

Strategic actions completed or in progress by the far-right to take control the U.S. political process:

- Establishing the Federalist Society in 1982, a deeply conservative legal think tank which has produced today's ultraconservative Supreme Court supermajority.^{1,2} ✓ Done.
- Creating the Citizens United PAC, whose 2010 Supreme Court ruling³ allows corporations and wealthy donors to use enormous, untraceable contributions to sway elections. ✓ Done.
- Winning control of a large majority of state legislatures⁴ to enable gerrymandering for the disproportionate benefit of conservative Congressional candidates and disenfranchisement of minority voters.⁵ ✓ Done.
- Unprecedented use of the Senate filibuster⁶ to block legislation on voting rights,⁷ climate change,⁸ economic inequality,⁹ gun violence,¹⁰ immigration¹¹ and other national crises. ✓ Done
- Unprecedented abuse of the Senate confirmation process to force a protracted blockade on a Democratic president's Supreme Court and federal justice nominees,^{12,13} and then push through 11th-hour confirmation of a conservative Supreme Court justice under a Republican president.¹⁴ ✓ Done.
- Using conservative state legislatures to pass bills attacking voting rights including: 1) curtailing or eliminating early voting and mail-in voting, which disproportionately lowers participation by young people and minorities; 2) creating new obstacles to voter registration; and 3) targeting election workers with criminal penalties for infractions such as encouraging voters to vote by mail.¹⁵ ✓ Done and ongoing.
- Relentlessly sowing doubt--via social media, cable news, and political speech--about the integrity of the elections system to undermine voters' acceptance of election results.¹⁶ ✓ Done and ongoing.
- In 2022, running candidates for Governor, Secretary of State and local election boards who deny the 2020 presidential election results and may seek to overturn election valid results in the future.¹⁷ ✓ In process.
- Encouraging blind adherence to a misreading of the Second Amendment,¹⁸ making firearms readily available for a violent revolution or civil war.¹⁹ ✓ Done.
- If all else fails, resorting to violence, as in the January 6th, 2021 insurrection, to attempt to overturn a legitimate election result.²⁰ ✓ Done and potentially ongoing.

¹ www.vox.com/future-perfect/2019/6/3/18632438/federalist-society-leonard-leo-brett-kavanaugh

² www.npr.org/2022/07/05/1109444617/the-supreme-court-conservative

³ www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/citizens-united-explained

⁴ www.nytimes.com/2014/01/12/us/politics/a-national-strategy-funds-state-political-monopolies.html

⁵ www.nytimes.com/2021/11/25/us/politics/republican-redistricting-swing-states.html

⁶ www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/filibuster-explained

⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/06/22/us/joe-biden-news>

⁸ <https://grist.org/politics/whats-standing-in-the-way-of-all-those-climate-plans-the-election-and-the-filibuster/>

⁹ <https://www.acslaw.org/expertforum/the-filibuster-threatens-both-civil-rights-and-workers-rights/>

¹⁰ <https://theintercept.com/2022/05/26/gun-control-senate-filibuster-minority-rule/>

¹¹ <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/dream-act-senate-republicans-block-act-for-illegal-immigrant-students/story?id=12429589>

¹² www.politico.com/story/2016/07/mitch-mcconnell-judges-225455

¹³ www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtPgUrVPXeI

¹⁴ www.nytimes.com/2020/10/27/us/mcconnell-barrett-confirmation.html

¹⁵ www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/5-egregious-voter-suppression-laws-2021

¹⁶ www.npr.org/2022/07/05/1109538056/election-deniers-are-spreading-misinformation-nationwide-here-are-4-things-to-know

¹⁷ www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/15/election-deniers-march-toward-power-key-2024-battlegrounds/

¹⁸ www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/06/03/gun-rights-activists-remade-2nd-amendment-over-last-40-years/

¹⁹ www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2018/06/19/there-are-more-guns-than-people-in-the-united-states-according-to-a-new-study-of-global-firearm-ownership

²⁰ www.newsweek.com/2021/12/31/millions-angry-armed-americans-stand-ready-seize-power-if-trump-loses-2024-1660953.html