangered species and limiting methane pollution from oil and gas operations.” [HuffPost, [4/6/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “‘Project 2025’: plan to dismantle US climate policy for next Republican president.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

Project 2025 is “an alliance of rightwing groups” that would “bolster” the oil and gas industry. “An alliance of rightwing groups has crafted an extensive presidential proposal to bolster the planet-heating oil and gas industry and hamstringing the energy transition, it has emerged. Against a backdrop of record-breaking heat and floods this year, the \$22m endeavor, Project 2025, was convened by the notorious rightwing, climate-denying thinktank the Heritage Foundation, which has ties to fossil fuel billionaire Charles Koch.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

Project 2025 proposed eliminating three agencies that are critical for the clean energy transition and called to slash funding to DOE’s grid deployment office. “The guide’s chapter on the US Department of Energy proposes eliminating three agency offices that are crucial for the energy transition, and also calls to slash funding to the agency’s grid deployment office in an effort to stymie renewable energy deployment, E&E News reported this week.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

Project 2025’s Department of Energy plan was written by Bernard McNamee, a Trump appointee to FERC and former leader of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. “The plan, which would hugely expand gas infrastructure, was authored by Bernard McNamee, a former official at the agency. McNamee was also a Trump appointee to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He previously led the far-right Texas Public Policy Foundation, which fights environmental regulation, and served as a senior adviser to the Republican senator Ted Cruz.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

Project 2025’s EPA chapter focuses on how the next administration should gut it. “Another chapter focuses on gutting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and moving it away from its focus on the climate crisis. It proposes cutting the agency’s environmental justice and public engagement functions, while shrinking it as a whole by terminating new hires in ‘low-value programs’, E&E News reported. The proposal was written Mandy Gunasekara, who was the former chief of staff at the EPA under Trump.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

Project 2025 would block the EPA from enforcing new pollution limits on power plants and tailpipe emissions while shuttering a program for deploying carbon-free energy. “Some of the provisions would hamstring the EPA’s powers, blocking the agency from enforcing new pollution limits on power plants and tailpipe emissions or from implementing controls on mercury and other toxic air pollution, and effectively shuttering a critical program for deploying carbon-free energy.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

A Project 2025 proposal would bar funding for the UN's Green Climate Fund. “Another proposal would bar funding for the UN's Green Climate Fund; it was buried in a bill being overseen by major energy funding recipient Representative Mario Díaz-Balart of Florida, the Lever reported.” [The Guardian, [7/27/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “‘It would be devastating’: inside Trump’s plan to destroy the EPA.” [The Guardian, [2/9/24](#)]

The Guardian: Project 2025 said the EPA in a second Trump administration would “foster closer relationships with the fossil fuel industry.” “In Project 2025, a presidential agenda put forth by the Heritage Foundation and other conservative organizations, Gunasekara outlined ways to shrink the agency and move it away from its focus on the climate crisis. A second Trump EPA, said Gunasekara, would foster closer relationships with the fossil fuel industry – a sector scientists say must be phased out to avert climate catastrophe – and cut programs focused on justice and outreach that are not ‘part of the core function or don’t deliver on the core mission.’” [The Guardian, [2/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 recommending shutting down the Environmental Justice and Civil Rights office and closing the offices of Public Engagement and Environmental Education. “That means shuttering the Environmental Justice and Civil Rights office, which Biden launched last year. Gunasekara described the office as a ‘political arm of EPA’ that does not deliver tangible benefits. The offices of Public Engagement and Environmental Education, as well as the International and Tribal Affairs, which she said could be replaced with the narrower Office of the American Indian, would also be among the first to go.” [The Guardian, [2/9/24](#)]

- **According to the deputy director at Newark, New Jersey’s Ironbound Community Corporation, closing the above EPA offices would amount to “tyranny.”** “Closing these offices would amount to ‘tyranny’, said Maria Lopez-Nunez, deputy director at Newark, New Jersey’s Ironbound Community Corporation, a grassroots environmental organization. ‘We on the frontlines don’t often have the political power to make agencies remember us.’ The EPA’s public engagement and justice-focused offices, she said, are some of the most important resources for grassroots organizers looking to keep their communities safe from pollution.” [The Guardian, [2/9/24](#)]

A second Trump presidency would roll back EPA regulations, including tightening carbon pollution standards for American coal and gas-fired power plants. “A second Trump administration would also pull back EPA regulations. A 2023 proposal to tighten carbon pollution standards for US coal and gas-fired power plants would be revisited, Trump’s allies say.” [The Guardian, [2/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 includes a plan to leave the Paris climate agreement and enact policy that could prevent the next Democratic president from simply reentering it. “Allies of former President Donald Trump have a plan to leave the Paris climate agreement and make it much harder for a future Democratic president to rejoin it. The idea: pull the United States out of the treaty that underpins the Paris deal. Exiting that accord, the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, could be done unilaterally by the president, proponents argue — though there’s some disagreement on that point. Getting back into the treaty then might end up requiring a two-thirds majority vote in the U.S. Senate, which would be a steep hurdle to overcome. The plan has support inside Trump’s orbit and is included in a 920-page policy road map that prominent conservatives drafted for the next Republican to win the White House. It could prevent the next Democratic president from simply reentering the Paris agreement, which President Joe Biden did when he took office in 2021. It’s one of many ways Trump’s allies are planning to push second-term climate policies that are more enduring than some of his first-term efforts.” [E&E News, [3/12/24](#)]

The Trump administration EPA chief of staff, who also authored Project 2025, said leaving the climate framework “would certainly be on the table.” “Leaving the broader climate framework ‘would certainly be on the table’ in a second Trump administration, said Mandy Gunasekara, who served as chief

of staff in the Trump EPA and helped pen the conservative ‘Project 2025’ policy road map.” [E&E News, [3/12/24](#)]

Experts believe that pulling out of the Paris agreement would hurt U.S. standing with global partners. “But critics say the maneuver is a bad idea that would hurt U.S. standing with global partners, which could have ramifications on a whole host of issues beyond climate change. ‘It would basically mean we’d just be thumbing our nose at the entire world,’ said Alden Meyer, a senior associate at E3G who has followed global climate negotiations since they started. ‘Pulling out of Paris is already bad enough because that’s the signature agreement under the framework convention,’ he added. ‘But pulling out of the framework convention would be a higher level of insult because it would mean that we don’t think the whole topic of climate change is serious, and we don’t need to be part of any multilateral process to address it.’” [E&E News, [3/12/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Allies Plan to Gut Climate Research if He Is Reelected; Dozens of conservative organizations have banded together to provide Trump a road map—known as Project 2025—to boost fossil fuels and limit government climate science.” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 outlines steps Trump could take to reverse climate actions taken by the Biden administration. “Former President Donald Trump’s second term could begin with a clear direction on climate policy: Trash it. Dozens of conservative organizations have banded together to provide Trump a road map — known as Project 2025 — if he prevails in November. It outlines a series of steps that the former president could take to reverse the climate actions taken by the Biden administration.” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed an EO to restructure the U.S. Global Change Research Program to diminish its role across agencies. “Trump has already said that boosting fossil fuels would be one of his top priorities. A proposed executive order in Project 2025 offers him a path for that goal, laying out a total restructuring of the U.S. Global Change Research Program to diminish its role across more than a dozen federal agencies.” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for the replacement of the White House climate adviser with an “energy/environment” adviser who would serve the needs of the fossil fuel industry. “Project 2025 also calls for replacing the White House climate adviser with an ‘energy/environment’ adviser who would pivot to serving the needs of the fossil fuel industry. ‘The Biden Administration’s climate fanaticism will need a whole-of-government unwinding,’ the plan states. ‘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.’” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 contributor and president of the American Energy Alliance said Project 2025 had the potential to be “an essential tool for President Trump should he be elected for a second term.” “But Tom Pyle, a Project 2025 contributor and president of the American Energy Alliance, said Heritage is now recruiting Trump loyalists ready to implement the agenda on Day One. Installing personnel who can carry out such executive orders will be the key step in determining if they are followed, he said. ‘Project 2025 has the potential to be an essential tool for President Trump should he be elected for a second term,’ Pyle said. ‘But a plan is only as good as the people who implement it, so getting competent and committed conservative personnel into the administration will be more critical.’” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

The National Climate Assessment is a top target of Project 2025. “A top target of Project 2025 is the program’s National Climate Assessment, a congressionally mandated report that is due again in late 2026 or early 2027. The proposed executive order would require a ‘critical analysis’ of the assessment and a rejection of all related climate science work prepared by the Biden administration.” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

A flawed National Climate Assessment could help the next administration gut public health regulations on the fossil fuel industry. “But a flawed National Climate Assessment, produced by partisan researchers loyal to Trump, might help the administration gut public health regulations on the fossil fuel industry, said Michael Gerrard, director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University.” [Scientific American, [2/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 called on NOAA to be dismantled, the repeal of the Office of Domestic Climate Policy, the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, and the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice and Civil Rights. “The White House’s Gender Policy Council must go, along with its Office of Domestic Climate Policy. The Department of Energy’s Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations is a no-no. The E.P.A. can do without its Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. And the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration should be dismantled because it constitutes ‘one of the main drivers of the climate change alarm industry.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “A Republican 2024 Climate Strategy: More Drilling, Less Clean Energy; Project 2025, a conservative ‘battle plan’ for the next Republican president, would stop attempts to cut the pollution that is heating the planet and encourage more emissions.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

New York Times: Project 2025 is a plan that “would dismantle efforts to slow global warming.” “During a summer of scorching heat that has broken records and forced Americans to confront the reality of climate change, conservatives are laying the groundwork for a future Republican administration that would dismantle efforts to slow global warming. The move is part of a sweeping strategy dubbed Project 2025 that Paul Dans of the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think tank organizing the effort, has called a ‘battle plan’ for the first 180 days of a future Republican presidency. The climate and energy provisions would be among the most severe swings away from current federal policies.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for “shredding regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions...[and] dismantling almost every clean energy program in the federal government and boosting the production of fossil fuels.” “The plan calls for shredding 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 burning of which is the chief cause of planetary warming.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

New York Times: “Project 2025 does not offer any proposals for curbing the greenhouse gas emissions that are dangerously heating the planet and which scientists have said must be sharply and quickly reduced to avoid the most catastrophic impacts.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for the repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act. “The blueprint said the next Republican president would help repeal the Inflation Reduction Act, the 2022 law that is offering \$370 billion for wind, solar, nuclear, green hydrogen and electric vehicle technology, with most of the new investments taking place in Republican-led states.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for the closing of a DOE office that has loan authority to help emerging green technologies, and would make it harder for renewable energy to be added to the grid. “The plan calls for shuttering a Department of Energy office that has \$400 billion in loan authority to help emerging green technologies. It would make it more difficult for solar, wind and other renewable power — the fastest growing energy source in the United States — to be added to the grid. Climate change would no longer be considered an issue worthy of discussion on the National Security Council, and allied nations would be encouraged to buy and use more fossil fuels rather than renewable energy.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 proposed allowing drilling inside the Arctic wilderness. “The blueprint throws open the door to drilling inside the pristine Arctic wilderness, promises legal protections for energy companies that kill birds while extracting oil and gas and declares the federal government has an ‘obligation to develop vast oil and gas and coal resources’ on America’s public lands.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 wants to restart their attempt to reverse a 2009 finding from the EPA that says carbon dioxide emissions are a danger to public health. “Notably, it also would restart a quest for something climate denialists have long considered their holy grail: reversal of a 2009 scientific finding at the Environmental Protection Agency that says carbon dioxide emissions are a danger to public health. Erasing that finding, conservatives have long believed, would essentially strip the federal government of the right to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from most sources.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 called on the government to stop trying to make cars more fuel efficient and would block states from adopting California’s pollution law. “The plan calls on the government to stop trying to make automobiles more fuel efficient and to block states from adopting California’s stringent automobile pollution standards.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 EPA author Mandy Gunasekara: “There’s a misconception that any of the science is a settled issue.” “Mandy Gunasekara was chief of staff at the E.P.A. during the Trump administration and considers herself the force behind Mr. Trump’s decision to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris climate accord. She led the section outlining plans for that agency, and said that regarding whether carbon emissions pose a danger to human health ‘there’s a misconception that any of the science is a settled issue.’” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 said of climate change “I think the science is still out on that.” “Mr. Dans said a mandate of Project 2025 is to ‘investigate whether the dimensions of climate change exist and what can actually be done.’ As for the influence of burning fossil fuels, he said, ‘I think the science is still out on that quite frankly.’ In actuality, it is not. The top scientists in the United States concluded in an exhaustive study produced during the Trump administration that humans — the cars we drive, the power plants we operate, the forests we destroy — are to blame. ‘There is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence,’ scientists wrote.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Climate advocates believe Project 2025 would take the country in the wrong direction. “Climate advocates said the Republican strategy would take the country in the wrong direction even as heat waves, drought and wildfires worsen because of emissions. ‘This agenda would be laughable if the consequences of it weren’t so dire,’ said Christy Goldfuss, chief policy impact officer for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group.” [New York Times, [8/4/23](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the repeal of the IRA and the infrastructure law, would eliminate DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Loan Programs Office, and the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations. “At the same time, the conservative Heritage Foundation has been pushing Project 2025, a sprawling wish list of free market policies written by more than 100 conservative organizations with ties to Trump. It calls for repeal of the IRA and the infrastructure law, along with the elimination of DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Loan Programs Office and the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, among others.” [E&E News, [4/29/24](#)]

Project 2025’s EPA author said upon Trump taking office, they would look through Biden administration policy actions and decide “do we rescind it, do we amend it or do we keep it as is.” “Mandy Gunasekara, a former EPA chief of staff during the Trump administration, said the ex-president regularly talks to people in the oil industry to discuss policy ideas and doesn’t rely on any particular advisers. Gunasekara stressed she wasn’t speaking as a campaign surrogate. What a second Trump administration would likely do upon taking office is scour the Biden administration’s policy actions and decide ‘do we rescind it, do we amend it or do we keep it as is,’ Gunasekara said in an interview. She wrote a section on reshaping the EPA for the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, a sprawling set of policy recommendations written by Trump supporters and former aides.” [Politico, [5/8/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed plans to have the Nuclear Regulatory Commission review the Energy Department’s permit application for Yucca Mountain, while saying it remains a viable option for waste management. “Project 2025, a collection of policy proposals to reshape the government after a Republican victory in the 2024 presidential election, also includes plans to have the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission review the Department of Energy's permit application for Yucca Mountain, which it says remains a viable option for waste management. The project is organized by the Heritage Foundation and run by former Trump administration officials, although former President Donald Trump has also opposed turning Yucca Mountain into a nuclear waste repository." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, [5/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 expressed support for the EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management. "Even Project 2025, a rightwing policy agenda widely seen as Trump's campaign platform, expresses support for the EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM), which houses the brownfields program. 'While the overall goal is certainly to reduce government scope and spending, OLEM's programs present the best opportunity to use taxpayer dollars to execute EPA's core mission of cleaning up contamination,' the platform reads." [The Guardian, [5/21/24](#)]

HEADLINE: "Inside Trump's Plan to Bulldoze American Climate Policy; Project 2025 would be a disaster for the environment." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Sierra: "Project 2025 is essentially a death sentence for federal climate and environmental protections." "Far-right policy advisers and think tank staffers, working under the Project 2025 presidential transition project, are organizing nothing less than a dismantling of the administrative state. Project 2025 is essentially a death sentence for federal climate and environmental protections." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 includes eliminating rules to curb hazardous pollutants and programs that help make more energy efficient purchases. "Everything from rules to curb hazardous air pollutants to programs that help make cleaner and more energy-efficient purchases affordable would be on the chopping block." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 could gut the EPA and NOAA. "Agencies like the EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) could be gutted. Peer-reviewed science would be sidelined, and polluters' economic interests would be prioritized in government decision-making. The federal government would focus on authorizing fossil fuel production and projects while eliminating funding and programs supporting renewables like wind and solar." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Sierra: "Agencies like the EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) could be gutted." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Prominent climate scientist: If Project 2025 is enacted "it would be game over for climate progress in the US, turning the reins of our government over to the polluters." "Should the Project 2025 policy agenda actually be implemented, 'it would be game over for climate progress in the US, turning the reins of our government over to the polluters,' said Michael Mann, a prominent climate scientist and Presidential Distinguished Professor of Earth & Environmental Science at the University of Pennsylvania. 'And in the absence of American leadership, global efforts to reduce carbon emissions and avoid catastrophic warming will likely fail.'" [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 has financial ties to "big corporate donors and industrial polluters like ExxonMobil and Koch Industries." "The \$22 million initiative involves over 100 right-wing organizations, many with track records of disseminating climate disinformation and with documented ties to big corporate donors and industrial polluters like ExxonMobil and Koch Industries." [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Paul Dans said part of Project 2025 was to "investigate whether the dimensions of climate change exist and what can actually be done" and claimed the science was still out on the influence of burning fossil fuels on the climate. "Mr. Dans said a mandate of Project 2025 is to 'investigate whether the dimensions of climate change exist and what can actually be done.' As for the influence of burning fossil fuels, he said, 'I think the science is still out on that quite frankly.'" [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 would prioritize hydrocarbon production and to maximize onshore and offshore oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters. "At the Department of the Interior, the plan involves

prioritizing hydrocarbon production and maximizing onshore and offshore oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters, including expansion of the Willow oil drilling project in Alaska.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

FERC would be directed to favor fossil energy and would be prohibited from considering greenhouse gas emissions or authorize pipelines and natural gas export facilities. “The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would be directed to favor fossil gas and oil and would be prohibited from considering greenhouse gas emissions in authorizing gas pipelines and liquefied natural gas export facilities.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes eliminating multiple clean energy programs and offices within DOE. “The plan also proposes eliminating multiple clean energy programs and offices within the Department of Energy like the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, the DOE Loan Program, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and DOE’s Clean Energy Corps.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 recommended repealing the IRA and Infrastructure law, which would put billions of clean energy investments at risk. “Billions of dollars supporting clean energy technologies and infrastructure upgrades—including investments benefiting Republican-controlled states—could be at risk as Project 2025 recommends the repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, both signed into law by President Biden.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025’s enactment would result in the EPA being gutted. “The Environmental Protection Agency would be significantly downsized, with the plan recommending an immediate executive order that requires ‘reconsideration of the agency’s structure’ including freezing existing regulations, eliminating employees, stopping all grants to community groups, and slashing the agency’s budget.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed ending the allowance of states to adopt California’s tailpipe emissions rules for vehicles. “Other recommendations include ending the allowance for states to adopt California’s tailpipe emissions rules for vehicles and ending the International Civil Aviation Organization’s standards for airplane emissions.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Sierra: “PFAS chemicals’ designation as hazardous under CERCLA would be revisited.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Sierra: “The EPA’s use of the social cost of carbon would halt.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Sierra: “Using funds for peer-review science not authorized by Congress would be stopped, and Inflation Reduction Act grants supporting environmental science activities would be revoked.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for NOAA to be “broken up and downsized” and for the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research to be stripped and have its climate change research “disbanded.” “The agenda further says that NOAA should be ‘broken up and downsized,’ claiming it has become ‘one of the main drivers of the climate change alarm industry.’ The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, according to the agenda, should be stripped and its climate change research ‘disbanded.’” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed cutting USAID’s climate policies and programs and suggested the agency stop working with progressive organizations working on climate. “At the US Agency of International Development, Project 2025’s agenda proposes axing its climate policies and programs, and suggests the agency cease funding and collaborating with ‘progressive foundations,’ NGOs, and other institutions that advocate for climate action.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed the Agriculture Department reject climate in their work. “And at the US Department of Agriculture, Project 2025 recommends the agency refocus its mission on efficient food production, reject prioritization of climate or environmental considerations in its work, and repeal or reform dietary guidelines so that they ignore climate or environmental issues.” [Sierra, [5/30/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “The Planet Could Bear the Scars of a Second Trump Term... Forever; With help from Project 2025, Trump will stall all attempts to avert the climate crisis, accelerating a catastrophe that we have only a few years to prevent.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

The Nation: A second Trump term, he could “do damage that will last, in human terms, forever...his actions can literally help melt the poles and raise the oceans.” “A second helping of Donald Trump can do endless damage on any number of fronts. But with the climate crisis, he can do damage that will last, in human terms, forever—damage that will be visible in the geologic record for eons to come. His actions can literally help melt the poles and raise the oceans—and in the pages of Project 2025’s Mandate for Leadership, his conservative legions have made it abundantly clear that they will.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 suggests ending support for electric vehicles and offshore wind farms. “The suggestions range from the massive—ending support for everything from electric vehicles to offshore wind farms—to the cruelly specific.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 takes aim at the EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. “Project 2025, for instance, takes aim at the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (environmental justice concerns have been enshrined in Biden-era energy policy in a way we’ve never seen before).” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 pledged to go back to 2009 to reverse the EPA finding that carbon dioxide causes harm. “The authors of the Project 2025 Mandate believe that the United States has an ‘obligation to develop the vast oil and gas and coal resources for which it is responsible.’ They also promise to reach back to 2009 to reverse a crucial finding from the EPA that carbon dioxide causes harm, a position that undergirds much federal environmental regulation.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed abolishing NOAA. “Their plan would even abolish the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which measures the damage we’re doing to air and water—because those findings are ‘one of the main drivers of the climate change alarm industry.’” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

In total, Project 2025 would give “the oil industry absolutely anything it wants.” “In some ways, though, the particulars aren’t all that crucial—or not as crucial as what they collectively add up to: giving the oil industry absolutely anything it wants. Already, Trump has signaled his willingness to do just that: The Washington Post reported in May, Trump has gone begging for campaign contributions from Big Oil by promising to do anything—anything—its executives desire. And they, in turn, are preparing their demands: Politico has reported that the oil industry is happily drawing up executive orders for a second Trump term.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls on the State Department to “rescind all climate policies from its foreign aid programs” and “cease its war on fossil fuels in the developing world.” “Trump is the ultimate permission slip for endless pumping—and Project 2025 is only too happy to help him write that permission slip, with Mandate calling on the State Department to ‘rescind all climate policies from its foreign aid programs’ and ‘cease its war on fossil fuels in the developing world.’” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Fulcrum: Project 2025 promulgates climate change denialism and stifles bipartisan solutions. “Consequently, the genuine bipartisan approach here would be to cease climate change denial as a political movement, and agree to correct the externalities in ways that bring the fossil fuel industry onboard. By completely omitting this pivotal discussion, Project 2025 demonstrates yet again how the partisan orthodoxy in promulgating climate change denialism crowds out rational solution development by more thoughtful and centrist problem-solvers.” [Fulcrum, [7/1/24](#)]

NPR: Project 2025 proposes repealing the Inflation Reduction Act and IJA and to stop the “war on oil and natural gas.” “Project 2025 says the next conservative administration needs to ‘stop the war on oil and natural gas’ and support an ‘all of the above’ energy policy...The plan also calls for repealing

Biden's signature climate initiatives: the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The laws signed by Biden put more than \$500 billion toward climate action and are packed with funding for the manufacture and use of technologies that cut planet-heating emissions." [NPR, [6/25/24](#)]

Project 2025's environmental agenda will embrace big oil, and ignore the climate crisis, setting back global efforts for decades. "What [Project 2025] would do is slow down and delay that transition, undercut the ability to bring down emissions, which is very harmful for the climate and causes a lot of pollution in communities near these facilities." [Capital and Main, [6/26/24](#)]

Forbes: Despite climate change costing the US \$150 billion per year, Project 2025 plans to gut federal climate change protections. "The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal department that tracks hurricanes, is also marked for deletion by Project 2025 because it's "one of the main drivers of the climate change alarm industry." (One would think the hurricanes are the driver, but nevertheless.) The report also argues that the Environmental Protection Agency should be gutted for similar reasons." [Forbes, [7/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 would dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency, undermine public health, and stop the transition to clean energy. "A second Trump administration would irresponsibly open up ecologically fragile public lands to oil and natural gas drilling and reduce funding and tax incentives for wind and solar energy, energy-efficient buildings, and electric vehicles. Michael Mann, the Presidential Distinguished Professor of Earth & Environmental Science at the University of Pennsylvania, recently said that the Project 2025 policy agenda would mean 'game over for climate progress in the US, turning the reins of government over to the polluters.'" [Chicago Sun-Times, [7/2/24](#)]

Project 2025 will cut all regulatory activities that goes towards fighting climate change and reducing emissions. "To sum it up, what it's trying to do on climate and energy is basically take the government totally away from any sort of regulation and to use the tools of the government to actually help fossil fuel companies increase their output," he said. For example, Project 2025 would replace the president's clean energy adviser — a position now occupied by John Podesta — with an aide whose efforts would include revoking climate regulations and weakening permitting requirements for fossil fuel companies. Under the plan, agencies that conduct climate research would be downsized. The U.S. military would be barred from considering climate science when planning for national security threats. And international aid that helps poorer countries respond to climate impacts would instead be used to boost coal, oil and gas. Certain agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, would be downsized, while border security personnel would increase. The 920-page blueprint aims to cut "every regulation or anything, including the federal science itself, that goes toward fighting climate change and reducing U.S. emissions," Scott said. Or, as the plan puts it: "The Biden Administration's climate fanaticism will need a whole-of-government unwinding." [Politico, [4/15/24](#)]

Rolling Stone: Project 2025 would "reverse all of the Biden administration's progress in fighting the climate crisis." "The plan would dismantle the Inflation Reduction Act, increase fossil-fuel extraction on public lands, eliminate clean-energy programs, gut the Environmental Protection Agency, and enact other measures that would supercharge America's drive toward climate disaster. The plan says explicitly that the United States has an 'obligation to develop vast oil and gas and coal resources,' and calls for ending 'the focus on the climate crisis and green subsidies.'" [Rolling Stone, [7/10/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to get rid of fuel efficiency standards. "They want to get rid of vehicle fuel efficiency standards, a major reason why cars made in the 1970s got under 20 miles to a gallon, but ones made now get over 40. The Heritage Foundation, in a detour to Alice's Wonderland, says fuel efficiency has "negative consequences for air quality." [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 blames the failure of the nation's only independent power grid on renewables, wants to stick only to coal, nuclear, and natural gas instead. "They blame the deadly, underregulation-driven failure of the nation's only independent power grid, in Texas in 2021, on "pressure to use 100 percent renewables," which somehow forces installation of power lines that can't access electricity from any other

source. The solution? Increase “diversity” by sticking to “coal, nuclear, and natural gas.” [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to eliminate (or reform) dietary guidelines. “Eliminate or Reform the Dietary Guidelines,’ because those tables we used to read on the sides of cereal boxes when we were kids might become Trojan horses for ‘objectives unrelated to the nutritional and dietary well-being of Americans’ such as ‘the health of the planet.’ [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to move the Safer Choice program to the private sector. “Transition the Safer Choice program’—a voluntary perk allowing companies to slap a label on cleaning products indicating they meet EPA safe product standards—to the private sector.’ On the bright side: If industry chooses the standards, many more will volunteer to participate.” [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Politico: Project 2025 would ‘gut’ climate regulations. “Most of the regulatory policies included in her 28-page chapter seem cut from the same cloth as those EPA attempted in the first Trump administration. They were rescinded under President Joe Biden or overturned in court. But some are new, like a proposal to shrink the pool of industries required to report their greenhouse gas emissions each year to EPA.” [Politico E&E, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 would revive key components of Trump’s 2016 deregulatory agenda. “Project 2025 would revive some of those rules. For example, the EPA chapter advises the agency to “make public and take comment on all scientific studies and analyses that support regulatory decision-making.” That dovetails with a Trump-era “secret science” rule that was vacated in 2021. Gunasekara said an incoming EPA team could avoid similar outcomes by “applying lessons learned” from the first Trump term.” [EE News by Politico, [7/18/24](#)]

However, Project 2025 also goes beyond just what was accomplished in Trump’s first term. “But some are new, like a proposal to shrink the pool of industries required to report their greenhouse gas emissions each year to EPA....’This goes beyond many of the things that they did in the first Trump administration,” said Stan Meiburg, a former EPA acting deputy administrator. “It certainly is a very ambitious document, and incorporates ideas that go all the way back to the Reagan administration.” [EE News by Politico, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls on the EPA to issue a new cost-benefit rule. “Costs are specific and tend to be more quantifiable, and benefits tend to be more diffuse and less quantifiable, even though, in aggregate, they are larger,’ said Meiburg. Project 2025 proposes that EPA issue a rule to ensure ‘consistent and transparent consideration of costs.’ Gunasekara said this would likely be a “very similar rule” to one introduced by the first Trump EPA, which was later voided by the Biden administration. The rule promulgated under Wheeler was the first of its kind, and some experts say it could face longer odds now, when courts defer less to agencies on policy. The EPA chapter also instructs the agency to ‘use appropriate discount rates, focus on the benefits of reducing the pollutant targeted by Congress, identify ‘co-benefits’ separately, and acknowledge the uncertainties involved in quantifying benefits.” [EE News by Politico, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 would limit requirements for greenhouse gas emission reports, exempting major emitters from having to report. “EPA currently requires 41 high-emitting sectors to report their greenhouse gas emission each year. About 8,000 facilities within those sectors — chosen because they exceed certain emissions thresholds — is the basis of EPA’s annual greenhouse gas inventory. The data has numerous purposes, including as an input for EPA regulatory decisions. But Project 2025 would limit reporting to the few sectors currently being regulated for greenhouse gas emissions — such as power plants and oil and gas production. It would exempt major emitters in other sectors, such as municipal landfills, iron, steel and cement manufacturing, and carbon capture and storage. The chapter said this would eliminate costly requirements borne by small businesses.” [EE News by Politico, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 could unleash oil and gas production on public lands, which would ‘obliterate’ progress fighting climate change and end crucial land protections in the West. “The plan would roll

back Biden-era environmental regulations and reinstate leases in places such as the Alaskan wilderness or Wyoming and Montana's Powder River Basin, the largest coal-producing region in the U.S... "U.S. Kate Groetzinger, communications manager for the Center for Western Priorities, said the plan would 'obliterate' progress fighting climate change and end vital land protections in the West. She added that it would remove protections for gray wolves and grizzly bears, and put sage grouse at risk of becoming endangered. 'We would see a de-emphasis on conservation and an emphasis on letting extractive industries do whatever they want on our public lands.' Groetzinger said." [Wyoming Public Radio, [7/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 could "propel America into environmental catastrophe." "Project 2025 seeks to undo much of that progress by slashing funding for government programs across the board, weakening federal oversight and policymaking capabilities, rolling back legislation passed during Biden's first term, and eliminating career personnel. The policy changes it suggests—which include executive orders that Trump could implement single-handedly, regulatory changes by federal agencies, and legislation that would require congressional approval—would make it extremely difficult for the United States to fulfill the climate goals it has committed to under the 2015 Paris Agreement." [Wired, [7/27/24](#)]

Project 2025 would create an 'anti-climate change czar.' "The second step is to create a job that appears to basically be an anti-climate change czar. Project 2025 proposes creating a position of "science adviser" and six senior political appointees who would be charged with "overseeing and reforming" research at the Environmental Protection Agency, emphasizing that these political overseers should be hired for their "management, oversight and execution skills," rather than scientific expertise." [MSNBC, [7/26/24](#)]

Project 2025 will help Trump achieve his goal to 'drill, baby, drill.' "That's not all. Other sections of Project 2025 propose ending subsidies for wind and solar power; cutting research into wind, solar and battery technology needed to help transition away from fossil fuels; ending federal mandates and subsidies for electric vehicles; and expanding drilling for oil and natural gas on federal lands. As Trump said in his convention speech, 'we will drill, baby, drill.'" [MSNBC, [7/26/24](#)]

Project 2025 would end efforts to help developing countries transition away from fossil fuels, instead promote more burning of oil and gas. "A section on foreign aid proposes rolling back efforts to help developing countries transition away from fossil fuels, arguing that they are 'unachievable.' But then it goes further, arguing that the U.S. should spend taxpayer dollars persuading these countries to burn more oil and gas. The U.S. Agency for International Development, the proposal says, 'should cease its war on fossil fuels in the developing world and support the responsible management of oil and gas reserves as the quickest way to end wrenching poverty.'" [MSNBC, [7/26/24](#)]

Trump and Project 2025's environmental plan proposes changes designed to 'cripple the EPA's ability to protect public health from chemicals like PFAS.' "Statements from former Trump EPA officials, the far-right Project 2025 plan, and the Trump-allied American Chemistry Council (ACC) target those rules, but also suggest industry and a second administration's aims are much deeper. They are proposing administrative changes designed to cripple the EPA's ability to protect public health from chemicals like PFAS." [The Guardian, [7/28/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the repeal of the America the Beautiful Initiative, which seeks to conserve at least 30% of the U.S.'s land and waters by 2030. "Project 2025 also calls for the repeal of the U.S. Department of the Interior's America the Beautiful Initiative. That plan, sometimes referred to as 30x30, seeks to conserve at least 30% of the U.S.'s land and waters by 2030, and has been hailed by environmental groups as a critical step for reversing habitat and species loss and ensuring access to nature for future generations. Project 2025 says the initiative is being used to 'advance an agenda to close vast areas of the ocean to commercial activities, including fishing, while rapidly advancing offshore wind energy development to the detriment of fisheries and other existing ocean-based industries.' But the 30x30 initiative builds on existing legal authorities to achieve the benefits of conservation, including prudent efforts to avoid over-extracting land and water resources, according to Sanders, of Stanford, who also served as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's environment and natural resources division. Withdrawing from such an effort is 'not a good idea,' he said."

Breaking up NOAA and dismantling the National Weather Service, as advocated for under Project 2025, would severely handicap the informed decision-making process. “To break up NOAA and dismantle the National Weather Service would be like a return to those years “on steroids,” Sanders said, as such efforts would severely hamper the federal government’s ability to understand or take action on climate change. It would also shift the onus of gathering and distributing critical climate and weather information onto state and local agencies, who are not singularly equipped to handle the magnitude of the challenge. ‘That’s inherently less efficient and that handicaps informed decision-making — particularly when you’re dealing with something like climate change, which is not a local issue,’ Sanders said. ‘It has local impacts, but it’s a national and international issue, so you need agencies that have the resources and the focus of tracking that kind of problem at a more national level.’” [Los Angeles Times, [7/28/24](#)]

Project 2025 will make it much harder for the EPA to restrict or ban dangerous chemicals, such as PFAS ‘forever chemicals.’ PFAS are a class of about 15,000 compounds typically used to make products that resist water, stains and heat. They are called “forever chemicals” because they do not naturally break down and accumulate, and are linked to cancer, kidney disease, liver problems, immune disorders, birth defects and other serious health problems. Though Project 2025 doesn’t mention the limits explicitly, it calls for Trump to ‘revise groundwater cleanup regulations and policies to reflect the challenges of omnipresent contaminants like PFAS.’ That conveys an industry talking point – PFAS contamination is everywhere, so regulatory agencies should not force industry to do too much. Project 2025 also calls for the elimination of the EPA system and office that assesses chemicals’ toxicity and dangers. The office’s findings are used by the agency’s regulatory arms to set protective standards, and it is doing multiple reviews of PFAS. The EPA is in the process of developing regulations for subclasses of PFAS. This is important because so many PFAS exist that it is impossible to regulate them one by one. No data exists for most PFAS, so scientists rely on “chemical analogs” that are similar in structure to fill in gaps and determine chemicals’ dangers. Project 2025 effectively calls for the elimination of that mechanism.” [The Guardian, [7/28/24](#)]

Project 2025 would end the first federal policy to directly call for climate spending on communities most impacted by severe weather and environmental racism. “The administration hailed the spending as ‘the single-largest investment in environmental justice ever’ and the cornerstone of its racial and economic justice-oriented programs. It falls under the administration’s Justice40 initiative, the first federal policy to directly call for climate and environment spending to benefit the communities that have been bankrupted by severe weather, climate change, and environmental racism...On page 422 of the 448-page document outlining Project 2025’s goals for the federal Environmental Protection Agency, it calls for Trump to ‘stop all grants to advocacy groups’ on day one.” [Capital B News, [8/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for repealing the Antiquities Act, which has been used to safeguard some of America’s most iconic public lands - but even conservative Utah Gov. Spencer Cox says that is too far. “‘I don’t support a complete repeal,’ Cox said Friday during the monthly PBS Utah press conference with the governor. ‘I think the Antiquities Act has value. The problem is the Antiquities Act has not been used the way it was intended to be used.’ Referring to Grand Staircase-Escalante, the manifesto decries “the designation of a vast national monument in Utah over the objections of Utah leaders — but with the support of the Hollywood elite.’ It accuses the U.S. Department of Interior of abusing the Antiquities Act and recommends the second Trump administration, if elected, take ‘a fresh look at past monument decrees.’” [Utah News Dispatch, [7/19/24](#)]

A new report found that, should Trump pass the energy and environmental policies in Project 2025, the US’s planet-heating emissions would ‘significantly increase’ by 2.7bn tonnes above the current trajectory by 2030. “Should Trump retake the White House and pass the energy and environmental policies in the controversial Project 2025 document, the US’s planet-heating emissions will ‘significantly increase’ by 2.7bn tonnes above the current trajectory by 2030, an amount comparable to the entire annual emissions of India, according to the report. Such a burst of extra pollution would torpedo any chance the US could meet its goal of cutting emissions in half by 2030, which scientists say is imperative to help the world avert disastrous climate change. It would also, the analysis found, result in 1.7m lost jobs in 2030, due to reduced clean energy deployment that is not offset by smaller gains in

fossil fuel jobs, and a \$320bn hit to US GDP as a wave of new domestic renewables and electric car manufacturing is reversed.” [The Guardian, [8/14/24](#)]

The report also found that Project 2025’s energy proposals would increase electricity prices and reliance on gas while lowering GDP by \$320 billion per year. “Project 2025 would also increase electricity prices and reliance on gas. Collectively, by 2050, households would spend around \$147 billion more each year than under the pro-climate pathway. Millions of jobs would be lost. The GDP would be \$320 billion lower per year in 2030, and \$130 billion lower each year by 2050.” [Fast Company, [8/14/24](#)]

Forbes: Project 2025 sends our nation on a ‘dark eco path,’ causing fewer jobs, decreased GDP, and a notable increase in greenhouse gas emissions. “Project 2025 represents a departure from our current policies. Instead of promoting clean fuels, the plan would encourage oil and coal extraction. This shift would significantly impact the nation’s gross domestic product, with a projected decrease of hundreds of billions of dollars over the next 25 years. As a result, there would be fewer jobs and a notable increase in greenhouse gas emissions—specifically, an estimated 76 billion tons more, according to Energy Innovation.” [Forbes, [8/21/24](#)]

Census

Semafor: Project 2025 “floated ideas like...bringing back a failed effort to implement a citizenship question on the census.” “Project 2025’s policy papers have floated ideas like reviving the Comstock Act to ban sending abortion pills by mail, bringing back a failed effort to implement a citizenship question on the census, and other initiatives aimed at drastically reshaping the executive branch.” [Semafor, [3/8/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for aligning the mission of the Census Bureau with “conservative principles.” “A coalition of conservative groups is preparing for a chance to shape the country’s next set of census results in case a Republican president returns to the White House in 2025. Their playbook includes reviving a failed push for a citizenship question and other Trump-era moves that threaten the accuracy of the 2030 national head count. The plan also calls for aligning the mission of the government agency in charge of the next tally of the country’s residents with ‘conservative principles.’ Many census watchers, including a former top Trump administration official, tell NPR they find this position particularly alarming. The policy proposals — led by The Heritage Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank — are part of a broader ‘Project 2025’ plan for dismantling aspects of the U.S. government. ‘For too long, conservative presidents’ agendas have been stymied by liberal bureaucrats who put their own agenda over that of the President, whom they serve,’ Paul Dans, a former Trump appointee who is Project 2025’s director, claims in a statement.” [NPR, [10/28/23](#)]

Project 2025 calls for more political appointees at the Census Bureau. “While the Project 2025 plan also outlines garden-variety presidential transition moves such as reviewing budgets and eliminating duplicative census operations, there are other proposals that many census watchers find troubling. They call for more political appointee positions at the bureau, which has largely been run by career civil servants.” [NPR, [10/28/23](#)]

Terri Ann Lowenthal believes Project 2025’s call to remove Census committees of outside advisers is a way to reduce transparency about how the statistics are produced. “Terri Ann Lowenthal, a former staff director of the House oversight subcommittee for the census who served on former President Barack Obama’s presidential transition team on census issues, sees the plan’s call to get rid of at least one of the bureau’s committees of outside advisers as a way to reduce transparency about how the agency produces the country’s statistics. ‘This really is sort of undermining all of the principles and practices that federal statistical agencies should be following. And that is extremely troubling,’ says Lowenthal, who is now a census consultant.” [NPR, [10/28/23](#)]

Trump Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross criticized the Project 2025 plan to politicize the bureau. “The plan’s call to carry out a ‘conservative agenda’ at the bureau is also catching public criticism from a

less likely source: former Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. The former top Trump administration official pushed for a citizenship question while overseeing the bureau, and an investigation by the Commerce Department's Office of Inspector General found that Ross 'misrepresented the full rationale' for adding a citizenship question when testifying before Congress in 2018. During the Trump administration, the findings were presented to the Justice Department, which declined to prosecute Ross. 'I think that the job of the census is to provide data. If the elected officials want to interpret that one way or another, well, that's OK. That's their prerogative. I don't think the census should try to shade things in any political direction,' said Ross, who declined to answer questions about a citizenship question but said he believes it is 'a valid question.' On whether there should be more political appointees at the bureau, Ross said it's not a question he has 'really thought about' but noted: 'To the degree that the implication was that the census should be more politicized, I do not agree with that.'" [NPR, [10/28/23](#)]

LGBTQIA+

Director of the Non-Binary and Transgender Rights Project for Lambda Legal on Project 2025: "The dehumanising language is consistent with the way the right talks about LGBTQ+ people overall." "An exhaustive manifesto for the next conservative US president produced by Project 2025, an initiative led by the hard-right Heritage Foundation, uses 'dehumanising language' about LGBTQ+ Americans too extreme even for candidates currently seeking the Republican presidential nomination, a leading advocate said. 'The dehumanising language is consistent with the way the right talks about LGBTQ+ people overall,' said Sasha Buchert, director of the Non-Binary and Transgender Rights Project for Lambda Legal." [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

Project 2025's call to rescind regulations allowing discrimination based on sexual orientation and transgender status could cause the criminalization of LGBTQ+ issues, expression, and people. "In a later chapter, on the Department of Health and Human Services, Roger Severino, Heritage Foundation vice-president of domestic policy, advocates a more focused approach: 'The president should direct agencies to rescind regulations interpreting sex discrimination provisions as prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, sex characteristics, etc.'. Such draconian pronouncements have prompted alarm among progressives, over apparent implications including the possible criminalisation of LGBTQ+ issues, expression and people." [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

Director of the Non-Binary and Transgender Rights Project for Lambda Legal suggested that Project 2025 said it could be an attempt to move the Overton window. "Asked if Project 2025 could be seen as part of an attempt to move the Overton window (a political science concept describing 'policies that are widely accepted throughout society as legitimate options'), perhaps in the way years of rightwing invective paid off last year with the removal of abortion rights, Buchert said: 'Absolutely. One hundred percent.'" [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

Director of the Non-Binary and Transgender Rights Project for Lambda Legal said Project 2025 would "add more fuel to the fire and encourage more anti-LGBTQ legislation." "But, she said, efforts such as Project 2025 'will add more fuel to the fire and encourage more anti-LGBTQ legislation ... reflect[ing] the worldview that they want, where LGBTQ+ people live lives of quiet desperation and fear'." [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

Project 2025 wrote there was concern about federal programs allowing "nonreligious definitions of marriage and family" as recently it was in the Respect for Marriage Act. "Roger Severino's chapter on the Department of Health and Human Services urges the next conservative president to 'maintain a biblically based, social science-reinforced definition of marriage and family.' Severino is concerned that federal programs will be subjected to 'nonreligious definitions of marriage and family as put forward by the recently enacted Respect for Marriage Act.'" [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

- **The Respect for Marriage Act would require governments to recognize same-sex and interracial marriages.** “The Respect for Marriage Act, passed last year by Congress with strong bipartisan support, requires the federal government and states to recognize same-sex and interracial marriages. The law is not religious or nonreligious; it is a constitutionally enacted law of the United States.” [Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, MSNBC, [9/8/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Republican presidential Project 2025 plans to define trans people as ‘pornographic.’” [Pink News, [9/8/23](#)]

Project 2025 has sections that propose “completely stripping discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people from the law.” “Sections from its 180-day playbook – a list of actions taken in the first 180 days of Republican leadership – include completely stripping discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people from the law.” [Pink News, [9/8/23](#)]

Project 2025 would reinstate a transgender military ban and limit LGBTQ workplace discrimination protections. “And his allies have drafted a sweeping document titled Project 2025. It’s led by the conservative think tank the Heritage Foundation, and it details a blueprint for a second term for Trump. Specifically on restricting LGBTQ rights, what that details is reinstating a transgender military ban, limiting LGBTQ workplace discrimination protections. Currently, under the law, sexual orientation, and gender identity are protected. It would rescind health care protections for transgender people and urge Congress to define gender as male and female, fixed at birth.” [PBS, [3/27/24](#)]

Project 2025 would obstruct gender-affirming care, discontinue CDC’s data collection on gender identity, impede NIH’s research on gender identity and transgender care, and reverse the Biden administration’s redefinition of “sex” to encompass gender identity, orientation, and pregnancy status. “NPR journalists have said that his statements are ‘not just campaign rhetoric,’ pointing to Project 2025, a 900-page playbook published by the right-wing think tank the Heritage Foundation which delineates policy priorities for the initial 180 days of the next Republican presidency. These include obstructing gender-affirming health care, discontinuing the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) data collection on gender identity, impeding National Institute of Health (NIH) research on gender identity and transgender health care, redirecting funding toward studies on the ‘short-term and long-term negative effects of cross-sex interventions,’ and reversing the Biden administration’s redefinition of ‘sex’ to encompass gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy status.” [Truthout, [5/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 equates “transgender ideology” with pornography. “The blueprint also equates ‘transgender ideology’ with pornography and states that it should be outlawed, with those involved in its production and distribution facing imprisonment.” [Truthout, [5/13/24](#)]

HHS author for Project 2025 argued almost every department program and agency be retooled with the goal of promoting heterosexual marriage and procreation. “So much for ‘religious freedom.’ Under ‘the next administration’ (read: a Trump administration), Severino recommends that nearly every HHS program or agency—with special emphasis on the Administration for Children and Families, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Office of the Surgeon General—be retooled with the goal of promoting heterosexual marriage and procreation.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 seeks to erase terms like “gender identity” and “diversity” from government language and remove LGBTQ+ protections in employment, education, and adoption. “The plan threatens to roll back constitutional rights for women, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, and people of color, and proposes centralizing power in the executive branch. Project 2025 aims to radically reshape the U.S. government, systematically dismantling protections for LGBTQ+ individuals, women, people of color, immigrants, and disabled individuals.” [Los Angeles Blade, [6/13/24](#)]

Advocate: Project 2025 is “a blueprint for the oppression of LGBTQ+ Americans.” “The project urges the next conservative president to basically ignore the 2020 Supreme Court decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, in which the court found that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, in banning sex

discrimination in the workplace, also bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity...It calls for barring transgender people from the military and to stop what it considers the 'toxic normalization of transgenderism' across the government and American society." [Advocate, [6/21/24](#)]

The Hill: Project 2025 would "codify deep animus toward LGBTQ Americans at all levels of society." "In practice, [their goals are] likely to include eliminating legal prohibitions against LGBTQ discrimination, reinstating a transgender military ban and rescinding health care protections for transgender people, among other things. From there it could be a short hop to widespread intimidation. We have a history of it: This country in the mid-20th century endured a government-sponsored 'Lavender Scare' dedicated to outing people in the federal workforce and ruining their lives." [The Hill, [6/17/24](#)]

The 19th: Project 2025 equates being transgender, or "transgender ideology," to pornography, and argues that it should be outlawed. "The conservative think tank recommends that educators and public librarians who spread the concept of being transgender should be registered as sex offenders, and that telecommunications and technology firms that facilitate the spread of ideas about transgender people should be shuttered." [The 19th, [6/14/24](#)]

Project 2025's plan to ban pornography has a sinister subplot defined by anti-transgender and anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric. "That's a lot to unpack. Under this proposal, Stormy Daniels might be the one at the defendant's table next time, and Trump's new friend Elon Musk might see X shuttered for being too XXX. But the giveaway here is in the two examples provided at the beginning 'transgender ideology' and 'sexualization of children.' That echoes similar rhetoric being used by groups such as Moms for Liberty to oppose everything from drag queen reading hours to LGBTQ books in school libraries, but the rest of the paragraph takes it to another level." [MSNBC, [7/12/24](#)]

Anti-transgender policies pushed by Project 2025 were recently passed by the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The project's plans for the military include several provisions targeting transgender individuals. One such provision, found on page 103 of the Project 2025 'Mandate for Leadership' document, states, 'Those with gender dysphoria should be expelled from military service.' Another provision on page 104 seeks to 'reverse policies that allow transgender individuals to serve in the military. Gender dysphoria is incompatible with the demands of military service, and the use of public monies for transgender surgeries or to facilitate abortion for service members should be ended.' These amendments effectively implement the key tenets of Project 2025." [Truthout, [7/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the promotion of stable and flourished married families, only consisting of a father, a mother, and their children. "Families comprised of a married mother, father, and their children are the foundation of a well-ordered nation and healthy society. Unfortunately, family policies and programs under President Biden's HHS are fraught with agenda items focusing on 'LGBTQ+ equity,' subsidizing single-motherhood, disincentivizing work, and penalizing marriage. These policies should be repealed and replaced by policies that support the formation of stable, married, nuclear families."

Project 2025 forbids school staff from addressing students as pronouns that aren't on their birth certificate. "Finally, Burke expounds at length on the need for greater protections for family autonomy, including legislation that would allow parents to seek legal redress if the federal government enforces a policy "in a way that undermines their right and responsibility to raise, educate, and care for their children." In the absence of written parental consent, staff at schools under federal jurisdiction would also be forbidden from addressing students by a name or pronoun other than that which appears on their birth certificate." [The 74, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes tying welfare to heterosexual marriages. "Project 2025 asserts that families with two married, heterosexual partners lead to "objectively" better outcomes for children, and so suggests tying federal assistance to marriage. For instance, it proposes diverting child welfare funds to a conservative Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) program, even though a recent 2022 study found that such programs have "non-significant effects" on child well-being." [Glamour, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 advocates for enforcing sex discrimination solely on the biological, binary meaning of sex. “Project 2025 advocates a rollback of regulations that protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. It calls for agencies to ‘focus their enforcement of sex discrimination laws on the biological binary meaning of ‘sex.’” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 would enforce sweeping restrictions of LGBTQ+ rights and end many anti-discrimination measure for LGBTQ+ individuals. “Project 2025 says, ‘Only heterosexual, two-parent families are safe for children,’ which is not true. It calls for an end to anti-discrimination measures for LGBTQ+ people, for an end to funding for gender-affirming care through Medicare and Medicaid, for the Department of Justice to defend anti-LGBTQ+ discriminators on a First Amendment basis, for a ban on transgender people serving openly in the military, and for an end to USAID’s promotion of LGBTQ+ rights in other countries, which Project 2025 calls its ‘bullying LGBTQ+ agenda.’” [LGBTQ Nation, [7/24/24](#)]

Time: Project 2025 undermines the progress of LGBTQ+ Americans utilizing harmful and outdated rhetoric. “Project 2025’s anti-queer proposals are largely based on a single simple and destructive idea: that the LGBTQ+ community is dangerous to children. This claim is nothing new. For almost a century, the idea that the government needed to protect children from queer adults has formed the cornerstone of anti-LGBTQ+ initiatives. Project 2025’s invocation of child protection undermines the basic premise on which America’s LGBTQ+ rights advances were built.” [Time, [9/20/24](#)]

Health Care

HEADLINE: “Project 2025 Has Bad Medicine for HHS.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 outlines how HHS would use its power to curtail access to reproductive health services. “In his chapter of Project 2025’s Mandate for Leadership, Severino promises to make HHS the ‘Department of Life’ again—and to go even farther than Azar did. The plan outlines how HHS would use its power as a federal agency to dramatically curtail access to reproductive health services.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025’s HHS author pledged to restrict access to birth control, rescind FDA approval of medication abortion, and use the Comstock Act to prosecute anyone proving abortion medication through the mail. “Severino pledges that HHS will restrict access to birth control, rescind the FDA’s approval of medication abortion, and abolish what he calls ‘mail-order abortion’—the latter by using the long-dormant Comstock Act to prosecute anyone who provides such medication by mail.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The RSC budget would cut \$4.5 trillion from the ACA, Medicaid, and CHIP, taking away health care from millions of Americans. “Slash \$4.5 trillion from the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. These devastating cuts would take health care away from millions of Americans.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

Medicare

HEADLINE: “Republicans Are Planning To Totally Privatize Medicare – And Fast.” [Rolling Stone, [2/5/24](#)]

Rolling Stone: Making Medicare Advantage the default enrollment option “would hasten the end of the traditional Medicare program” and benefit private health insurers. “One item buried in the 887-page blueprint has attracted little attention thus far, but would have a monumental impact on the health of America’s seniors and the future of one of America’s most popular social programs: a call to ‘make Medicare Advantage the default enrollment option’ for people who are newly eligible for Medicare.

Such a policy would hasten the end of the traditional Medicare program, as well as its foundational premise: that seniors can go to any doctor or provider they choose. The change would be a boon for private health insurers — which generate massive profits and growing portions of their revenues from Medicare Advantage plans — and further consolidate corporate control over the United States health care system.” [Rolling Stone, [2/5/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “How Big Pharma Is Fueling a Radical MAGA Agenda; Republicans’ Project 2025 blueprint is an assault on women’s health care. It would also end Biden’s Medicare drug-pricing plan.” [Rolling Stone, [1/25/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for a repeal of allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, while PhRMA has donated \$530,000 to groups involved with the agenda. “Big Pharma has invested big money in the organizations planning what a MAGA policy agenda will look like in a new Trump administration. Not surprisingly, that policy playbook contains a major gift for the drug industry: a swift end to the Biden administration’s landmark program to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. For two decades, Congress barred Medicare from negotiating prescription drug prices, which is a major reason why Americans pay higher prices for drugs than anyone else in the world. In 2022, Democrats finally passed legislation creating a price negotiation pilot program. The same year, Washington’s top drug lobby — Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA — donated \$530,000 to groups involved with the far-right Project 2025 agenda. The agenda, which is meant to serve as a policy roadmap for the early days of a new Donald Trump presidency, includes a call to repeal the new provisions allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.” [Rolling Stone, [1/25/24](#)]

Rolling Stone: PhRMA’s “donations to the organizations behind Project 2025 implicates the pharmaceutical industry in an extremist conservative plan that calls for eliminating access to the abortion pill, allowing states to ban hospitals from providing emergency abortion care, and ending protections for LGBTQ+ Americans.” “So it’s not surprising that Big Pharma would fund front groups willing to wage an unpopular battle to boost drug manufacturers’ bottom lines — PhRMA has long done so with organizations on both sides of the aisle. However, the lobbying group’s donations to the organizations behind Project 2025 implicates the pharmaceutical industry in an extremist conservative plan that calls for eliminating access to the abortion pill, allowing states to ban hospitals from providing emergency abortion care, and ending protections for LGBTQ+ Americans.” [Rolling Stone, [1/25/24](#)]

The RSC budget supported the implementation of a “premium support model” for Medicare. “The proposal also supports implementing a ‘premium support model’ for Medicare, in which private plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan.” [Washington Post, [3/21/24](#)]

The RSC budget would cut Medicare by turning it into a “premium support” program that would raise premiums. “Slash Medicare by turning it into a ‘premium support’ program. In contrast with the President’s plan to protect and strengthen Medicare by lowering drug prices and making the wealthy pay their fair share, the House Republican budget would convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ program that would raise premiums for millions of seniors.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would raise prescription drug prices for seniors by repealing the Inflation Reduction Act. “Raise prescription drug prices for seniors and give massive handouts to Big Pharma. The Republican Budget would side with Big Pharma to increase drug prices and seniors’ out-of-pocket costs by repealing the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would not allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. “Medicare would no longer be able to negotiate lower drug prices. Big Pharma would once again be allowed to set whatever price they want, leaving seniors and taxpayers on the hook and facing higher prices.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would allow pharmaceutical companies to not pay back Medicare when they increase drug prices faster than inflation. “Big Pharma would no longer pay Medicare back when they

increase drug prices faster than inflation, allowing them to jack up prices with no accountability.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would eliminate the \$35 monthly price cap for insulin. “Seniors would go back to paying up to \$400 for insulin, instead of the \$35 price cap per monthly insulin prescription they have today.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would force seniors to face higher costs if the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap on drug costs was eliminated. “Seniors would face higher costs if the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap on drug costs is eliminated.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

CAP: Project 2025 would result in at least 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries with high out-of-pocket costs paying more for prescription drugs. “Across the United States, more than 1.5 million Medicare Part D enrollees—who are among the most vulnerable enrollees with significant health needs—could see their 2025 out-of-pocket costs rise if the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap is repealed. But beyond that, 18.5 million Medicare Part D enrollees could lose much-needed out-of-pocket savings from the Inflation Reduction Act’s full package of Medicare Part D redesign elements (as detailed in 1a–f under “What’s at stake in the Inflation Reduction Act”). Some seniors could see an average of nearly \$400 in lost drug savings in 2025 alone. Overall, Medicare Part D enrollees across the nation could lose out on up to \$7.4 billion in out-of-pocket savings next year.” [Center for American Progress, [6/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 “takes aim” at Medicare, recommending a non-government run option. “While admitting that Medicare and Medicaid ‘help many,’ the authors of Project 2025 nonetheless declare that the programs ‘operate as runaway entitlements that stifle medical innovation, encourage fraud, and impede cost containment, in addition to which their fiscal future is in peril.’ To solve these imaginary problems, they suggest making ‘Medicare Advantage the default enrollment option’ rather than traditional Medicare.” [Truthout, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 will ‘decimate’ Medicare and Medicaid. “It also promises to decimate the most popular benefits programs in the U.S.: Medicare and Medicaid. In a section dedicated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Project 2025 declares that ‘HHS is home to Medicare and Medicaid, the principal drivers of our \$31 trillion national debt.’ This is a popular conservative framing used to justify ending social programs. In fact, per person Medicare spending has plateaued for more than a decade and represents one of the greatest reductions to the federal debt. While admitting that Medicare and Medicaid ‘help many,’ the authors of Project 2025 nonetheless declare that the programs ‘operate as runaway entitlements that stifle medical innovation, encourage fraud, and impede cost containment, in addition to which their fiscal future is in peril.’” [Columbia Missourian, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the privatization of Medicare, which could lead to more limited health care choices for seniors and less financial benefits for insurers. “If the Project 2025 policies were enacted, Fong says seniors could see more limited health care choices while insurers see financial benefits due to the reduced regulations. ‘Medicare Advantage plans, the private sector option, can have significant limitations on network of providers,’ Fong said, adding that the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, accepts many employer plans as well as traditional Medicare but not Medicare Advantage plans.” [Newsweek, [7/24/24](#)]

Affordable Care Act

The RSC budget would rip away coverage for over 45 million people enrolled in ACA coverage and Medicaid expansion. “Ripping away coverage for more than 45 million people enrolled in ACA coverage and Medicaid expansion. The Republican budget completely strips funding from the Affordable Care Act’s Marketplace and Medicaid expansion—programs that cover 45 million people.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would eliminate consumer protections, siding with insurance companies. “Eliminate critical consumer protections. Millions of consumers are protected from insurance company

abuses by the ACA, but the Republican budget sides with insurance companies to roll back these critical protections.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget passage would threaten coverage for over 100 million with pre-existing conditions, or have them be charged more. “Over 100 million people with pre-existing conditions could be denied or charged more for coverage.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget could cause older adults to face higher premiums for health insurance. “Older adults could face higher premiums. Health insurance premiums would skyrocket, especially for people in their 50s and 60s.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget would allow insurance companies to rip off Americans with junk insurance products. “Insurance companies would be allowed to rip off Americans with junk insurance products. The Republican budget promotes the sale of junk insurance products, which can scam consumers and leave on them on the hook for tens of thousands of dollars in expenses.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

Medicaid

The RSC budget would turn Medicaid into block grants, threatening coverage for more than 60 million on Medicaid. “Turning Medicaid into block grants that would threaten coverage and care for an additional over 60 million Americans with Medicaid. States would be forced to make it harder to qualify and enroll in coverage, cut critical benefits, or both, threatening coverage for millions of children and families.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

The RSC budget threatened health care for seniors and people with disabilities that rely on Medicaid home care services. “Threatening care for seniors and people with disabilities. Over seven million seniors and people with disabilities relying on Medicaid home care services could see it cut or taken away altogether, with ballooning wait lists for those who still need care. Hundreds of thousands of nursing home residents would be at risk of lower quality care if Medicaid had to cut nursing home payments.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [3/26/24](#)]

Georgetown University: Project 2025 includes “draconian cuts” to Medicare. “With such drastic cuts in federal funding — along with restrictions on how states can finance their share of Medicaid costs — states would face a massive cost-shift from the federal government for their Medicaid programs. They would have no choice but to institute truly draconian cuts to eligibility, benefits and provider reimbursement rates. Such cuts would be furthered by the dramatic rollback of existing federal beneficiary protections and requirements, including those related to benefits and cost-sharing. This, in turn, would likely drive tens of millions into the ranks of the uninsured and underinsured and severely reduce access to health care and long-term services and supports needed by low-income children, families, seniors, people with disabilities and other adults.” [Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, [6/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 “takes aim” at Medicaid. “Calling Medicaid a ‘cumbersome, complicated, and unaffordable burden on nearly every state,’ Project 2025 complains about the program’s increased eligibility while at the same time claiming to care about how it impacts ‘those who are most in need.’” [Truthout, [7/18/24](#)]

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Drug Treatment

The RSC budget would severely cut funding for states to respond to the overdose epidemic. “The Republican Study Committee, which represents 100% of House Republican leadership and about 80% of their members, released a budget that would severely cut critical funding for states to respond to the overdose epidemic. More Americans between the ages of 18 and 49 die from opioid overdoses than any other cause. President Biden believes we should come together as Americans to do everything we can to fight the opioid crisis that is devastating millions of families in every state and community across the country. That’s why the President has made beating the opioid epidemic a key priority in his Unity Agenda for the Nation and has called on Republicans and Democrats to work together to crack down on fentanyl trafficking and expand access to life-saving treatment for addiction.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [4/3/24](#)]

The RSC budget slashed funding for State Opioid Response Grants. “In contrast, about 80% of House Republicans recently proposed a budget that would cut critical investments in families and communities by over 30 percent. That would include slashing funding for State Opioid Response Grants – the primary way the federal government helps states and territories fight the opioid epidemic.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [4/3/24](#)]

The State Opioid Response grant program provides funding to states and territories to increase access to treatments and medications for opioid use disorder. “The State Opioid Response grant program provides critical funding for states and territories to increase access to medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, and strengthen prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for substance use disorder. Through this program, states have been able to provide treatment services to over 1.2 million people across the country since 2018. States have also been able to purchase approximately 10 million overdose reversal medication kits and reverse more than 550,000 overdoses using these grant funds.” [Fact Sheet, White House, [4/3/24](#)]

Justice

HEADLINE: “Donald Trump wants to control the Justice Department and FBI. His allies have a plan.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Reuters: Trump’s allies are creating proposals to curtail DOJ’s independence and turn it into “an attack dog for conservative causes.” “Some of Donald Trump’s allies are assembling proposals to curtail the Justice Department’s independence and turn the nation’s top law enforcement body into an attack dog for conservative causes, nine people involved in the effort told Reuters. If successful, the overhaul could represent one of the most consequential actions of a second Trump presidency given the Justice Department’s role in protecting democratic institutions and upholding the rule of law.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 would overhaul the Justice Department to allow the president to target ‘political enemies with enforcement actions.’ “The chapter on the Department of Justice (DOJ) proposes overhauling the agency to eliminate its longstanding tradition of political insulation from the White House. In theory, this insulation follows from the idea that the job of the DOJ’s head, the attorney general, is to represent the U.S. government and not the president. Institutional mechanisms have been used to ensure the agency’s independence and to guard against both the perception and reality of conflicts of interest, including, most notably, the use of a special counsel to investigate and prosecute the president or certain administration officials. As was demonstrated during the first Trump term, though, the actual independence of a special counsel can be limited. Mandate would seek to further degrade the DOJ’s independence by injecting greater presidential control into questions of litigation strategy, even raising the disturbing specter of the president targeting political enemies with enforcement actions.” [Boston Review, [7/1/24](#)]

Reuters: Trump’s plans include: flooding DOJ with conservatives unlikely to say “no” to the White House, then restructure the department so more administration allies are making decisions rather

than careerists. “The plan is essentially twofold, according to the nine people interviewed by Reuters, some of whom requested anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. First: flood the Justice Department with stalwart conservatives unlikely to say ‘no’ to controversial orders from the White House. Second: restructure the department so key decisions are concentrated in the hands of administration loyalists rather than career bureaucrats.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

The plan would put constraints on the FBI’s authority. “The FBI - which many Republicans see as biased against them - would have new constraints on its authority, with many of its responsibilities shifted to other law enforcement agencies, those people said.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

The proposed DOJ overhaul would allow the ending of federal oversight over police departments accused of racist practices. “Overhauling the Justice Department would allow the Trump administration to pursue conservative policy initiatives such as dismantling hiring programs meant to boost diversity in the workplace and ending federal oversight of police departments accused of racist practices.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Many of the Trump allies making these proposals are affiliated with Project 2025. “Many Trump allies making these proposals are affiliated with a consortium of conservative think tanks known as ‘Project 2025’, which has been making detailed plans for a second Trump presidency. In a statement to Reuters, Project 2025 said it could not speak for the Trump campaign.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Trump allies are going through federal regulations to look for ways to bring “stalwart conservatives into the Justice Department.” “These allies are also combing through federal regulations for novel ways to bring stalwart conservatives into the Justice Department at the start of a potential Trump term, according to two people with knowledge of those deliberations.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 contributors Steve Bradbury and Gene Hamilton both supported the elimination of the FBI’s general counsel. “In interviews with Reuters, Bradbury and Gene Hamilton, a senior Justice Department official under Trump, both endorsed the measure to eliminate the FBI’s general counsel. They said they do not speak for Trump, but both are contributing ideas to Project 2025. Hamilton is a trusted lieutenant of Stephen Miller, one of Trump’s closest policy advisers. Miller did not respond to requests for comment.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Project 2025: “Both Bradbury and Hamilton also endorsed changing the Justice Department’s chain of command so the FBI director reports to a pair of politically appointed assistant attorneys general.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Some Trump allies want to decrease the number of crime the FBI can investigate. “Some Trump allies and advisers also want to narrow dramatically the types of crimes the FBI can investigate, arguing the bureau’s focus is too sprawling for political appointees to oversee effectively.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Gene Hamilton argued DOJ should investigate whether corporations were discriminating against whites by creating programs designed to boost people of color in the workplace, citing the Civil Rights Act. “For instance, Hamilton argued that the Justice Department should examine whether corporations are discriminating against whites by instituting programs designed to boost the number of people of color in the workplace. The department could derive its authority, he said, from the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars hiring or compensation decisions based on ‘race’ or ‘sex.’” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

Gene Hamilton called for curtailing consent decrees between DOJ and local police departments. “Hamilton also called for radically curtailing court-monitored settlements known as ‘consent decrees’ between the Justice Department and local police departments, which are used to help curb civil rights abuses against people of color, the disabled and the mentally ill.” [Reuters, [5/17/24](#)]

New York Times’ Carlos Lozada: Project 2025 says the Justice Department “must become subservient to the White House.” “This attitude proves especially consequential in the book’s treatment of the Justice Department, which has ‘lost its way,’ becoming ‘a bloated bureaucracy with a

critical core of personnel who are infatuated with the perpetuation of a radical liberal agenda.’ To find its way back in a new conservative administration, ‘Mandate for Leadership’ implies, the department must become subservient to the White House.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for the White House counsel and Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General to work “as a team.” “All such appointees must work closely with the White House; in fact, the Justice Department and the White House counsel should act ‘as a team.’ And while the book notes that contact between the White House and the Department of Justice traditionally occurs between the office of the White House counsel and the attorney general or deputy attorney general — a practice that aims to reduce the risk of political interference in law enforcement — ‘Mandate for Leadership’ encourages a new administration to ‘re-examine this policy and determine whether it might be more efficient or more appropriate for communication to occur through additional channels.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Los Angeles Times’ Jackie Calmes: Project 2025 suggested among Trump’s first acts as president would be to turn “the historically independent Justice Department into his personal law firm.” “Among Trump’s first acts? Turning the historically independent Justice Department into his personal law firm, chock-full of taxpayer-paid Roy Cohns ready to dump the criminal cases against the boss.” [Column]

The Nation: Project 2025 wants to restructure “the Department of Justice so that it can be weaponized by a new Trump administration when it comes to election-related issues.” “This is all part of Project 2025’s broader vision for restructuring the Department of Justice so that it can be weaponized by a new Trump administration when it comes to election-related issues.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed reassigning the responsibility for prosecuting election-related offenses from DOJ’s Civil Rights Division to its Criminal Division. “In Mandate’s chapter on the Department of Justice, Gene P. Hamilton, a DOJ appointee under Trump, proposes reassigning responsibility for prosecuting election-related offenses from the department’s Civil Rights Division to its Criminal Division. Why? To ensure that Republican-generated claims about ‘fraudulent voter registration,’ ‘mail-in ballot fraud,’ and presumably the various targets of Trump’s Big Lie claims regarding the 2020 election are ‘appropriately investigated and prosecuted.’” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 “recommends hollowing out the FBI.” “As a first step, the Project 2025 Mandate recommends hollowing out the FBI. Why the FBI? Think of it this way: If Project 2025 is basically a conservative heist plot, then the chapter on the DOJ is the part where the plotters explain how they plan to take out the security cameras and floodlights so they can proceed under the cover of darkness.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed demoting the FBI and its director and eliminating the 10-year term for FBI directors. “In order to accomplish this, Project 2025 proposes pushing Congress to demote the FBI, and its director, to a lower rung on the DOJ’s organizational chart and make the director report to a political functionary. It also wants Congress to eliminate the 10-year term of the FBI director to make it easier for the president to replace the director at will, like most other political appointees. Again, Trump got burned for firing Comey, and this proposal would make sure any future FBI director is sufficiently loyal.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to get rid of the FBI’s independence, and ensure it focuses on violent crime. “The problem with Project 2025 is that it doesn’t actually want to destroy the FBI; it wants to get rid of its independence—while keeping all of the FBI’s jackbooted thuggery so that it can hurt the ‘right’ people. The Project 2025 Mandate calls for renewing the bureau’s focus on ‘violent’ crime—and that word choice is important, because it leaves out nonviolent crimes like bank fraud, tax evasion, bribery, and document theft—you know, all the things that Trump or his business or donor-class friends are accused of doing.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed stripping the FBI of the roughly 300 attorneys employed there. “The document further suggests stripping the FBI of its legal workforce—the 300 or so attorneys employed by the bureau—which would turn the FBI into an even blunter weapon than it already is, completely untethered from the Constitution or civil rights.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed allowing DOJ to sue DAs that use their discretion in ways conservatives do not like. “In line with the mission of hurting the ‘right’ people, Mandate’s chapter on the DOJ details big plans for resuming Trump’s campaign against immigrants. Those plans include deploying the power of the Justice Department against Democrats who govern in ‘sanctuary cities.’ Indeed, there’s a whole paragraph devoted to the wild idea of using the DOJ to sue district attorneys who use their discretion in ways that the conservatives don’t like—including, though hardly limited to, refusing to help deport immigrants.” [The Nation, [6/7/24](#)]

Former DOJ official Gene Hamilton called for the end of “affirmative discrimination” in the DOJ section of Project 2025. “The Heritage Foundation’s well-funded ‘Project 2025’ contends that the Department of Justice under a second Trump administration will end what it calls ‘affirmative discrimination.’ Gene Hamilton, a former Justice Department official during Trump’s first term, argued in the plan that ‘advancing the interests of certain segments of American society ... comes at the expense of other Americans and in nearly all cases violates long-standing federal law.’” [Axios, [7/3/24](#)]

Time: Project 2025 looks to eliminate no-fault divorce. “Eliminating no-fault divorce is one of the goals of Project 2025 — an initiative put together by advisors from groups like the right-wing Heritage Foundation, to lay out an agenda for a second Donald Trump Presidency. And this is no isolated proposal. Newly minted Republican Vice Presidential nominee J.D. Vance has called no-fault divorce ‘one of the great tricks that I think the sexual revolution pulled on the American populace.’” [Time, [7/23/24](#)]

Death Penalty

Project 2025 proposed executing every remaining federal death row prisoner and would try to persuade the Supreme Court to expand the types of crimes that could be punishable by death. “Last year, a coalition effort by conservative groups known as Project 2025 released an 887-page document that lays out policy goals and recommendations for each part of the federal government. Buried on page 554 is a directive to execute every remaining federal death row prisoner — and to persuade the Supreme Court to expand the types of crimes that can be punished with death sentences.” [HuffPost, [5/9/24](#)]

- **Project 2025 argued the next administration should “do everything possible to obtain finality” for every death row prisoner, which includes 40 people.** “Gene Hamilton, the author of the transition playbook’s Department of Justice chapter, wrote that the next conservative administration should ‘do everything possible to obtain finality’ for every prisoner on federal death row, which currently includes 40 people.” [HuffPost, [5/9/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Allies Have a Horror Movie Plan to Clear Out Death Row Prisoners.” [New Republic, [5/10/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Outrage at GOP Plan for Execution Spree If Donald Trump Wins.” [Newsweek, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 seeks to challenge Supreme Court precedent from *Kennedy v. Louisiana* to expand the death penalty. “Project 2025 also calls for pushing the limits of capital punishment. The Justice Department should ‘pursue the death penalty for applicable crimes,’ Hamilton writes, ‘particularly heinous crimes involving violence and sexual abuse of children—until Congress says otherwise through legislation.’ In a footnote, the *Kennedy* decision is quietly raised as a target. ‘This could require seeking the Supreme Court to overrule *Kennedy v. Louisiana*,’ reads the footnote, ‘but the department should place a priority on doing so.’” [The Intercept, [6/21/24](#)]

Education

New Republic: “The plan promises the abolition of the Department of Education and other federal agencies.” [New Republic, [5/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes: ending federal support for Title I, gutting the free school meals program, and eliminating the Head Start program. “The document is the ‘180 Day Playbook’ of a group called Project 2025, and it is the plan of attack – emphasis on the word ‘attack’ – that people surrounding Donald Trump (e.g. Stephen Miller, Mark Meadows) have put together for what they hope will be second Trump administration. The document is chockful of remarkably extreme objectives in dozens of areas, but few are more striking than the field of public education, where the plan calls for: Ending the nation’s oldest and largest federal program for the support of public education – Title I. Gutting the nation’s free school meals program. Eliminating the Head Start program.” [NC Newsline, [5/14/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the “phasing” out of Title I and shifting that responsibility to the states. “Amazingly, however, Project 2025 calls for ‘phasing’ Title I out of existence and turning the responsibility over to the states. North Carolinians familiar with their General Assembly’s cheapskate approach to funding schools will find that notion laughable.” [NC Newsline, [5/14/24](#)]

All of North Carolina’s school districts benefit from Title I, including half of all public schools and many private schools. “Title I is the nation’s signature initiative for aiding schools with large numbers of low-income students. In the current fiscal year, \$20.5 billion has been allocated across the nation. Ninety percent of the nation’s school districts and all 115 in North Carolina benefit. About half the public schools in North Carolina, as well as many private schools, receive Title I funding.” [NC Newsline, [5/14/24](#)]

Forbes: Project 2025 would dismantle public education purely for “ideological reasons,” hindering our worldwide prosperity and competitiveness. “The Project 2025 agenda calls for eliminating a huge number of federal bureaus and departments that offend the far-right worldview. Among them is the Department of Education, which they deem a “convenient one-stop shop for the woke education cartel,” Title 1, which provides \$18 billion in funding to support low-income students across America,” and Head Start, which helps over one million kids gain access to early education.” [Forbes, [7/1/24](#)]

Education Week: Project 2025 would completely restructure federal governance of K-12 schools and eventually eliminate a key federal funding source, Title I. “The agenda seeks to advance private school choice and parents’ rights policies that have already become popular in many Republican-led states. But it would also change the entire fabric of federal education policymaking and how federal education laws are enforced by eliminating the Education Department and devolving the federal education functions that remain to other agencies.” [Education Week, [7/8/24](#)]

Inside Higher Education: Project 2025’s education proposals are a “road to authoritarianism.” “The sweeping conservative blueprint for a second Trump administration would dismantle the Education Department, privatize student loans and end all ongoing Title IX investigations. Critics say it’s a road map to authoritarianism.” [Inside Higher Education, [7/11/24](#)]

Project 2025 recommends requiring military entrance exams for all public high school students. “‘Mandate for Leadership: A Conservative Promise,’ which outlines the plan for Project 2025, recommends requiring students in public high schools to take a military entrance exam called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The proposed requirement would extend to schools that ‘receive federal funding,’ the document says. That means the requirement would apply to students attending public schools and any private schools that receive federal funds.” [KHOU, [7/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 would transfer Title I and special education funding to the Department of Health and Human Services. “Title I, an \$18 billion program that sends aid to nearly two-thirds of public schools, would be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services and disbursed to states as a block grant with no strings attached; within a decade, the states would assume the responsibility of funding it

themselves. Roughly fourteen billion dollars of special education funding under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act would similarly be shifted to the purview of HHS.” [The 74, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 would increase funding for Education Savings Accounts, which are essentially vouchers families can use for education expenses such as private school tuition. “In both instances, Burke suggests that existing funding be targeted directly to eligible families for use as “micro-education savings accounts.” ESAs, which provide money for families to use on education expenses such as private school tuition, have become the favored school choice policy for Republican governors in the Biden presidency, with new programs adopted in 13 states just over the last three years.” [The 74, [7/16/24](#)]

Time: Project 2025’s attacks on public education are already impacting local schools. “The policies that Project 2025 plans to prioritize—government payments to families sending their children to private school and creation of new charter schools that are run like businesses—have expanded in the last few years, starving public school districts that serve all students of already insufficient resources. In the 2023-24 school year, at least 70 school districts, including in San Antonio, Texas, Jackson, Mississippi, and Wichita, Kansas, announced permanent closures of public schools, impacting millions of students.” [[7/22/24](#)]

Project 2025 would eliminate the Office of Head Start, which serves about 833,000 low income children each year. “Project 2025 calls for eliminating the Office of Head Start, which would lead to the closure of Head Start child care programs that serve about 833,000 low-income children each year. Most Head Start children are served in center-based programs, which have an outsized role in rural areas and prioritize enrolling a certain percentage of young children with disabilities who often struggle to find child care elsewhere. Head Start also provides a critical funding and resource stream to other private child care programs that meet Head Start standards, including home-based programs.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for home-based child care to be prioritized over other programs like ‘universal day care.’ “A conservative administration should also prioritize funding for home-based child care rather than “universal day care” in programs outside the home, Project 2025 says. That funding would include money for parents to stay home with a child or to pay for “familial, in-home” care, proposals that could be appealing to some early childhood advocates who have long called for more resources for informal care and stay-at-home parents.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls on the National Assessment of Educational Progress to release student performance data based primarily on “family structure.” “The National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the ‘Nation’s Report Card,’ should release student performance data based on ‘family structure’ — in addition to existing categories such as race and socioeconomic status — Project 2025 argues. Family structure, the document says, is ‘one of the most important — if not the most important — factor influencing student educational achievement and attainment.’ The document goes on to endorse “natural family structure” of a heterosexual, two-parent household, ‘because all children have a right to be raised by the men and women who conceived them.’” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 advocates for the complete privatization of education, giving education funding directly to families, expanding the provision of education savings accounts, and creating a federal scholarship tax credit to incentivize an increase in private school scholarships. “In place of a federal Education Department, the blueprint calls for widespread public education funding that goes directly to families, as part of its overarching goal of ‘advancing education freedom’. The document specifically highlights the education savings account program in Arizona, the first state to open school vouchers up to all families. Programs like Arizona’s have few, if any, restrictions on who can access the funding. Project 2025 also calls for education savings accounts for schools under federal jurisdiction, such as those run by the Department of Defense or the Bureau of Indian Education. In addition, Project 2025 calls on Congress to look into creating a federal scholarship tax credit to ‘incentivize donors to contribute’ to nonprofit groups that grant scholarships for private school tuition or education materials.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 would privatize funding for special education and rescind special education equity policies. “Project 2025 says that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which provides \$14.2 billion in federal money for the education of school-aged children with disabilities, should be mostly converted to “no-strings” block grants to individual states. Lawmakers should also consider making a portion of the federal money payable directly to parents of children with disabilities, it says, so they can use it for tutoring, therapies or other educational materials. This would be similar to education savings accounts in place in Arizona and Florida. The blueprint also calls for rescinding a policy called “Equity in IDEA.” Under that policy, districts are required to evaluate if schools are disproportionately enrolling Black, Native American and other ethnic minority students in special education. Districts must also track how these students are disciplined, and if they are more likely than other students in special education to be placed in classrooms separate from their general education peers. Current rules, which Project 2025 would eliminate, require that districts that have significant disparities in this area must use 15 percent of their federal funding to address those problems.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 would privatize funding for Title I, eventually eliminating the program entirely. “This program, funded at a little over \$18 billion for fiscal 2024, is the largest federal program for K-12 schools and is designed to help children from low-income families. The conservative blueprint would encourage lawmakers to make the program a block grant to states, with few restrictions on how it can be used — and, over 10 years, to phase it out entirely. Additionally, it says, lawmakers should allow parents in Title I schools to use part of that funding for educational savings accounts that could be spent on private tutoring or other services.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025’s education policies mirror many of Ohio’s education bills, including universal school vouchers. “Honesty for Ohio Education Executive Director Christina Collins told the Capital Journal that it’s as though the Ohio General Assembly has been bringing many of the policies outlined in Project 2025 to the Buckeye State already. ‘It’s almost like Ohio knew what Project 2025 was going to go for, and that our legislature was like, let’s just get ahead of it. Let’s just start implementing,’ Collins said.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [8/29/24](#)]

Student Loans

HEADLINE: “Student Debt Crisis Would Likely Worsen Under a Second Trump Administration.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

CEPR: Project 2025 would roll back much of what the Biden administration has done for student borrowers, with their wish being that there is “no loan forgiveness.” “On student debt relief, the Mandate for Leadership proposals would roll back much of what the Biden administration accomplished for student borrowers and loan-burdened public servants. Indeed, their ideal wish is that ‘there should be no loan forgiveness.’ If the first Trump administration was any indication, a second would work to eliminate the federal tools that could help student borrowers instead of addressing the student debt crisis.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025’s approach on student loans would be “profitable to lenders, but more costly to the federal government.” “The Mandate for Leadership recommends an approach to student loans that is profitable to lenders, but more costly to the federal government.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed that the federal government have “little to no role” in managing student debt portfolios and want the private sector to take the industry over completely. “Based on the Mandate for Leadership, we can expect a second Trump administration to mobilize against student loan assistance in a variety of ways. The authors of the Mandate want little to no role for the government in managing student debt portfolios. Ultimately, they want the private sector to take over completely, but the more feasible proposal is shifting the federal government’s role from direct lender back to guarantor.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to “completely reverse the student loan federalization” by eliminating the Office of Federal Student Aid. “The Mandate’s authors wish to ‘completely reverse the student loan federalization’ by gradually eliminating the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). Distribution of federal loans would then be a private operation, with a new public corporation acting as the monitor.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to phase out every Income-Driven Repayment plan and have them replaced with one with more eligibility rules. “The Mandate authors wish to phase out all existing Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans and replace them with an IDR that would have more narrow eligibility rules. Ideally, the goal is that ‘there should be no loan forgiveness.’ This would remove the possibility of student loan forgiveness for countless individuals who make consistent payments but have no hope of fully paying off the loan.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025: “The Mandate for Leadership suggests that a second Trump administration would not pursue student debt forgiveness, allowing the crisis to worsen at the expense of so many struggling Americans.” [Center for Economic and Policy Research, [5/15/24](#)]

Inside Higher Ed: Project 2025 would hurt student loan borrowers. “A conservative think tank’s plan for a potential second Trump administration could drive up student loan payments for millions of borrowers, according to a new analysis from the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank.” [Inside Higher Ed, [6/25/24](#)]

CAP: Under Project 2025’s student loan repayment plan, payments would more than triple for many borrowers. “A vast majority of the 8 million borrowers currently enrolled in SAVE would see their monthly payments go up under the Project 2025 repayment plan. In addition, the Project 2025 plan would lower the income threshold at which borrowers are required to make a payment from the current amount under the SAVE plan, \$34,000 (225 percent of the federal poverty line), to \$15,000, or the federal poverty line. That means single borrowers making as little as \$15,000—or a family of four living on \$31,000—would have to begin making monthly student loan payments.” [Center for American Progress, [6/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for drastic cuts to student loans. “Project 2025 calls for drastic cuts to the U.S. Department of Education’s loan forgiveness programs for federal student loan borrowers. It would eliminate the Public Service Loan Forgiveness initiative, which provides debt cancellation to nonprofit and government workers after a decade of payments, and the Borrower Defense regulation, which offers a way for defrauded students to get debt relief.” [CNBC, [7/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 would end student loan forgiveness, shift responsibility for student loans to the Department of the Treasury. “Project 2025 would end the prospect of student loan forgiveness, which has already been largely blocked by federal courts; the Biden administration, in a sort of game of Whac-a-Mole, has proposed still more forgiveness programs that are being fought by Republican state attorneys general and others. Project 2025 would also dramatically restrict what’s known as ‘borrower defense to repayment,’ which forgives loans borrowed to pay for colleges that closed or have been found to use illegal or deceptive marketing. Largely restricting the Education Department to collecting statistics, Project 2025 would shift responsibility for student loans to the Treasury Department.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the elimination of the Parent PLUS loan program and PLUS loans for graduate students. “The blueprint calls for the elimination of the Parent PLUS loan program, arguing that it is redundant ‘because there are many privately provided alternatives available.’ Originally created for relatively affluent families, the PLUS loan program has become a crucial way for lower- and middle-income families to pay for college. In recent years, it has sparked criticism due to rising default rates and fewer protections than are afforded to other student loan borrowers. At present, interest rates for private loans are significantly lower than Parent PLUS rates, but they come with fewer protections, and it is more difficult to get approved for a private-bank loan. Project 2025 would also get rid of PLUS loans

for graduate students. If the federal PLUS programs were eliminated, it could stem one portion of the rising tide of families' education debt, but it would also make the path to paying for college more difficult for some families." [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Taxes

Project 2025 calls for two marginal tax rates at 15 and 30 percent, cutting the corporate tax rate to 18 percent, and cutting the top capital gains tax rate to 15 percent. "The Heritage Foundation, among others, has stepped in to fill the void with its Project 2025 Mandate for Leadership, which delivers to Heritage's corporate and other wealthy donors the promise of tax cuts and stymied regulation. Mandate calls for a regressive tax code with two marginal rates at 15 and 30 percent, a reduction of the corporate tax from 21 percent to 18 percent, and a reduction of the top capital gains rate from 20 percent to 15 percent." [New Republic, [5/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for lower corporate taxes. "There is plenty here that one would expect from a contemporary conservative agenda: calls for lower corporate taxes and against abortion rights; criticism of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and the 'climate fanaticism' of the Biden administration; and plans to militarize the southern border and target the 'administrative state,' which is depicted here as a powerful and unmanageable federal bureaucracy bent on left-wing social engineering." [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for eventually abolishing individual and corporate income taxes and replacing them with consumption tax. "Tax reform would take place in two stages. Stage 1 "intermediate" reform would retain the basic structure of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act but dramatically adjust its moving parts. Stage 2 "fundamental reform" would abolish individual and corporate income taxes and replace them with a consumption tax. The plan calls for the IRS budget to be cut, and as with other executive agencies, more of its top personnel would be appointed by the president." [Forbes, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for an "overhaul of the U.S. tax system. "The proposal also calls for for an overhaul of the U.S. tax system that would include fewer tax brackets, the elimination of most deductions and a lower corporate tax rate." [The Hill, [7/18/24](#)]

Regulations

Project 2025 calls for "deconstructing the centralized administrative state." "As for regulation, Mandate (echoing Steve Bannon) calls for 'deconstructing the centralized administrative state,' code for 'gum up the regulatory gears.' Trump will do everything he can to enact these policies, because (except on trade) he always does the business lobby's bidding." [New Republic, [5/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 partners celebrated the SCOTUS decision overturning Chevron deference, which will make it easier for corporations to challenge environmental protections, climate action, and rules that protect workers. "Undoing Chevron deference has been a central goal of the conservative legal movement and corporate lobbyists for decades, with right-wing think tank the Heritage Foundation arguing that 'the modern administrative state creates a pervasive system of consolidated power that weakens the checks and balances carefully constructed by the United States Constitution.' Now, Heritage has joined with over 100 other conservative organizations to organize Project 2025, a comprehensive transition plan to guide the next GOP presidential administration with policy proposals and staffing recommendations." [Media Matters for America, [6/28/24](#)]

Project 2025 would further threaten the ability of our institutions to keep us safe. "Enacting Project 2025 will further threaten the government's expertise to address the most pressing issues of our time. The end of Chevron deference and plan to put through Trump and the conservatives' extreme Project 2025 are intertwined. This could very well be the beginning of the end of the institutions we rely on to keep us safe — and the American system of government as we know it." [The Hill, [7/29/24](#)]

Labor

Project 2025 called for the prohibition of the collection of employment statistics based on race or ethnicity. “By contrast, the government should prohibit the collection of employment statistics based on race or ethnicity, and the Centers for Disease Control should discontinue gathering data on gender identity, on the grounds that such collection ‘encourages the phenomenon of ever-multiplying subjective identities.’ (Why the executive branch might concern itself with the subjective identities of American citizens becomes clearer some 25 pages later, when the document affirms that the government should ‘maintain a biblically based, social-science-reinforced definition of marriage and family.’)” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Trump Loyalists Lay Out Plan for Second Term: Gut Worker Protections.” [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 proposals included: making it harder for workers to form unions, making it easier to classify employees as independent contractors, and banning the government from collecting race-based employment data to stop anti-discrimination lawsuits. “If Donald Trump wins the White House in 2024, loyalists have written a battle plan for how to change labor laws and regulations: make it harder for workers to form unions, make it easier for companies to classify employees as independent contractors, and ban the government from collecting race-based employment data in the name of stopping anti-discrimination lawsuits. These policies would be combined with a grab bag of culture war items—like a push for companies to close on the Sabbath—so that Republicans could portray themselves as a traditionalist, but still pro-worker alternative to Democrats.” [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for the passage of a bill that would let employers provide comp time instead of time-and-a-half overtime pay. “The first sections have little to do with labor policy as traditionally understood. Instead, they focus on how a Republican administration and Congress could block critical race theory, limit anti-discrimination lawsuits, and promote pro-life policies in the workplace. Another bucket theoretically focuses on protecting families. As part of that, Berry calls on Congress to pass the Working Families Flexibility Act, a Republican bill that labor advocates oppose because it would let employers provide comp time instead of time-and-a-half overtime pay.” [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for reinstating a Trump administration rule to make it easier to classify people as independent contractors. “In a similar vein, the plan calls for reinstating a Trump-era rule that made it easier to classify people as independent contractors who lack many of the protections enjoyed by employees. Berry labels this plan, which the Economic Policy Institute estimated would cost workers more than \$3 billion per year, a part of ‘Making Family-Sustaining Work Accessible.’” [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for the passage of a bill that “would significantly weaken a section of the National Labor Relations Act that bans company-controlled unions.” “It takes 19 pages for Berry to address the role of unions. The title of the first section, ‘Non-Union Worker Voice and Representation,’ gives the game away. The topline recommendation is to pass the Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act introduced by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.). The bill would significantly weaken a section of the National Labor Relations Act that bans company-controlled unions. In exchange, workers would get to be part of ‘employee involvement organizations’ (whose recommendations companies would be free to ignore) and gain one non-voting seat on the boards of big companies. The TEAM Act is a rehash of a bill by the same name that President Bill Clinton vetoed nearly three decades ago following strong opposition from the labor movement.” [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 proposed that Congress ban card check, making it harder to form traditional unions. “At the same time, the plan would make it harder to form traditional unions. Project 2025 asks Congress to ban card check, the process by which a union can be established if a majority of employees sign cards

in favor of unionization and an employer voluntarily recognizes the union. In 2016, the Obama Labor Department issued a rule that required employers and consultants to disclose anti-union activity. Trump's DOL repealed the rule; Project 2025 preemptively asks the DOL to re-repeal it if the Biden administration reinstates it." [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 asked Congress to amend the NLRB so federal laws and regulations could be put aside if both sides agree to a different compromise. "When it comes to collective bargaining agreements, Berry asks Congress to amend the National Labor Relations Act so that federal laws and regulations can be set aside if both sides agree to do so as part of a compromise. As an example, Berry says workers could forgo some overtime pay in exchange for getting more predictable schedules. The hypothetical is revealing. It imagines employers agreeing to something they should already be doing—providing workers with reasonable notice for upcoming shifts—in exchange for getting out of a longstanding legal obligation." [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 called for investigating worker centers and increasing funding for the Labor office that monitors union finances while cutting the department's overall budget. "Throughout, the plan is heavy on policing that flows in one direction. Berry calls for investigating worker centers, and increasing funding for the Labor office that monitors union finances, but cutting the department's overall budget." [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Mother Jones: "Project 2025 calls for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration to get no new power or funding." [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 called on Congress to eliminate the requirement that job applicants have bachelor degrees for some jobs. "Another asks Congress to eliminate the 'BA box' on job postings that require applicants to have bachelor's degrees. That accomplishes two goals at once: It pokes at the college graduates who have increasingly abandoned the Republican party and trolls progressives who've pushed to 'ban the box' asking about an applicant's criminal history. There's little reason to believe it would have much effect on who companies hire. (The movement to 'ban the box' is a policy still debated among liberals.)" [Mother Jones, [8/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 says families, not the government, should determine child labor requirements. "He says families, not the state, should decide whether children can do dangerous jobs: 'Current rules forbid many young people, even if their family is running the business, from working in such jobs. This results in worker shortages in dangerous fields and often discourages otherwise interested young workers ...'" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 says labor statistics should be focused around family metrics. "He says labor statistics should be reoriented around 'metrics like marriage and fertility rates' and 'the share of children living with both biological parents.' (So much for 'crudely categorizing employees.')" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for four day work weeks, but only for religious reasons. "Workers should always get a day off every week—but only because 'God ordained the Sabbath as a day of rest.'" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 makes a case against the 1935 National Labor Relations Act's ban on company unions. "And finally, bosses should decide what their unions look like. I'll leave it to others to explain the details, but this chapter makes a surreal case against the 1935 National Labor Relations Act's ban on 'company unions.' Supposedly, 'most workers report that they prefer a more cooperative model run jointly with management.'" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 will make a number of devastating changes to labor protections, workers rights, and union laws. "Day 1 they want to fire the best National Labor Relations Board general counsel we've had in my lifetime, Jennifer Abruzzo. Then Project 2025 foresees reclassifying thousands of civil service employees by executive order so they can be fired and replaced with the corporations' loyal troops. From there, the plan is to bulldoze the protections U.S. workers have built up over 100 years of determination,

sacrifice, and unity. It's ugly: abolish overtime pay laws, outlaw public sector unions entirely, get rid of health and safety protections, eliminate the federal minimum wage by letting states set their own, make it harder to receive unemployment, put children back to work like in the 1920s. Hitting building trades workers, they would get rid of requirements for prevailing wage pay and project labor agreements in federal projects." [Labor Notes, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls on lawmakers to rescind the special congressional charter of the National Education Association, the largest union in the US. "The chapter continues by calling on lawmakers to rescind the special congressional charter of the National Education Association, which Burke labels a "demonstrably radical special interest group." The charter was created in 1906 in recognition of the NEA's special educational mission, and has periodically generated criticism from Republicans for exempting the organization from paying property taxes on its sizable headquarters in Washington, D.C. The proposed revocation would likely have few practical consequences, but would come as a blow to the prestige of America's largest labor union." [The 74, [7/16/24](#)]

The Hill: Critics say Project 2025 erodes overtime pay. "Liberal advocacy organization Democracy Forward created 'The People's Guide to Project 2025,' which says "4.3 million people could lose overtime protections" if the governing agenda is enacted." [The Hill, [7/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 would erode, if not eliminate, collective bargaining rights. "In place of unions, 'whose politicking and adversarial approach appeals to few,' the playbook calls for Congress to enact reforms such as creating 'non-union employee-involvement organizations,' described as 'a more cooperative model run jointly with management that focuses solely on workplace issues,' and allow workers to be represented on corporate boards." [Minnesota Reformer, [7/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 would eliminate public sector unions entirely and get rid of project labor agreements in federal projects. "It's ugly: abolish overtime pay laws, outlaw public sector unions entirely, get rid of health and safety protections, eliminate the federal minimum wage, make it harder to receive unemployment, and put children back to work like in the 1920s. Hitting building trades workers, they would get rid of requirements for prevailing wage pay and project labor agreements in federal projects." [Jacobin [7/27/24](#)]

Project 2025's impact on labor is 'ugly.' "It's ugly: abolish overtime pay laws, outlaw public sector unions entirely, get rid of health and safety protections, eliminate the federal minimum wage, make it harder to receive unemployment, and put children back to work like in the 1920s. Hitting building trades workers, they would get rid of requirements for prevailing wage pay and project labor agreements in federal projects." [Jacobin, [7/27/24](#)]

Veronica Goodman: Project 2025's desire to allow children to take on dangerous jobs and late-night shifts is 'appalling.' "It should go without saying that children don't belong in dangerous factories or working overnight shifts. They deserve to be safe and protected, including when they become old enough to legally work. Instead of exploiting the labor of minors to appease business interests, policymakers should look at the ways responsible leaders are making sound choices to develop and expand the pool of trained workers. For decades, having children perform dangerous tasks in unsafe settings has been understood to be an egregious moral, societal failure. It's appalling that so many Republican politicians want to take us back there." [CNN, [7/31/24](#)]

Commerce

Project 2025 urged "any research conducted with taxpayer dollars serves the national interest in a concrete way in line with conservative principles." "Later, tucked into a discussion of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Commerce Department — yes, the weeds are tall and scratchy here — the document urges a new administration to ensure that 'any research conducted with

taxpayer dollars serves the national interest in a concrete way in line with conservative principles.’ It’s an effective sleight of hand: politicizing government-funded scientific research by tying the national interest to conservative priorities.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 said ideally, the Economic Development Administration would be abolished. However if that does not happen, EDA should “better align funding with conservative political purposes.”

“The administration of relief funds would also assume an ideological bent. ‘Mandate for Leadership’ looks askance at Commerce’s Economic Development Administration, which makes investments to promote growth and innovation in struggling communities and helps distribute emergency funding. Ideally, the book says, a new conservative administration would abolish the agency and send its resources elsewhere. However, if congressional opposition makes that impossible, the Economic Development Administration should instead ‘better align funding with conservative political purposes.’ There’s little subtlety: The book then argues that providing agency funds to ‘rural communities destroyed by the Biden administration’s attack on domestic energy production would be well within the scope of E.D.A.’s mission.’ If you can’t beat them, at least make them work for you.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

Forbes: Project 2025 calls for abolishing the Federal Reserve. “Along with the usual slate of tax cuts for the wealthy, Project 2025 also calls for abolishing the Federal Reserve, ending its role as the lender of last resort, and letting the President weigh in on interest rate hikes. Trump has also called for a 10% across-the-board tariff on imported goods, which could kick off a global trade war, rapidly accelerate inflation, and cost the average family \$1500 a year. It doesn’t sound great for business.” [Forbes, [7/1/24](#)]

CAP: Project 2025 would overturn post-crisis policies that protect consumers, investors, and the stable functioning of financial markets. “The agenda also includes new limits on regulators’ capacity to step in during periods of instability. Specifically, it would restrict the Federal Reserve’s “lender-of-last-resort” function that allows troubled banks to borrow money quickly. This lending backstop has been central to confining the severity of economic harms throughout the financial crisis, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and amid the failures of several midsize banks in early 2023.” [Center for American Progress, [7/2/24](#)]

Another agency threatened by the policy proposals of Project 2025 is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. “If the policy recommendations are implemented, another federal agency that could come under the knife by the next administration, with action from Congress, is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [CBS News, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 paves the way for the crypto industry to gain power. “The crypto industry is excited by crypto-related language in Project 2025. The document calls on the president to abolish the Federal Reserve (whose monetary policies have long been abhorred by crypto advocates) and move the U.S. to a free banking system, in which the dollar is backed by a valuable commodity like gold—or, crypto enthusiasts hope, Bitcoin itself. However, there’s been no indication that Trump or anyone in his administration has considered the idea. The document also calls on regulators to clarify rules around cryptocurrencies, just like Vance is pushing for, which could open the door for greater crypto adoption.” [Time, [7/17/24](#)]

Immigration/Homeland Security

Project 2025 called for dismantling the Department of Homeland Security and would instead create a stand-alone federal immigration department. “Despite its professed desire to reduce the size and ambition of government ‘back to something resembling the original constitutional intent,’ in practice, the document’s contributors are willing to build significant bureaucracies. ‘Mandate for Leadership’ calls for dismantling the Department of Homeland Security, for example, and instead creating a major stand-alone federal immigration department. It would piece together Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as well as portions of the Health and Human Services and Justice Departments to build a Cabinet-level body

employing more than 100,000 federal workers. This would be ‘the third-largest department measured by manpower,’ the book boasts.” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

NBC News: Project 2025 and Trump’s immigration record “offer a good idea of what could be in store for noncitizens who have come into the U.S. or are trying to come through legal means.” “Trump’s record on immigration, as well as his playbook of proposals called Project 2025 — spearheaded by the conservative Heritage Foundation with input from former Trump administration officials — offer a good idea of what could be in store for noncitizens who have come into the U.S. or are trying to come through legal means.” [NBC News, [5/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for immediate rule-making affecting temporary work visas and employment authorization. “Project 2025 calls for immediate rule-making affecting temporary work visas and employment authorization along with a slew of other reversals of Biden’s policies, some which undid Trump’s changes.” [NBC News, [5/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for suspending updates to the annual list of countries who can submit H-2A and H-2B temporary visas, which could cause the loss of up to 10% of the workforce on some farms. “The Trump playbook also calls for suspending updates to an annual list of countries whose citizens can submit H-2A and H-2B temporary worker visas, which would affect agriculture, hospitality, forestry and construction employers that rely on them for workers. This would hit agriculture the hardest, as it could lose up to 10% of its workforce on some farms, according to the Niskanen Center, a libertarian think tank that scrutinized Project 2025.” [NBC News, [5/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 would turn USCIS into a security agency, require all workers to be vetted, require immigrants to apply more frequently for work permits, and expand investigations into potential workers. “Project 2025 is calling for turning U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service personnel into a security agency, thus requiring all workers to be vetted, for steps that would require immigrants to apply more frequently for work permits and an expansion of investigations into the background of potential workers. All would make obtaining benefits more time-consuming and make existing backlogs even longer, the Niskanen Center stated.” [NBC News, [5/13/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 proposes a plan to eliminate the ability of DHS to monitor election security to prevent the spread of disinformation about voting and vote counting. “In the section on the DHS, for instance, there’s a plan to eliminate the ability of the agency that monitors election security to prevent the spread of disinformation about voting and vote counting.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 wrote “the entirety of the CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee should be dismissed on Day One.” “As for the team that worked so successfully with Krebs to secure the 2020 election, the Project 2025 document declares that ‘the entirety of the CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee should be dismissed on Day One.’ The potential impact? ‘It’s a way of emasculating the agency—that is, it prevents it from doing its job,’ says Herb Lin, a cyber-policy and security scholar at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The President of the Heritage Foundation called for ‘the biggest mass deportation system ever in the history of America.’ “It is unjust, illegal, and evil that 10 million illegal aliens have come to this country. It’s imperative that we send those people back...we love immigrants at Heritage, but we also love the rule of law.” [MSNBC, [6/24/24](#)]

Forbes: Project 2025 aims to “demolish the American immigration system.” “Among the many harsh policies proposed are drastically reducing visas, suspending country lists for H-2A and H-2B temporary worker visas, blocking federal financial aid to states that allow immigrants access to in-state tuition, and ending the protections of the Dream Act.” [Forbes, [7/1/24](#)]

Project 2025’s agenda recommends a “creative and aggressive approach” to border policies. “Project 2025’s agenda not only recommends finishing the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, but urges the next administration to “take a creative and aggressive approach” to responding to drug cartels at the

border. This approach includes using active-duty military personnel and the National Guard to help with arrest operations along the southern border.” [CBS News, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 says that the Secretary of Homeland Security can make rules and regulations that are not subject to the Administration Procedure Act. “When the Homeland Security secretary determines there is an “actual or anticipated mass migration of aliens” that presents “urgent circumstances” warranting a federal response, the agenda says the secretary can make rules and regulations, including through their expulsion, for as long as necessary. These rules, the guide states, aren’t subject to the Administration Procedure Act, which governs the agency rule-making process.” [CBS News, [7/9/24](#)]

The 19th: Project 2025 would potentially terminate the legal status of approximately 500,000 “Dreamer” immigrants. “It would bar U.S. citizens from receiving federal housing aid if they live with anyone who is not a citizen or permanent legal resident and potentially terminate the legal status of approximately 500,000 ‘Dreamer’ immigrants.” [The 19th, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025’s immigration proposals could upend a major portion of California’s state economy. “The document also raises the possibility of a large-scale crackdown on immigration and an intense focus on border security – a cornerstone of the Trump campaign that could upend the lives of millions of immigrants living in California as well as parts of the state economy, especially agriculture, that depend heavily on immigrant labor.” [The Guardian, [7/17/24](#)]

Trump’s Project 2025 deportation plan ‘echoes concentration camp history.’ “The ‘Mass Deportation Now’ signs filling the audience at the Republican National Convention are a grim warning of how much worse the situation could get. Trump, his advisers, the Heritage Foundation (the extreme-right platform that has put forth Project 2025) and countless members of Congress are not only winking and nodding toward detention horrors of the past but also clearly willing to repeat history if it will let them consolidate power.” [Scientific American, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 will allow immigration actions to occur at “sensitive” places like schools and churches. “A memo from Immigration and Customs Enforcement that prohibits enforcement actions from taking place at ‘sensitive’ places like schools, playgrounds and churches should be rolled back, the policy guide states.” [CBS News, [7/25/24](#)]

Univision: Project 2025 would make it far more difficult to be granted asylum into the United States. “Project 2025 also advocates for a review and restriction of asylum and refugee policies, arguing that many asylum cases are ‘abused’ by people who do not genuinely qualify as refugees under international standards, and implies that a new administration should transfer further decision-making authority on determining whether an applicant meets the credible fear standard to officers upon the arrival of the applicant to the country, thereby giving more discretion to an immigration officer to deny an asylum application. Project 2025 further proposes ending all temporary protection (TPS) and parole programs.” [Univision, [7/29/24](#)]

Project 2025 seeks to significantly weaken the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, particularly its efforts to reduce dangerous online misinformation. “During the 2020 election, amid conspiracy theories and hoaxes about Covid-19 and the presidential election, CISA flagged state and local officials’ concerns about online falsehoods to social media companies. This practice, dubbed ‘switchboarding,’ outraged conservatives, who accused CISA of suppressing their speech. House Republicans produced a report on what they called ‘the weaponization’ of the agency, two GOP-led states sued the government (the US Supreme Court dismissed the case), and CISA and its federal partners all but froze their conversations with social media firms. ‘CISA has devolved into an unconstitutional censoring and election engineering apparatus of the political Left,’ Project 2025 declares.” [Wired, [8/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 promises deportations ‘at the highest level’ and seeks to eliminate visas from victims and speed up applications from those who can pay more. “The proposal also seeks to eliminate visas for victims, increase quotas for immigrants, and speed up applications for those who can pay more. The Republican platform promises deportations at a higher level. However, it does not fully align with the

measures mentioned in the draft. Trump has used the phrase “mass deportations” on multiple occasions and has made it a key aspect of his campaign.” [El Pais, [8/24/24](#)]

Anti-Diversity

HEADLINE: “Trump vows to fight ‘anti-white feeling’ in the United States. His allies have a plan.” [Reuters, [5/4/24](#)]

Gene Hamilton wrote in Project 2025 that DOJ’s Civil Rights Division could use Section VII from the Civil Rights Act to make sure programs meant to boost diversity weren’t being used against white people. “One Trump ally, Gene Hamilton, told Reuters the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division must ensure that corporate programs meant to boost diversity in the workplace are not themselves discriminatory. The department could derive its authority, he said, in part from Section VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Passed during a time when Black Americans campaigned aggressively for civil rights, the act prohibits hiring or compensation decisions based on ‘race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.’ Hamilton, who served in the Justice Department under Trump, says the act should protect white people as well. For instance, a hiring program meant to boost the number of people of color in the workplace should not exclude other applicants. Such a focus would depart dramatically from the Civil Rights Division’s historic role of protecting marginalized groups. In recent years, it has led investigations into police departments for alleged racism against Black Americans and sued companies for discriminating against immigrants. ‘Programs and policies ... that deny benefits or employment to Americans solely because of their race or their sex or anything of the sort is violative of that central tenet that has held the country together,’ said Hamilton, who laid out his views in a policy book published by a consortium of Trump-friendly think tanks known as Project 2025.” [Reuters, [5/4/24](#)]

Stephen Moore argued in Project 2025 the Treasury Department should fire employees who take part in DEI programs. “One Project 2025 chapter, co-written by conservative economist and Trump adviser Stephen Moore, argues the Treasury Department should seek to fire employees who willingly take part in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs.” [Reuters, [5/4/24](#)]

One of Project 2025’s most frequent targets is DEI initiatives. “One of the book’s most frequent targets is D.E.I. — the diversity, equity and inclusion infrastructure erected throughout the federal government in recent years that ‘Mandate for Leadership’ equates with racism. Just about every corner of the administration, from the Department of Labor to the U.S. Agency for International Development, must be scrubbed clean of D.E.I., and the measures to accomplish this can be brutish. At the Treasury Department, for instance, a new conservative administration would identify and interview every official who has taken part in D.E.I. programs to assess the scope of the efforts and ensure that they are eliminated, and it would ‘treat the participation in any critical race theory or D.E.I. initiative, without objecting on constitutional or moral grounds, as per se grounds for termination of employment.’” [Column by Carlos Lozada, New York Times, [2/29/24](#)]

USA Today: Trump is “on board” with the Project 2025 plan to eliminate DEI policies and programs that promote affirmative action. “Trump on board with plan to curb ‘affirmative discrimination’. Led by the Heritage Foundation think tank – which has helped mold the policies of Republican administrations since the Reagan presidency – conservative activists have drawn up an expansive plan known as Project 2025 in anticipation of Trump’s return to power. One of the goals of the presidential transition plan is reversing ‘the DEI revolution’ by eliminating policies and programs such as affirmative action which Project 2025 calls ‘affirmative discrimination.’ The plan broadly reflects where Trump’s policy stood at the end of his presidency in 2020. In September of that year, his administration issued an executive order prohibiting racial sensitivity training by the federal government and government contractors.” [USA Today, [5/1/24](#)]

The Nation: Should Trump be elected, “according to his campaign website, the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, and Project 47, he will unleash a program of racial authoritarianism unseen since the worst days of slavery and Jim Crow segregation.” “Yet consider Trump’s first term

nothing but an appetizer, should he be reelected. According to his campaign website, the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, and Project 47, he will unleash a program of racial authoritarianism unseen since the worst days of slavery and Jim Crow segregation. And he'll be emboldened and enabled by a constitution filled with ambiguities and undemocratic provisions, by an increasingly reactionary Supreme Court he helped appoint, and by millions of his supporters (many of whom have shown a propensity for using violence to meet their idea of his agenda)." [The Nation, [5/22/24](#)]

The Griot: Project 2025 will fight "racism" against white people. "According to Caucasian race theory, racism against white people is destroying America. While the federal government has little to do with local school curriculums, Project 2025 alleges that 'Bureaucrats at the Department of Education inject racist, anti-American, ahistorical propaganda into America's classrooms,' which is why the so-called 'small government conservatives' plan to defund Black history. Both plans vow to get rid of anti-white indoctrination, affirmative action, diversity, equity and inclusion and especially the dreaded critical race theory." [The Griot, [7/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 would prohibit racial classifications in the workplace. "Discrimination is singled out as a bad thing, to be sure. Heritage would just render it impossible to fight: 'Direct DOJ and EEOC,' one recommendation reads, 'to prohibit racial classifications ... Eliminate disparate impact liability.' That means you would not be allowed to evaluate whether discrimination exists in a workplace by counting its employees by identity. To fight discrimination, naturally: 'Crudely categorizing employees ... fails to recognize the diversity of the American workforce.'" [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the end of the White House Gender Policy Council. "Starting off strong, the Project 2025 book states, 'The president should immediately revoke Executive Order 14020 and every policy, including sub-regulatory guidance documents, produced on behalf of or related to the establishment or promotion of the Gender Policy Council and its subsidiary issues.' Executive Order 14020, signed into law by President Joe Biden, established a White House Gender Policy Council, whose purpose is to, 'advance gender equity and equality, with sensitivity to the experiences of those who suffer discrimination based on multiple factors, including membership in an underserved community.' In February of 2023, the council released its first progress report on its efforts to improve gender equality, which included introducing protections for pregnant workers and addressing gender-based violence. [Glamour, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes eliminating childcare programs such as Head Start, limiting the opportunity for women in the workforce. Project 2025 proposes eliminating Head Start altogether, stating, 'Research has demonstrated that federal Head Start centers, which provide preschool care to children from low-income families, have little or no long-term academic value for children. Given its unaddressed crisis of rampant abuse and lack of positive outcomes, this program should be eliminated along with the entire OHS.' But Project 2025 doesn't just want to do away with Head Start. It also rejects the notion of universal childcare altogether in favor of incentivizing "home-based" childcare solutions. 'Instead of providing universal day care, funding should go to parents either to offset the cost of staying home with a child or to pay for familial, in-home childcare,' it reads. While these policies would not explicitly eject women from the workforce, it is reasonable to predict that they would naturally drive many women to choose the more affordable, stay-at-home option.'" [Glamour, [7/17/24](#)]

Project 2025 would prosecute governments, universities, corporations, and other private employers that maintain DEI policies. "The document calls for prosecuting "all state and local governments, institutions of higher education, corporations, and any other private employers" that maintain affirmative action or DEI policies. That position matches the views expressed by Donald Trump and his running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio, about the use of race in college admissions and beyond." [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

Project 2025 says participation in DEI initiatives can be grounds for termination. "At the Treasury Department, the guide says the next administration should 'treat the participation in any critical race theory or DEI initiative without objecting on constitutional or moral grounds, as per se grounds for termination of employment.'" [CBS News, [7/25/24](#)]

The Griot: Project 2025 aims to make white men victims and everyone else inferior. “An ideological and notably extremist set of groups and individuals have detailed their anti-freedom agenda in Project 2025, a 900-plus page “how-to” guide for a presidential administration hostile to civil rights laws we take for granted. In that document, white men are victims of the protection of the rights of people of color, and women and LGBTQ people, particularly transgender people, of all races. It explicitly wants to “reverse the DEI revolution” that it claims hurts men and that includes putting an end to counting our residents under the census and capturing ways to understand whether or not an employer is discriminating by race, gender and religion, even as that literally includes protections for everyone, including white men.” [The Griot, [7/31/24](#)]

The American Prospect: Project 2025 has an ‘obsession’ with reverse racism. “On page 692: The Biden administration’s “equity’ agenda” is “racist.” On 342: “officials should protect educators and students in jurisdictions under federal control from racial discrimination by reinforcing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and prohibiting compelled speech.” Translated from wingnut-ese, they aim to compel teachers in schools run by the Bureau of Indian Education, or schools on military bases, not to speak about the racist parts of the American past. To do otherwise would be racist. This old-time religion threads its way through the chapters on the Departments of Labor (582), Education (336, 342, 348, 358), HHS (495), Treasury (708), State (88), Defense (103), the National Security Council (51), USAID (279)—and, naturally, Dr. Ben ‘Totally Not a DEI Hire’ Carson’s chapter on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (515). The solution, naturally, is ‘colorblindness.’” [The American Prospect, [8/7/24](#)]

Social Security

HEADLINE: “House Republican budget calls for raising the retirement age for Social Security.”
[NBC News, [3/20/24](#)]

The RSC budget proposed raising the retirement age. “In a deeply polarized election year, President Biden and fellow Democrats wasted little time lambasting a budget proposal from a large group of House Republicans that would, among other things, raise the retirement age for Social Security and endorse a bill that would codify that life begins at conception. The fiscal 2025 budget proposal was released Wednesday by the Republican Study Committee — a bloc that includes 80 percent of Republicans in the House, including every member of House leadership. RSC’s proposed budget was released weeks after House Republicans advanced the conference’s official budget plan out of committee.” [Washington Post, [3/21/24](#)]

The RSC budget proposed raising the retirement age for Social Security. “The Republican Study Committee (RSC), the largest bloc of conservatives in the House, proposed raising the retirement age ‘to account for increases in life expectancy’ in its annual budget blueprint. Why it matters: The RSC is made up of roughly 80% of the House GOP. The proposal is a wish list for what policies House Republicans may pursue if they take back the White House and the Senate. ‘With insolvency approaching in the 10-year budget window, Congress has a moral and practical obligation to address the problems with Social Security,’ the proposal argues. ‘These common-sense, incremental reforms will simply buy Congress time to come together and negotiate policies that can secure Social Security solvency for decades to come.’” [Axios, [3/20/24](#)]

Project 2025 authors have supported raising the retirement age, which would cut social security benefits by thousands of dollars a year. “Project 2025 authors have endorsed and supported plans to cut Social Security by raising the retirement age, and their ideas can be found in the two most recent budget proposals put forth by conservative U.S. House Republicans – both of which sought to increase the Social Security retirement age from 67 to 69. Analysts at the Center for American Progress have calculated that if the Heritage Foundation’s proposed changes are enacted, they will dramatically impact North Carolinians for the worse by: Raising the retirement age for roughly 73 percent of the state’s residents — 7,847,880 people; Cutting benefits by \$4,100 to \$8,900 after just one year, depending on

when one claims Social Security; Causing the median-wage retiree to lose \$46,000 to \$100,000 over 10 years.” [NC Newsline, [8/14/24](#)]

Foreign Policy/Defense

The Fulcrum: Project 2025’s proposals for the Department of Defense would give nearly unlimited power to the President. “After reading the 45-page section on the Defense Department and related arms of the government, it is pretty clear that Project 2025’s recommendations would give nearly unlimited power to the president and that its overly partisan attacks on our institutions would make the United States less safe...Project 2025’s partisan recommendations for our common defense should be of great concern to all Americans because, if implemented, it would grant vast powers to the ‘next conservative president.’” [The Fulcrum, [6/28/24](#)]

Project 2025 would require students in all schools that receive federal funding to take the military entrance exam. ‘And then, on the bottom of page 102: ‘Require completion of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)—the military entrance examination—by all students in schools that receive federal funding.’ I don’t think I’ve seen it reported that MAGA-land’s very own General Jack D. Ripper is trying to lubricate every last high schooler’s path to the nearest local military entrance processing station at the order of their lunatic commander in chief. [American Prospect, [7/17/24](#)]

National Security

Project 2025 would ensure political appointees at the NSC would take over preparation of the National Defense Strategy from the Pentagon in part to ensure “climate change” and “critical race theory” are not used to “discourage” those from serving. “It even goes out of its way to ensure that political appointees at the National Security Council take over preparation of the National Defense Strategy from the Pentagon, partly to make sure that ‘climate change’ and ‘critical race theory’ aren’t somehow used to ‘discourage our nation’s finest men and women from enlisting to serve in defense of our liberty.’” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for increased spending on missile defense and space war, and denies the likelihood that building defense systems would provoke nuclear powers to increase their offensive capabilities. “Given Miller’s unalloyed militarism here, it’s not surprising that he calls for sharp increases in spending on missile defense and space war—items that have been near-sacred commitments of the Republican national security elite ever since Ronald Reagan’s 1983 ‘Star Wars’ speech. The Project 2025 Mandate proposes the closest thing to a comprehensive missile defense program since that failed effort of the 1980s. Perhaps most important, Miller denies the very real likelihood that building up ‘defensive’ systems will only provoke rival nuclear powers to increase their deployments of offensive weapons in return.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed “streamlining” the State Department by freezing international agreements not enshrined as formal treaties, and withdrawing from international organizations like the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and WHO. “The flip side of such wholesale militarism is Miller’s call to jettison diplomacy. Among the chapter’s major proposals are plans to ‘streamline’ the State Department by means of a deep restructuring; to issue a freeze on international agreements that are not enshrined in formal treaties; and to withdraw from international organizations like the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and the World Health Organization.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

The Nation: “Even modest efforts to root out racism, sexism, and anti-government extremism in the ranks of the US military are too much for the Project 2025 crowd to bear.” “Or, put another way, even modest efforts to root out racism, sexism, and anti-government extremism in the ranks of the US military are too much for the Project 2025 crowd to bear.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Foreign Aid

Project 2025 proposed expanding the Mexico City Policy to include all U.S. foreign assistance.

“The outcome of the next presidential election will have significant implications for U.S. global health programs and policy, as well as U.S. international engagement more broadly. Among other things, if President Trump is elected, he is expected to reinstate the expanded Mexico City Policy (MCP) from his first term, which applied to most U.S. global health assistance. Moreover, there are indications that the policy could be expanded even further, as recommended by Project 2025 (a series of proposals for a new administration from a broad coalition of conservative organizations) – specifically, one of its proposals recommends expanding the MCP to include virtually all U.S. foreign assistance. Members of Congress have also introduced legislation to this effect for the past several years.” [KFF, [5/30/24](#)]

Intelligence

Project 2025 called for the president-elect to choose a deputy director of the CIA who would not need Senate confirmation. “The Heritage Foundation’s proposed outline for action if Trump is elected, titled ‘Project 2025,’ calls for the president-elect to promptly choose a deputy director of the CIA, who would not need Senate confirmation, and could ‘immediately begin to implement the President’s agenda.’ ‘Additional appointees should be placed within the agency as needed to assist the Director in supervising its functioning,’ the report states.” [NBC News, [6/3/24](#)]

Project 2025 called for moving some directorates in the CIA outside of northern Virginia. “The document also calls for breaking ‘the cabal of bureaucrats in D.C.’ by moving some directorates in the CIA outside of northern Virginia, where the headquarters is located.” [NBC News, [6/3/24](#)]

Former general counsel for ODNI said putting loyalists into the CIA in unprecedented numbers could change the way intelligence is analyzed and lead to illegal decisions. “Robert Litt, who served as general counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence from 2009 to 2017, said inserting political appointees into the management of the spy agencies in unprecedented numbers could distort the way intelligence is analyzed and lead to illegal or ill-advised decisions. ‘I think it would be a very, very bad thing for the intelligence community and for the nation if the intelligence community was dominated by a group of political loyalists,’ he said.” [NBC News, [6/3/24](#)]

China

The Nation: In Project 2025 “, fear and hatred of China have replaced the interests of big business and free-market dogma as the motive forces in Republican politics.” “In Project 2025’s Mandate for Leadership, fear and hatred of China have replaced the interests of big business and free-market dogma as the motive forces in Republican politics.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 argues that China is corrupting teenage girls through TikTok and corrupting American universities through “Confucius Institutes.” “But, Roberts continues, China’s reach into American society goes beyond the corruption of the elite and laying waste to the economy. Through TikTok, China corrupts teenage girls; through its Confucius Institutes, it corrupts American universities.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 spewed “conspiracy theories” when they blame China for creating problems specifically to victimize Americans. “What all these claims have in common is their focus on problems facing the US, and the world, in which China plays some role: job loss, community disintegration, violation of data privacy, drug addiction, pandemic disease. Then they assert, on flimsy evidence, that China is not only the primary cause of these problems but has deliberately created them in order to victimize Americans. In other words, these are conspiracy theories.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025: “U.S. defense strategy must identify China unequivocally as the top priority for U.S. defense planning.” “The central component of Miller’s ultra-muscular approach to ‘defense’ is to double down on efforts to create a military that can beat China in a potential conflict. ‘By far the most significant danger to Americans’ security, freedoms, and prosperity is China,’ he warns, adding, with some redundancy, that ‘U.S. defense strategy must identify China unequivocally as the top priority for U.S. defense planning.’” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

The Nation: “A military-first approach to China increases the prospects for a war between nuclear-armed powers that we should be doing everything in our power to prevent.” “Far from ensuring this country’s safety, however, a military-first approach to China increases the prospects for a war between nuclear-armed powers that we should be doing everything in our power to prevent.” [The Nation, [6/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for a heavier focus on countering China compared to Russia, putting a larger burden on NATO allies in Europe. “Project 2025, however, calls for a heavier focus on countering China, which has implications for how the U.S. positions troops in other parts of the world. In Europe, that means NATO allies would be forced to carry a much larger share of the security burden. ‘Transform NATO so that U.S. allies are capable of fielding the great majority of the conventional forces required to deter Russia while relying on the United States primarily for our nuclear deterrent, and select other capabilities while reducing the U.S. force posture in Europe,’ Project 2025 states.” [Stars and Stripes, [8/13/24](#)]

Election Interference

CAP: Project 2025’s ban of U.S. Cyber Command could “empower foreign actors to tip the scales in U.S. elections.” “An attack on American democracy is an attack on America. Paralyzing the military’s ability to respond paralyzes national security; but that’s exactly what the far right proposes in pursuit of more political power and the special interests and extreme socio-political agenda that they support.” [Center for American Progress, [6/6/24](#)]

Nuclear Policy

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: Project 2025’s proposals would add unnecessary new weapons to an already expansive nuclear arsenal, resulting in a “sharp decline in the security of Americans and a dramatic increase in the risk of regional and global conflicts.” “If this hawkish political coalition gets its way in November, the scope, pace, and cost of US nuclear weapons programs would increase all at once. Their plan, which seeks to significantly increase budgets and deployments of nuclear weapons and related programs and destroy the remaining arms control agreements, would dramatically increase the risks of nuclear confrontation as a result.” [Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, [7/2/24](#)]

Nevada Current: Project 2025 is “very pro-nuclear” and talks about advancing nuclear warheads. “Project 2025 seeks to ‘restore the nuclear infrastructure’ and to ‘restore readiness to test nuclear weapons at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), formerly the Nevada Test Site, to ensure the ability of the U.S. to respond quickly to asymmetric technology surprises.’ ‘I find it almost thematic in tone,’ state Commission on Nuclear Projects vice-chairperson Michon Mackedon said of Project 2025. ‘It is very pro-nuclear. It talks about advancing nuclear warheads. It’s kind of specific on what I will call war features for the nuclear scenario.’” [Nevada Current, [7/15/24](#)]

Housing

The Nation: Project 2025 suggested that Trump “he use his powers as president to push through a set of regulatory changes that would take a wrecking ball to federal housing policy.” “It is a collection of bad policies tailor-made to appeal to the instincts of Donald Trump, who inherited his family fortune from his father, Fred, a harsh and frequently racist New York City landlord. The younger Trump’s own real estate ventures over the past half-century have frequently involved cutting corners, making life miserable for rent-controlled tenants in an effort to get them to pack up and leave his properties, and

failing to pay contractors in a timely manner. Project 2025 would effectively give Trump a green light to keep it up, suggesting that he use his powers as president to push through a set of regulatory changes that would take a wrecking ball to federal housing policy.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls Section 8 and housing policies from the New Deal on “mission creep.” “Despite the hundreds of thousands of homeless Americans and the years- or even decades-long waiting lists that families remain on for public housing or Section 8 vouchers, the Project 2025 Mandate refers to a nearly century-long ‘mission creep’ by federal housing agencies from the New Deal on. It places blame for that supposedly overgenerous housing impulse on ‘an empowered and unelected bureaucracy that is insulated by civil service protections.’” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 proposed housing policies that would “be eviscerated by a new leadership of hard-right political cadres committed to reducing federal housing guarantees.” “Its solution is to urge an incoming Trump administration to remove those civil service protections and replace the top tier of federal housing officials with ‘motivated and aligned’ political appointees, so as to be better able to ‘end progressive policies that have been put in place at the department.’ Translation: An already imperfect, frequently unsympathetic, and underfunded system for providing housing assistance will be eviscerated by a new leadership of hard-right political cadres committed to reducing federal housing guarantees back to their almost nonexistent, pre–New Deal level.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 would: exclude immigrants and their children from accessing the social safety net, and repeal the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation which would reverse efforts for fair housing policies for women and racial and LGBTQ minorities. “The document is clear about its goals, chief among them a renewed effort to exclude immigrants—both documented and undocumented—and their US-born children (i.e., US citizens) from any access to the social safety net; to banish all use of federal agencies to boost efforts to tackle climate change; and, through repeal of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation that Biden strengthened in his first week as president and proposed expanding again last year, to reverse all efforts at fair housing policies that protect access to federally funded or subsidized housing for women and racial and LGBTQ minorities in particular.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

If Project 2025 is implemented, access to affordable housing would be made less equitable and homelessness in cities like L.A. would worsen. “If these policy recommendations are implemented, the country’s already grossly unequal access to affordable housing would be made even worse; the homelessness crisis in cities like Los Angeles, home to large numbers of mixed-status families, would skyrocket; and equity would no longer be a goal of federal housing policy.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed a policy that HUD would “prohibit noncitizens, including all mixed-status families, from living in federally assisted housing” which would lead to a homelessness calamity in high immigrant population cities like Los Angeles. “Now, a resurrection of this policy—which Trump’s own HUD team described as deliberately ‘ruthless’ in 2019—is at the center of Project 2025’s housing proposals, some 500 pages into its 900-page blueprint for the next Trump presidency. Under Trump, the document declares, HUD would move to ‘prohibit noncitizens, including all mixed-status families, from living in all federally assisted housing.’ In a metropolitan area such as Los Angeles, with a high immigrant population and a catastrophic homelessness crisis—upwards of 75,000 people in LA County lack housing, according to HUD’s most recent Point-in-Time estimates—resurrecting this particularly vicious policy would have an immediate, and calamitous, impact.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed putting time limits for public housing residents in place and hinted at work requirements for recipients. “The document’s ambitions, however, go far beyond simply institutionalizing xenophobia. Project 2025 suggests putting in place strict time limits for public housing residents, much like the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families welfare ‘reforms’ in the mid-1990s did regarding cash assistance for poor families, and it also hints at establishing work requirements for the recipients.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to end “housing first” policies that attempt to get people with mental health and substance abuse issues into assisted living situations. “It seeks to end ‘housing first’ policies aimed at getting people with substance abuse and serious mental health problems off the streets and into assisted-living situations regardless of whether they’re still using drugs or have untreated mental illness.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 pushed for Public Housing Agency land sales, which would help the investor class over the poor, relying on the affordable housing supply. “And it takes a policy championed by Margaret Thatcher’s Conservative government in the UK in the 1980s—the selling-off of existing public housing stock—and updates it for the US in the 2020s, pushing for ‘maximal flexibility to direct PHA [Public Housing Agency] land sales that involve the existing stock of public housing units. Congress must consider the future of the public housing model...where land can be sold by PHAs and put to greater economic use.’ In other words, housing the poor at below-market rates isn’t an efficient use of land capital—whereas selling off those homes could result in a real estate bonanza and a payday for today’s investor class.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 urged the opposition to “any efforts to weaken single-family zoning” which would eviscerate affordable housing efforts. “Under the guise of protecting local autonomy, Project 2025’s Mandate urges an incoming Trump administration to ‘oppose any efforts to weaken single-family zoning.’ This flies in the face of the advice offered by most urban housing experts, who argue that the country’s housing crisis can’t be solved without building more high-density affordable-housing apartment complexes and mixed-use neighborhoods. If the federal government puts its muscle behind NIMBYist movements and their efforts to protect, at all costs, low-density suburban-sprawl development models, these affordable-housing efforts will be eviscerated.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 urged FHA to push for shorter mortgage terms for lower-income first-time buyers by making it more expensive for them to get FHA-backed mortgage insurance on 30-year terms. “The goal of using federal financial instruments to encourage low-income residents to find ways to buy homes also takes a hit in Mandate. The document’s authors urge the Federal Housing Administration to push for shorter mortgage terms for lower-income first-time buyers by making it more costly for them to get FHA-backed mortgage insurance on 30-year mortgages—and this despite the fact that, according to Freddie Mac, 90 percent of American homeowners opt for a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage, and the majority of Americans could not afford the monthly payments that would be needed on a 15- or 20-year mortgage. In other words, what’s good enough—and even considered necessary—for most middle-class Americans would likely be discouraged for lower-income people seeking a foothold in the overheated housing market.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The 19th: Project 2025 would bar housing aid for those living with anyone who is not a permanent legal resident or citizen. “It would bar U.S. citizens from receiving federal housing aid if they live with anyone who is not a citizen or permanent legal resident and potentially terminate the legal status of approximately 500,000 ‘Dreamer’ immigrants.” [The 19th, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 could risk placing more Americans in harsh circumstances after cities became empowered to criminalize people sleeping outside. “If the next administration adopted the HUD ‘reset’ outlined in Project 2025, it could place federal funding at risk for programs that combat homelessness. Now that cities are empowered to criminalize people sleeping outside, Project 2025 could risk placing more Americans in harsh circumstances.” [The Sun News, [8/4/24](#)]

Agriculture

The RSC budget would cap crop insurance subsidies for single farmers at \$40,000, cap PLC and ARC payments with farms with incomes below \$500,000, and turn SNAP into state block grants. “A proposed 2025 budget from the Republican Study Committee — the largest conservative caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives — would cap crop insurance subsidies a single farmer may receive to \$40,000, provide PLC and ARC payments only to farms with gross income below \$500,000 and convert

funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to state block grants.” [Farm Policy News, [4/4/24](#)]

The RSC budget would eliminate federal dairy subsidy programs and phase out American sugar subsidies. “The proposed budget would eliminate federal dairy subsidy programs, including ‘programs to pay dairy farmers when prices decline, buy products from the market to maintain price levels, and limit the importation of dairy products.’ The proposed budget would also phase out the U.S. sugar program ‘should foreign countries stop subsidizing sugar production.’” [Farm Policy News, [4/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for cuts to food benefits. “Under one proposal in Project 2025, more recipients could face work requirements in order to receive their benefits. Another plan calls for closing the “loophole” in which people can enroll in food stamps if they’re already receiving another benefit, such as help through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF.” [CNBC, [7/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 does little to help rural communities. “I spent a couple days reading through the 1,000 pages to glean what is being proposed to support healthy rural populations and thriving rural communities. Not very much. In fact, the entire subsection ‘Rural Health’ (Chapter 14, Department of Health and Human Services, at p. 449) is shorter than the subsection on ‘Wild Horses and Burros’ (Chapter 16, Department of the Interior, at p. 528). Empathy for the four-footed ungulates is conveyed by discussion of their ‘iconic presence’ described as ‘not a new issue ... not just a western issue- it is an American issue.’ We two-footed humans rate similar patriotic rhetoric – ‘seeking space for one’s family and cultivating the land are valued goals that are deeply rooted in America’s fabric’ – but the paltry few policy proposals – less than one page out of nearly 1,000 – are insulting.” [The ‘Gander, [7/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 would make massive cuts for farm production subsidies. “The farm bill, the massive omnibus that underpins the U.S. food system, is built on a grand bargain that unites policies backed by GOP-leaning rural farm counties, such as subsidies for farm production, with priorities of Democratic-leaning urban population centers, such as food aid under programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)...The project proposes ending ‘safety nets’ like the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, which pay farmers of selected commodities when the prices of those commodities fall below a predetermined level.” [The Hill, [7/25/24](#)]

The Des Moines Register: Project 2025 is ‘awful’ for Midwest farmers and biofuels. “For starters, Project 2025 encourages the full repeal of the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, which serve as crucially important safety nets to protect farmers against sudden and unforeseen commodity price crashes and revenue losses. While most farmers would probably agree that ARC and PLC are imperfect programs that could use some tweaks, they have generally been effective. Throwing the baby out with the bathwater is not a solution.” [Des Moines Register, [8/11/24](#)]

School Lunch

HEADLINE: “Republican budget proposal would do away with universal free school lunches.” [Business Insider, [3/24/24](#)]

The RSC budget would eliminate the community eligibility provision from the federal School Lunch Program, which funds school lunches for every child enrolled, regardless of individual needs. “The Republican Study Committee, a congressional caucus that contains around three-fourths of Republicans in the House of Representatives, released its 2025 fiscal year budget report this week. The budget is unlikely to pass any time soon but offers a glimpse of Republican priorities should they win in November. The budget aims to reform school lunch subsidies by eliminating the ‘community eligibility provision’ from the federal School Lunch Program. The community eligibility provision funds school lunches for all children enrolled in the school regardless of their individual needs. The proposed RSC Budget would eliminate that provision to ensure school lunch provisions go to only ‘truly needy households,’ the report says.” [Business Insider, [3/24/24](#)]

The RSC budget would give states block grants for child nutrition programs that have a “phased in state cost share.” “The RSC budget says that it would give states block grants for child nutrition programs that have a ‘phased-in state cost share’ to incentivize efficient distribution and prevent what it calls ‘widespread fraud’ in the programs.” [Business Insider, [3/24/24](#)]

Project 2025 would reduce eligibility for school meal programs to only low-income families. “The federal school meals program should be scaled back to ensure that only children from low-income families are receiving the benefit, the document says. Policy changes under the Obama administration have made it easier for entire schools or districts to provide free meals to students without families needing to submit individual eligibility paperwork.” [The Hechinger Report, [7/23/24](#)]

News Media

Project 2025 criticized the Biden administration’s restoration of the U.S. Agency for Global Media. “Biden also restored the editorial independence of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, home of Voice of America, after Trump tried to turn it into a propaganda agency. The Heritage Foundation-led Project 2025, a blueprint for a second Trump term, is critical of Biden’s restoration of USAGM’s editorial independence.” [Leonard Downie Jr. Op-Ed, Washington Post, [5/21/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes defunding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting as part of a plan to effect NPR and PBS. “A chapter on public broadcasting proposes to defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting as part of a larger plan to upend NPR, PBS, and ‘other public broadcasters that benefit from CPB funding, including the even-further-to-the Left Pacifica Radio and American Public Media.’” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposed ending the status of NPR and Pacifica radio stations as “noncommercial education stations.” “More destabilizing than the total funding cut that Project 2025 entertains is a parallel plan to end the status of NPR and Pacifica radio stations as ‘noncommercial education stations.’ That could deny them their current channel numbers at the low end of the radio spectrum (88 to 92 FM)—a move that would open prime territory on the dial for the sort of religious programming that already claims roughly 42 percent of the airwaves that the FCC reserves for noncommercial broadcasting. And don’t imagine that the FCC would be in a position to write new rules that guard against the surrender of those airwaves to the Trump-aligned religious right.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 supported “eliminating many of the heavy-handed FCC regulations that were adopted in an era when every technology operated in a silo. These include many of the FCC’s media ownership rules.” “In the words of Politico, Project 2025 seeks ‘to give the president complete power over quasi-independent agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission, which makes and enforces rules for television and internet companies that have been the bane of Trump’s political existence in the last few years.’ As part of its focus on the agency, Project 2025 champions the abandonment of the FCC’s legacy as ‘a New Deal–era agency’ and proposes ‘eliminating many of the heavy-handed FCC regulations that were adopted in an era when every technology operated in a silo. These include many of the FCC’s media ownership rules.’ That’s a recipe for empowering media giants like the Sinclair Broadcast Group.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

The Nation: Project 2025 “seeks to rewire the FCC to favor Trump’s allies.” “While project 2025 seeks to rewire the FCC to favor Trump’s allies, it also wants to lock in dysfunction at the Federal Election Commission, the agency that is supposed to govern campaign spending and fundraising.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 attacks independent media. “Protected from political influence and interference by a ‘firewall’ between it and government officials, Project 2025 prescribes eliminating that firewall to use VOA as a broadcast for and by the executive branch and outlines other attacks on the independence of PBS and NPR.” [Philadelphia Citizen, [7/29/24](#)]

Big Tech

A new analysis from the Technology Oversight Project says Project 2025 would be a ‘huge gift’ to the tech industry. ‘They see this as their chance to prevent future regulation,’ says Haworth. ‘They are buying the ability to avoid oversight.’” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

First, Project 2025 would eliminate agencies that are important enforcers of antitrust and consumer protections. “‘Their desire to eliminate whole agencies that are the enforcers of antitrust, of consumer protection is a huge, huge gift to the tech industry in general,’ says Sacha Haworth, executive director at the Tech Oversight Project. ...One of the most drastic proposals in Project 2025 suggests abolishing the Federal Reserve altogether, which would allow banks to back their money using cryptocurrencies, if they so choose. ...Project 2025 also suggests that a second Trump administration could abolish the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which currently has the power to enforce antitrust laws.” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 would also shrink the National Labor Relations board, which could eliminate the recent efforts at unionization within the tech sector. “Project 2025 would also drastically shrink the role of the National Labor Relations Board, the independent agency that protects employees’ ability to organize and enforces fair labor practices. This could have a major knock on effect for tech companies... This proposal from Project 2025 could help quash the nascent unionization efforts within the tech sector, says Darrell West, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution’s Center for Technology Innovation. ‘Tech, of course, relies a lot on independent contractors,’ says West. ‘They have a lot of jobs that don’t offer benefits. It’s really an important part of the tech sector. And this document seems to reward those types of business.’” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 would roll back environmental regulation to the benefit of the AI and crypto industries. For emerging technologies like AI and crypto, a rollback in environmental regulations proposed by Project 2025 would mean that companies would not be accountable for the massive energy and environmental costs associated with bitcoin mining and running and cooling the data centers that make AI possible. ‘The tech industry can then backtrack on emission pledges, especially given that they are all in on developing AI technology,’ says Haworth.” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 wants to rein in big tech, such as by preventing social media companies from banning users based on ‘viewpoints’ and imposing stricter transparency rules. “But Project 2025 wouldn’t necessarily favor all tech companies. In the document, the authors accuse Big Tech companies of attempting ‘to drive diverse political viewpoints from the digital town square.’ The plan supports legislation that would eliminate the immunities granted to social media platforms by Section 230, which protects companies from being legally held responsible for user-generated content on their sites, and pushes for ‘anti-discrimination’ policies that ‘prohibit discrimination against core political viewpoints.’ It would also seek to impose transparency rules on social platforms, saying that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ‘could require these platforms to provide greater specificity regarding their terms of service, and it could hold them accountable by prohibiting actions that are inconsistent with those plain and particular terms.’” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for the banning of TikTok and other Chinese social media apps. “And despite Trump’s own promise to bring back TikTok, Project 2025 suggests the administration ‘ban all Chinese social media apps such as TikTok and WeChat, which pose significant national security risks and expose American consumers to data and identity theft.’” [Wired, [8/1/24](#)]

Federal Election Commission

The Nation: Project 2025 “wants to lock in dysfunction at the Federal Election Commission.” “While project 2025 seeks to rewire the FCC to favor Trump’s allies, it also wants to lock in dysfunction at

the Federal Election Commission, the agency that is supposed to govern campaign spending and fundraising.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Project 2025 supports “removing the Federal Election Commission’s independent litigating authority” which would make the agency toothless. “One logical reform, supported by many Democrats, would reduce the number of FEC commissioners to five, with two Democrats, two Republicans, and an independent chair. Mandate’s chapter on the FEC rejects that reform, arguing that Trump and a Republican Congress must resist ‘efforts to impose a ‘nonpartisan’ or so-called ‘independent’ chair.’ Instead, Project 2025 supports ‘removing the Federal Election Commission’s independent litigating authority’—a move that would render the agency even more toothless.” [The Nation, [6/4/24](#)]

Pornography

The Heritage Foundation president called for pornography to be outlawed. “On LGBTQ+ rights, Kevin Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, sets the tone with his introduction. Complaining that in Biden’s America ‘children suffer the toxic normalisation of transgenderism with drag queens and pornography invading their school libraries’, Roberts writes: ‘Pornography, manifested today in the omnipresent propagation of transgender ideology and sexualisation of children ... is not a political Gordian knot inextricably binding up disparate claims about free speech, property rights, sexual liberation, and child welfare. It has no claim to first amendment protection.’ He goes on to suggest wide-ranging criminal penalties. Purveyors of pornography, Roberts writes, ‘are child predators and misogynistic exploiters of women. Their product is as addictive as any illicit drug and as psychologically destructive as any crime. Pornography should be outlawed. The people who produce and distribute it should be imprisoned. Educators and public librarians who purvey it should be classed as registered sex offenders. And telecommunications and technology firms that facilitate its spread should be shuttered.’” [The Guardian, [9/15/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump’s playboy past is in the spotlight. His allies are readying a new fight against pornography.” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

CNN: If Trump’s allies get their way, a Trump presidency would put the pornography industry “on the ropes – and potentially its actors and producers behind bars.” “For the past several weeks, witnesses in Donald Trump’s hush money trial have evoked a chapter of his past when the adult entertainment industry helped him brandish an image as a Manhattan playboy. If some of the former president’s allies get their way, a second Trump term would put that industry on the ropes – and potentially its actors and producers behind bars. A movement to rein in online pornography is rapidly intensifying, fueled by conservative outrage and growing unease over the accessibility of sexual content online, especially for children. In dozens of states, the porn industry is on the defense and facing new threats to its existence after decades of expansion in the internet era. Now, those cheering on the effort are preparing to take the push national, putting porn producers as well as teachers, librarians and tech companies on notice – and they increasingly view Trump as a potential linchpin in the coming fight.” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Heritage’s president he spoke with the Trump campaign and said there was alignment on the pornography issue on those who have policy influence. “Roberts hasn’t discussed the topic directly with Trump, but he has talked to the campaign and said there is alignment among those who have policy influence, including Ben Carson, the former secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Charlie Kirk, the founder of the conservative young voter group Turning Points USA and a close Trump ally, has also made curbing pornography a recurring focus of his popular podcast. ‘Without being presumptuous of the president’s will, there will at least be conversations on this being a priority we can tackle,’ Roberts said.” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Heritage’s president said he was unconcerned with Trump’s past. “Heritage President Kevin Roberts is unconcerned by Trump’s past. He likened it to the parable of the prodigal son, a New Testament

teaching about paternal forgiveness granted to a man who squanders his father's fortune with indulgences. 'We understand our lord works with imperfect instruments, including us,' Roberts said in a recent interview with CNN. 'While on the surface it seems like a contradiction, on the whole, it may make him a more powerful messenger if he embraces it.' [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 said pornography “should be outlawed” and that those “who produce and distribute it should be imprisoned.” “Heritage’s Project 2025 has given credence to their concerns. It likens pornography to illicit drugs in declaring the content ‘should be outlawed’ and ‘the people who produce and distribute it should be imprisoned.’” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025 argued that if teachers or librarians distribute content they deem pornographic, they “should be classified as sex offenders.” “Teachers and librarians who distribute content Heritage deems pornographic ‘should be classified as registered sex offenders,’ the document continues, and tech companies that facilitate its spread ‘should be shuttered.’” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Heritage president: “We see pornography as undermining the public good, not just for children but all adults.” “We see pornography as undermining the public good, not just for children but all adults,’ Roberts told CNN. ‘We think that’s in the purview of Congress.’” [CNN, [5/15/24](#)]

Project 2025’s ‘War on Porn’ would have far-reaching impacts that threaten the rights of sex workers and the LGBTQ+ community, especially the transgender community. “According to the Free Speech Coalition, ‘With new laws calling for the imprisonment of those who produce or distribute adult content, Project 2025 advocates for the arrest of millions of adult content creators – a War on Porn that might mimic the War on Drugs.’ The group adds in its statement, ‘This risk to anyone working in the sex industry is enormous but given the project’s twin concerns about LGBTQ+ content, would likely fall most heavily on LGBTQ+ sex workers, pushing them further into the margins, and increasing risk of violence and exploitation.’ Among those who share that concern is Cyndee Clay, executive director of the D.C.-based sex worker advocacy group HIPS. ‘Calls to outlaw pornography are problematic enough, but they also take one more legal option for sex work away from people who do sex work,’ Clay told the Washington Blade. ‘What’s more concerning is this push from Project 2025 seems to be less about pornography itself and more about attacking trans rights and trans voices,’ Clay said. [The Georgia Voice, [8/9/24](#)]

Transportation

Project 2025 would defund transit maintenance and increase costs for commuters. “Federal formula funds represent 19 percent of MTA’s capital program from fiscal years 2020–2024. Without these funds, MTA would be forced to defer critical maintenance, slash service, or increase fares to make up for the shortfall. Deferred maintenance quickly leads to harmful consequences such as unexpected and lengthy service outages. Rails, subway cars, electrical systems, and buses all eventually wear out and need to be replaced. Further, delaying essential maintenance can also compound problems and make repairs more costly to finance.” [Center for American Progress, [6/13/24](#)]

Project 2025 would block funding for alternative transportation options to cars and trucks. The project calls for: “Stopping funding transportation alternatives like bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and hiking trails and refocusing the Federal Highway Administration on maintaining and building highways (Page 629)” and “Ending federal funding of mass transit (Page 636). According to Project 2025, ‘the best course of action would be to remove federal subsidies for transit spending, allowing states and localities to decide whether mass transit is a good investment for them.’” [Medium, [12/21/23](#)]

Veterans

Many of the radical proposals of Project 2025, including the cutting of 1 million federal jobs, is a ‘worst case scenario’ for veteran communities. “Veterans make up roughly 30% of the federal workforce, with approximately 300,000 veterans currently employed by the federal government.... Many

of these veterans, including a substantial number who are disabled, find employment in agencies that Project 2025 targets for elimination, such as the FBI and the Justice Department... Drastically cutting jobs in these agencies would disproportionately affect veterans, many of whom rely on these positions not only for employment but also for a sense of purpose and community. When we talk about cutting federal employees, we're talking about cutting opportunities for veterans, reducing their livelihoods, and potentially leaving many without jobs." [Government Executive, [7/9/24](#)]

Project 2025 would “slash veterans’ hard earned benefits. “Project 2025 proposes several alarming recommendations that could significantly reduce veterans’ access to healthcare. One would realign healthcare benefits to cover only “service-connected conditions,” – i.e., medical or mental health problems that were acquired or exacerbated by military service...the VA’s hallowed mission “to care for those who served in our nation’s military, and for their families, caregivers and survivors” is no longer assured. Such a mission has never been assured, but instead secured only through the grit and tenacity of veterans fighting to preserve and expand this national gem. In the upcoming election, the potential for an unprecedented loss of veterans’ hard-earned benefits is more real than ever.” [Task & Purpose, [7/21/24](#)]

Sen. Schumer promised that Project 2025 reforms to Veterans Affairs would not see the Senate floor under his leadership. “Project 2025 also promises to remove civil servants from important positions ‘on the first day and ensure political control of the VA’ through political appointees — and calls for ending abortion and gender-affirming surgery procedures at VA facilities. ‘It remains what it is: a bunch of bad ideas that aim to hurt working people and vets who served this country,’ Schumer said.” [Tribune News Service, [7/28/24](#)]

Religious Liberty

Several religious groups, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are criticizing Project 2025 for taking away religious freedoms. “‘Project 2025’s ‘Sabbath Rest’ proposal raises a host of issues for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the most glaring being that it raises serious Establishment Clause concerns,’ Melissa Reid, the associate public affairs and religious liberty director for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, said in a statement. ‘The bottom line is that Congress shouldn’t be in the business of legislating to encourage religious observance.’ Reid said the Seventh-day Adventist Church has ‘a long history of advocating for a strong separation of church and state.’” [The Tennessean, [8/5/24](#)]

Supreme Court

Heritage Foundation President says the Supreme Court’s presidential immunity ruling could reinforce a second American revolution. “Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts told Steve Bannon’s “War Room” podcast how the Supreme Court ruling on immunity — which largely shields former presidents from criminal prosecutions for actions in office — should encourage conservatives. ‘In spite of all this nonsense from the left, we are going to win. We’re in the process of taking this country back. No one in the audience should be despairing,’ Roberts said, adding, ‘And in spite of all of the injustice, which, of course, friends and audience of this show, of our friend Steve know, we are going to prevail.’ ‘We are in the process of the second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be,’ he added later. Calling the Supreme Court ruling “vital,” Roberts pointed to Alexander Hamilton’s 1877 essay Federalist No. 70, in which he argued for a strong executive leader.” [The Hill, [7/3/24](#)]

The Supreme Court, with its ruling in Snyder v. United States, has already implemented Project 2025’s deference to a strong (and crooked) chief executive. “Republicans on the Supreme Court declared in Snyder that bribing an elected official isn’t bribery if it’s paid to the official after the fact, because then it’s really more of a “gratuity.” Despite (because of?) two justices facing backlash for accepting lavish gifts from donors with cases before the Supreme Court, the majority in Snyder weakened the federal anti-corruption statute, 18 U.S. Code § 666, which made it a crime for officials to corruptly solicit, accept or agree to accept “anything of value intending to be influenced or rewarded in connection with” any business or transaction worth \$5,000 or more.” [Salon, [8/12/24](#)]

The Supreme Court, with its rulings in 303 Creative LLC and Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, has advanced the Christian Nationalist goals of Project 2025. “In 303 Creative, the conservative majority designated the right to refuse to do business with gay people not as discriminatory conduct but as ‘free speech,’ and held that requiring web designers to serve same-sex couples was “coercing” them to make “statements” with which their Christian religion disagreed. In Kennedy, the court’s religious bloc ruled that a football coach could lead his team in prayer on a public school football field despite Establishment Clause precedent dating back to the 1940s. Until Kennedy, courts prohibited school prayer because of the coercive pressure it put on atheist, Jewish, Muslim and other non-Christian students to either pray along or be ostracized. In both 303 Creative and Kennedy, the court’s extreme bloc distorted the 1st Amendment’s shield – freedom of religion – into a sword: Christians’ freedom to impose their religion on others.” [Salon, [8/13/24](#)]

With its ruling in Loper Bright Enterprises vs. Raimondo, the Supreme Court has already implemented Project 2025’s goal of killing the administrative state and rolling back environmental protections. “In Loper, Republicans on the Court overturned the well-established Chevron doctrine, the law of administrative agencies for the last 40 years, ruling outrageously that judges should not rely on federal experts’ scientific or medical expertise, but should rely instead on their own personal opinion, bias and scientific ignorance in interpreting statutory ambiguities. This ruling, coupled with other recent cases eviscerating the regulatory power of the EPA, will cripple climate initiatives in service to Project 2025 donors for years to come if this rogue court is not stopped.” [Salon, [8/12/24](#)]

The Supreme Court’s decisions in SEC v. Jarkesey and Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo advance Project 2025’s goal of “deconstructing the administrative state.”

“Together, these rulings further one of the prime directives of the conservative legal movement, enshrined in the Project 2025 manifesto: ‘deconstruct the Administrative State.’ The decisions also further consolidate authority within the federal judiciary.” [The Intercept, [6/28/24](#)]

Authors & Advisory Board Organizations

Three organizations on the advisory board of Project 2025 are designated as hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center. “Behind the expansive playbook is its advisory board, made up of dozens of think tanks and advocacy groups, including three that are designated hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the substack Decoding Fox News reported Monday. And despite Trump’s recent attempts to distance himself from the plan, these group’s fingerprints were all over his last administration and will likely be all over his next one.” [The New Republic, [7/8/24](#)]

Multiple Advisory Board Organizations are looking to remove themselves from Project 2025. “Miller’s group, America First Legal Foundation, was one of the first organizations to jump ship from the Project 2025 advisory board. Last week, America First Legal asked to be removed from the Project 2025 advisory board webpage. The organization was part of Project 2025 since at least June 2022, when the Heritage Foundation first announced the advisory board’s formation. America First Legal staff were deeply involved in writing and editing the Project 2025 playbook...As of Tuesday afternoon, Americans United for Life, an anti-abortion group, and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Michigan think tank, were among the more than 100 groups listed on the Project 2025 website as part of its advisory board. By Wednesday, Americans United for Life and the Mackinac Center had vanished...Neither organization would elaborate as to why it had joined the Project 2025 board in the first place or why it was exiting it now. [The Intercept, [7/17/24](#)]

House Democrats sent a letter to the inspector general of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) questioning Commissioner Brendan Carr’s role in writing Project 2025. “More than a dozen House Democrats sent a letter to the inspector general of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Wednesday, questioning Commissioner Brendan Carr’s role in helping craft Project 2025, a conservative policy document. The letter, led by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.), claims

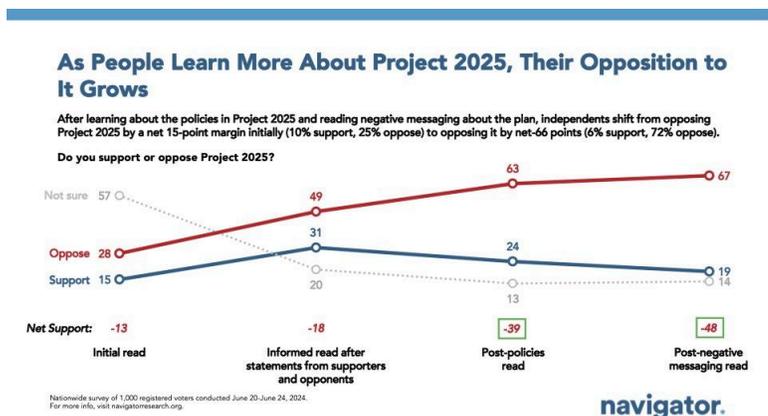
Carr violated ethics rules and may have misused his office... 'Given the close ties between Project 2025, Trump, and his re-election campaign, it is deeply troubling that Commissioner Carr would use his official title and position to author part of the political playbook for a Republican presidential candidate,' the lawmakers wrote. "This potential misuse of title raises serious questions about Commissioner Carr's commitment to keeping his private political activities separate from his official duties.' The letter also requests an investigation into Carr's actions as a potential violation of the Hatch Act, which bars executive branch employees from engaging in political activity." [The Hill, [7/17/24](#)]

Several authors of Project 2025 have a history of racist writings and remarks. "Failed Virginia GOP Senate candidate Corey Stewart, another named contributor, has long associated with white supremacists and calls himself a protector of America's Confederate history tasked with 'taking back our heritage.' One Project 2025 contributor wrote in his PhD dissertation that immigrants have lower IQs than white native citizens, leading to 'underclass behavior.' Another dropped out of contention for a prestigious role at the Federal Reserve amid controversy over a racist joke about the Obamas." [USA Today, [7/29/24](#)]

Reactions

A recent BuzzFeed post about Project 2025 received hundreds of comments from people expressing their thoughts on the unprecedented policy proposals. "It couldn't be clearer that they're planning for a dictatorship.' 'This is the first time I've actually felt genuinely scared for this country, and somehow, I still feel lucky, thinking about the number of people who are scared every single day.' 'This makes me so glad I removed my tubes when I had my last baby five months ago.' 'If Project 2025 becomes a reality, I'm never visiting the States again. Too scary!'" [Buzzfeed, 6/21/24]

A recent Navigator Research poll has shown that as people learn more about project 2025, their opposition grows and support declines. "After reading 19 proposed policies for Project 2025, opposition grows from 49% to 63% (net +14) while support for the plan declines from 31% to 24% (net -7%)." [@NavigatorSurvey, Twitter, [7/8/24](#)]

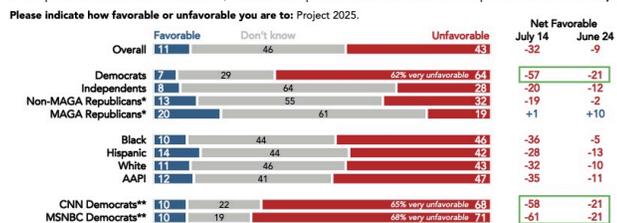


An updated Navigator Research Poll shows that the unfavorability rating of Project 2025 has increased 24 points since late June. "NEW POLL: In just one month, public opinion towards Project 2025 has plummeted by net -23 points. Only 11% of Americans now view the plan favorably." [@NavigatorSurvey, Twitter, [7/23/24](#)]

There Has Been a Major Uptick in Negative Views of Project 2025 Since Late June

In late June, favorability ratings of Project 2025 were at just 10% favorable, 19% unfavorable; since then, there has been a 24-point increase in the share who rate the plan unfavorably (from 19% to 43%).

* Despite the overall increase in awareness, still 64% of independents and 55% of non-MAGA Republicans* cannot rate Project 2025.



MAGA Republicans* are Republicans who identify as "a supporter of the MAGA movement" on a separate question, while "non-MAGA Republicans" are Republicans who do not consider themselves supporters of the MAGA movement or are not sure. **CNN* and MSNBC Democrats are Democrats who report that they watch CNN and MSNBC a few times a month or more on a separate question. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted July 11-July 14, 2024. For more info, visit [navigatortest.com](https://www.navigatortest.com).

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A comment made by Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts about the ongoing second American revolution that will “remain bloodless if the left allows it to be” sparked outrage online. “The outrage about the comment builds on heightened attention on the leading conservative think tank and its advocacy group as it leads dozens of conservative organizations in Project 2025, which aims to compile policy proposals for the next right-wing administration.” [The Hill, [7/6/24](https://www.thehill.com/policy/conservative/2024/07/06/heritage-roberts-project-2025-outrage/)]

A public opinion survey published by YouGov showed overwhelmingly negative attitudes towards the policies outlined in Project 2025. “Fifty-nine percent of respondents in the YouGov survey were opposed to ‘changing the law to allow presidents to fire civil service workers for any reason.’ A further 55 percent were opposed to giving the president control over currently independent regulatory agencies, another idea proposed by both Trump and Project 25...Calls to eliminate the Department of Education did not prove popular amongst the YouGov survey’s respondents: 58 percent said they “strongly or somewhat oppose” the plan...Nearly 60 percent of people disagree with cutting taxes on corporations, according to YouGov...Fifty-six percent of respondents opposed ending the ACA.” [Newsweek, [7/9/24](https://www.newsweek.com/yougov-survey-project-2025-opinion-1711111)]

The Guardian: Trump’s campaign advisors had been concerned about Project 2025’s negative impact on voters for some time. “‘This is exactly what Trump’s advisers had been concerned about for some time,’ she added in the interview, highlighted by Mediaite. ‘Is this statement going to make this go away? It doesn’t really seem like it.’” [The Guardian, [7/9/24](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jul/09/trump-campaign-advisors-project-2025)]

California Congressman Jared Huffman: Project 2025 is a “dystopian plot.” “‘Project 2025 is more than an idea,’ the California congressman Jared Huffman has warned, ‘it’s a dystopian plot that’s already in motion to dismantle our democratic institutions, abolish checks and balances, chip away at church-state separation, and impose a far-right agenda that infringes on basic liberties and violates public will.’” [The Guardian, [7/17/24](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jul/17/huffman-project-2025)]

Dozens of Democratic members of Congress are calling for a meeting with Heritage President Kevin Roberts regarding the Project 2025’s unpublished ‘180-day Playbook,’ citing concerns raised from their constituents regarding the hidden agenda. At least 38 Democratic members of Congress signed a letter sent Monday to the president of the Heritage Foundation requesting he meet with lawmakers to discuss Project 2025 and release the undisclosed fourth pillar of the project called the ‘180-Day Playbook.’ ‘Our offices are increasingly hearing from constituents worried about the impact of Project 2025 on the future of our nation,’ read the letter obtained exclusively by ABC News. ... ‘We believe it is overwhelmingly in the public interest for you to actually keep your ‘open book’ promise by disclosing the ‘Fourth Pillar’ of Project 2025, and we hope you’ll consider explaining why, unlike the first three pillars, you have been keeping it secret for so long,’ the letter reads.” [ABC News, [8/6/24](https://abcnews.com/news/2024/08/06/congress-heritage-roberts-project-2025/)]

Swing State Coverage

Nevada: Project 2025 is “very pro-nuclear” and talks about advancing nuclear warheads. “Project 2025 seeks to ‘restore the nuclear infrastructure’ and to ‘restore readiness to test nuclear weapons at the

Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), formerly the Nevada Test Site, to ensure the ability of the U.S. to respond quickly to asymmetric technology surprises.’ ‘I find it almost thematic in tone,’ state Commission on Nuclear Projects vice-chairperson Michon Mackedon said of Project 2025. ‘It is very pro-nuclear. It talks about advancing nuclear warheads. It’s kind of specific on what I will call war features for the nuclear scenario.’” [Nevada Current, [7/15/24](#)]

Arizona: Project 2025 could impact Arizona’s legislative races and power of their state legislature.

“But, while Project 2025 is squarely focused on the federal government, Democrats running for office in Arizona say it also has the potential to impact state legislative races, too. ‘Republicans are putting what they have previously hidden as the most extreme version of the agenda that they have pursued, they have finally put it together in one document,’ said state Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D-Tucson), co-chair of the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. Sundareshan said Project 2025 focuses on reducing federal power and giving more authority to state governments.” [KJZZ Phoenix, [7/15/24](#)]

Wisconsin: Many black voters in Milwaukee have expressed nervousness over the impact of Project 2025 on their communities.

“Many Black voters are nervous about how the playbook might influence a second Trump administration and wreak havoc on their communities. Shaw, who is the pastor at St. Matthew CME Church, stressed that Project 2025 would ‘definitely destroy our democracy’ and impose a racial order that would leave Black voters powerless and unmoored.” [Capital B News, [7/15/24](#)]

Michigan: 65% of Michigan voters disapprove of the aims of Project 2025. “The question asked of Michigan voters in the July EPIC-MRA poll was as follows: ‘After hearing some of the policies endorsed by the Heritage Foundation, which in their words is designed to install ‘...the right conservative policy recommendations and properly vetted and trained personnel...[to] take back our country,’ do you approve or disapprove of the overall aims outlined in Project 2025?’ Responses to the question were as follows: 25% total approve of the overall aims, 65% total disapprove of the overall aims.” [WLNS Lansing, [7/22/24](#)]

Michigan: Project 2025 is a checklist, not a wish list. “It is not a wish list. Nobody at the Heritage Foundation is throwing pennies into a fountain or blowing on dandelions and hoping someone at the Trump White House sees a version of this. We know this because it was the first Trump Administration’s agenda, too.” [Detroit Free Press, [8/1/24](#)]

Ohio: Project 2025 threatens Ohio public schools. “This horrific, extremist agenda will slash funding for already-struggling public schools across the country and leave it up to states and parents to choose schools for their own children. It will take away our kids’ ability to learn a diverse, critically sound curriculum that helps them to become thoughtful citizens.” [The Columbus Dispatch, [8/7/24](#)]

Michigan: Project 2025 would have a ‘profound’ effect on Michiganders’ way of life. “And for Michiganders, the stakes couldn’t be higher ahead of this year’s presidential election. A new report released this week from the Center for American Progress shows how Project 2025 would effectively gut a system of checks and balances within the federal government in order to enact an extreme, far-right agenda that would take power away from everyday Michiganders to give politicians, judges, and corporations more control over their lives.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 tax cuts would benefit the wealthy while increasing taxes for Michigan families by \$2000+. “Project 2025 details plans to shift the tax burden from the wealthy onto the middle class. Under the plan, the typical family of four in Michigan would see a tax increase of \$2,979 per year, while 45,000 households in America reporting more than \$10 million in income would each see an average annual tax cut of \$1.5 million, according to the Center for American Progress.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for repealing the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which would jeopardize at least 21,000 jobs in Michigan. “Project 2025 calls for repealing the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which would jeopardize billions of dollars in clean energy investments that are poised to create thousands of new jobs in Michigan—including plenty of new automotive manufacturing jobs. A recent report

shows that at least 58 new clean energy projects have been announced or moved forward in Michigan since the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which has led to at least \$25.4 billion in direct investment across Michigan and at least 21,490 new jobs statewide. Cutting funding for federal infrastructure could also delay or halt critical projects underway across Michigan, leading to deteriorating roads, bridges, and public transportation systems.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for raising the retirement age, which could lose Michigan retirees up to \$100,000 in just 10 years. “Project 2025 outlines plans to raise the retirement age (from 67 to 69) for roughly 71% percent of Michigan residents—or about 7.2 million people. According to the Center for American Progress, that would cut their benefits by up to \$8,900 after just one year of implementation. All told, a media-wage retiree in Michigan would lose up to \$100,000 in benefits over 10 years.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 would abolish reproductive protections for 1.4 million Michigan residents. , “Project 2025 calls for the US Department of Justice—under Trump—to start enforcing the Comstock Act of 1873. That old federal law bans the mailing of ‘anything designed, adapted, or intended for producing abortion,’ which could be interpreted to include medical instruments. According to the Center for American Progress, that would effectively result in an abortion ban in Michigan without needing to pass any new laws at all. It would also mean that about 1.4 million women in Michigan would lose guaranteed access to free emergency contraception. Another key part of the plan involves ending insurance coverage for reproductive care...” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for eliminating Head Start, which could eliminate 1 in 3 child care slots in the state. “Project 2025 includes plans to eliminate the Head Start program, which provides access to no-cost child care, among other services, for about 28,000 low-income children in Michigan. According to the Center for American Progress, eliminating the program would wipe out a critical supply of child care in rural and other underserved communities that are already facing a child care shortage. Estimates show that more than 1 in 3 child care slots that are currently available in rural Michigan communities would be eliminated by cutting the Head Start program.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 calls for eliminating Title I, which would eliminate 5,400 teaching positions that serve 89,000 students statewide. “One of the most extreme aspects of Project 2025 calls for eliminating the US Department of Education altogether—including Title I, which provides funds to ensure schools serving low-income students have additional resources beyond what’s available through local taxes. Ending Title I would eliminate about 5,400 teaching positions across Michigan, which currently serve about 89,000 students statewide, according to the Center for American Progress.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 would put hundreds of thousands of low-income Michiganders at risk of losing healthcare coverage, which also raising the cost of prescription drugs. “Project 2025 also includes a proposal to impose “limits or lifetime caps” on Medicaid benefits—which would put about 430,000 low-income Michiganders on Medicaid at risk of losing coverage because they lack access to alternative forms of affordable health care coverage. According to the Center for American Progress, the plan would also raise the cost of prescription drugs for up to 673,000 Michiganders by eliminating out-of-pocket Medicare drug cost limits, as well as preventing the federal government from negotiating lower drug prices.” [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 would jeopardize the future sustainability of Michigan’s vast natural resources, including the Great Lakes region. “Besides derailing clean energy investments that are set to combat climate change, Project 2025 also includes a proposal to revisit the federal designation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (or PFAS) as hazardous substances—a move that could reportedly endanger Michigan’s efforts to get a handle on toxic pollution that has contaminated thousands of sites statewide. ...Rolling back federal regulations that protect the

Great Lakes and other natural resources would also pose a clear threat to Michigan's water quality and wildlife, environmental activists contend." [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 would attack LGBTQ+ rights, limiting protections from discrimination and blocking federal funding for gender-affirming care. "Project 2025 reportedly includes plans to limit LGBTQ discrimination protections with a new, presidential order that would allow businesses to discriminate against people based on their religious beliefs—including by refusing service to anyone who is part of the LGBTQ community. It also details a plan to reinstate the ban on transgender Americans serving in the military, prohibit public schools from referring to students by anything other than their birth names and pronouns without parental permission, and block federal funding for gender-affirming care." [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Project 2025 would eliminate student loan forgiveness programs, costing Michigan borrowers a \$2,700 to \$4,100 loan repayment cost per year. "Another key policy proposal baked into Project 2025 is to replace income-driven student loan repayment plans with a one-size-fits-all program, effectively increasing payments for all borrowers enrolled in an existing income-based plan—including those currently taking advantage of the Biden-Harris administration's Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plans. If the SAVE program is eliminated, Michigan borrowers can expect their loan repayments to increase by \$2,700 to \$4,100 each year on average, according to the Center for American Progress." [The Gander, [8/6/24](#)]

Arizona: The implications of Project 2025's educational proposals would be 'disastrous,' and Arizona is already Exhibit A. "Burke and others from the Heritage Foundation, which declined an interview with AZCIR, use conservative buzzwords like "freedom" and "choice" to sell their vision of a new educational landscape that empowers parents to select a "set of education options that meet their child's unique needs." But experts in education policy and constitutional law suspect a much different endgame: setting public schools up to fail by stripping their funding while concentrating higher-need, harder-to-educate kids there. 'The implications for students and public schools and the communities that rely on them are disastrous,' said Jessica Levin, litigation director at the Education Law Center, a nonprofit that advocates for public education. 'And Arizona, unfortunately, is Exhibit A.'" [AZ Mirror, [8/8/24](#)]

Arizona: Project 2025 would raise taxes on Arizonans while cutting their social security and health care. "Under the proposal, a typical family of four in Arizona would see an increase of \$2,720 a year in their taxes, while households making more than \$10 million would see a tax cut that averages to \$1.5 million each year. The plan also supports plans to cut Social Security by raising the retirement age for 73% of Arizona's residents. Project 2025's changes to Social Security were mirrored by the Republican Study Committee, which includes members of Project 2025, which would raise the Social Security retirement age from 67 to 69. CAP estimates that a median-wage retiree could lose between \$46,000 to \$100,000 over the course of 10 years. It would also hit the pocketbooks of the 388,850 Arizonans who use Medicare by raising the cost of prescription drugs and eliminating out-of-pocket cost limits. It also calls for prohibiting the government from negotiating lower drug prices and suggests putting "limits" or "caps" on Medicare and Medicaid coverage." [AZ Mirror, [8/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 proposes increases to student loan payments. "On education, Project 2025 proposes increases to the payments made by those who have gotten student loans. The Saving on a Valuable Education Plan currently allows borrowers to pay a lower rate based on income, but would be eliminated. This means that the 148,000 borrowers in Arizona enrolled in SAVE could end up paying between \$2,700 to \$4,100 more a year." [AZ Mirror, [8/12/24](#)]

Project 2025 could have multiple specific impacts on Nevada, including restoring readiness of nuclear weapons, review the status of Yucca Mountain as a waste management facility, 'dispose humanely' of Nevada's wild horses and burros, adjust Nevada's national monument territories, and update Nevada's water storage. "Project 2025...specifically proposes restoring readiness to test nuclear weapons at the Nevada National Security Site, located about 65 miles northwest from Las Vegas, to ensure the U.S. can respond quickly to 'asymmetric technology surprises.' ... The project calls for the next presidential administration to work with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to review the

Department of Energy's permit application for Yucca Mountain. ... Project 2025 author William Perry Pendley...called on Congress to enact laws permitting the Bureau of Land Management to "dispose humanely" of some wild horses and burros to curb overpopulation. ... Project 2025 says the new presidential administration should review national monument designations to see if they were improperly designated. It will 'permit a fresh look at past monument decrees and new ones by President Biden.' ... Project 2025 also includes provisions relating to western water storage. It calls for developing additional water storage capacity in the west by updating dam water control manuals for facilities, reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies by consolidating federal water working groups, adopting improvements related to forecast informed reservoir operations and aerial snow observation systems." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, [8/14/24](#)]

Gun Control

Project 2025, taken alongside Agenda 47, would grant the gun lobby 'essentially everything' on its wish list. "That much is reflected in a proposal advanced by the far-right caucus known as the Republican Study Committee, which adopts ideas from both Agenda 47 and Project 2025. That proposal includes the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, the National Rifle Association's top legislative priority, which would overturn state laws on carrying concealed firearms, and allow guns to be more easily transportable across state lines. In his Agenda 47 pitch, Trump explicitly states, 'I will sign concealed carry reciprocity. Your Second Amendment does not end at the state line.' The law would force each state to recognize the concealed carry standards from every other state — even those states that have dramatically weaker standards and states that don't require any permit at all." [NBC News, [9/13/24](#)]