

Project 2025 Summary

Project 2025 is the extremist conservative movement's 2023 "Mandate for Leadership" vision blueprint for the next Republican administration. It was developed by dozens of Christian extremist leaders in spring 2022, with funding from Catholic militant and judicial activist Leonard Leo and several right-wing billionaire families and foundations, including Charles Koch. Project 2025 is led by the extremist conservative think tank, The Heritage Foundation, and backed by 110 conservative groups (as of July 2024). Over 400 individuals helped develop Project 2025's vision paper, which presents policy proposals to restructure the 30 departments of the federal government.

Four Pillars

Project 2025 is a project made up of four parts, or "pillars": Policy, Personnel, Training, and the Playbook.

Pillar One is a "playbook" of teams and transition plans that would gut most of the agencies Americans rely on to keep our country functioning – think the Department of Education, The Department of Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency, and an independent Department of Justice. Gone

Pillar Two is a personnel plan to recruit and vet 20,000 conservative Christian loyalists to join the next Republican administration.

Pillar Three is an online conservative Administrative Course that recruits take to learn about how to implement Project 2025's policies. Candidates are vetted for their ability to write policy and for their conservative Christian beliefs and willingness to implement Project 2025's agenda.

Pillar Four is a "180-day Playbook" of specific instructions for new recruits to carry out in each assigned federal department, starting on "Day One" of a new administration, January 20, 2025. recruits will be put into "Acting" or temporary positions of government, and Project 2025 calls for giving unprecedented decision-making authority. Project 2025 proposes using signed Executive Orders starting on "Day One" to provide these new recruits with authority to act and implement policy changes.

Current Status: As of July, the Heritage Foundation had already prepared 150 Executive Orders ready for next GOP president to sign on "Day One." They had received 11,000 resumes of would-be candidates who are then put through their online conservative administrative training course. Project 2025 is also assembling small training teams of experienced advisors to guide recruits in implementing their still-secret 180-day playbook.

PROJECT 2025 KEY PROPOSALS

1. **Abortion:** Criminalize abortion, deny access to birth control, and ban conception procedures like IVF. Doctors could be jailed and women would be prevented from getting the care they need including traveling to other states. Project 2025 based on life beginning at conception, proposes withdrawing Mifepristone from the market, and wants the EPA to say abortion pills contain "forever chemicals." This agenda favors a national ban on abortion.
2. **Social Security and Medicare:** Slash Social Security and Medicare earned benefits we paid for and raise eligibility age to 70. Allows companies to cut or eliminate overtime pay. Cut 40 million people's food assistance money. Stop Medicare's price negotiations with Big Pharma. Reduce Veterans' health and disability benefits.

3. **Immigration:** Round up at least 11 million immigrants, put them in detention camps, and then execute the largest deportation operation in American history. What about when children were separated from their parents? Project 2025 would dismantle the Department of Homeland Security, eliminate visa priorities for people threatened in their home countries, increase charges for immigration applications, and fast-track those who pay more.
4. **Education:** Completely eliminate the Department of Education, gut public school funding, and give federal funds to religious schools. Remove Black History from schools. Advocates “parental rights,” which can range from reading the Bible in classrooms to banning books. Eliminate Head Start. Roll back student loan programs and deny loans to schools that provide in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants, regardless of whether their parents pay taxes. Give more money to schools that offer programs like Project 2025 ideological agenda.
5. **Climate and Environment:** Cut scientific and climate research, dismantle environmental protections, and sell off federally protected public lands to the highest bidder. Reverse Biden policies limiting oil and gas leasing on public lands and open more Arctic lands for drilling, cut funds for renewable energy investment, and reduce the endangered species list and its protections. Dismantle the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which includes the National Weather Service. Wants to “update” EPA 2009 finding that greenhouse gas emissions threaten human health and the environment. Permits fracking on federal land.
6. **Civil Service and Security:** Fire more than 55,000 non-political professional civil servants across every federal agency and replace with political appointees, undoing reforms that were instituted starting in 1883. Shrinks the federal government, thereby reducing its effectiveness to serve the needs of the public.
7. **Family:** Project 2025 says Health and Human Services should “maintain a biblically based, social science-definition of marriage and family.” This means relationships between a man and a woman only. ..(p.489) ...”men and women are biological realities that are crucial to the advancement of life sciences and medical care and that married men and women are the ideal natural family structure because all children have a right to be raised by the men and women who conceived them.” Deems black single motherhood as a crisis and uses data without providing a source to justify it.
8. **Racial Justice – DEI:** Eliminates Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs and declares they are equivalent with critical race theory and that they are discriminatory to white people. Denies systemic racism exists. Proposes revising and limiting census questions on race, ethnicity, and disabilities, possibly affecting statistics, benefits, and legislative districts. Eliminate the White House Gender Policy Council. They also claim that a person’s sex is a “fixed biological fact,” meaning biological sex assigned at birth.
9. **Transgender Rights** - Defines “transgender ideology” as pornography, related literature outlawed with its producers and distributors imprisoned. Teachers and librarians who provide access to be declared sex offenders. Prohibits Medicaid coverage of gender affirming care. Declares that employers should not provide separate restrooms for transgender employees or permit employees to dress how they identify.
10. **Taxes and business:** Cut corporate and wealthier income taxes further, abolish the Federal Reserve, and possibly return to a gold-based currency. Advocates for 60% tariffs on goods from China and 10% tariffs on goods from everywhere else. Customers in the U.S. will have to pay those tariffs as increased prices.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

1. GET OUT THE VOTE!! ENCOURAGE UNREGISTERED PEOPLE TO REGISTER. SHARE THIS LINK. [How to register to vote | USA.Gov](#)
2. USE YOUR PLATFORMS, WORD OF MOUTH, SOCIAL MEDIA TO TALK ABOUT THE RISK TO DEMOCRACY WE ARE FACING TO YOUR COMMUNITY.
3. GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT PROJECT 2025– USE YOUR PLATFORMS, WORD OF MOUTH, SOCIAL MEDIA. DO OUR OWN RESEARCH.
4. VISIT WAKE UP SONOMA'S PROJECT 2025 WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



www.wakeupsonoma.org

wakeupsonoma.org/project-2025

5. MSNBC STARTING JULY 29 ALL WEEK, 7 PM, EVERY SHOW WILL FOCUS ON BREAKING DOWN PROJECT 2025 AND AGENDA 47
6. FOLLOW HEATHER COX RICHARDSON, HISTORY PROFESSOR WHO PROVIDES INDEPTH ANALYSIS OF PROJECT 2025 ON INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK AND SUBSTACK.COM/PODCAST

**DON'T ASSUME PEOPLE'S POSITION ON PROJECT 2025
JUST BASED ON THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATION.
DEMOCRACY AFFECTS EVERYONE NO MATTER THE
PARTY THEY IDENTIFY WITH.**