

Project 2025, also known as the 2025 Presidential Transition Project (Wiki report)

Project 2025 is a political initiative published by the Heritage Foundation that aims to promote conservative and right-wing policies to reshape the United States federal government and consolidate executive power if Donald Trump wins the 2024 presidential election. The Project asserts that the entire executive branch is under direct control of the president under the unitary executive theory, a controversial theory which the conservative majority on the Supreme Court has strengthened in 2020 and 2024. It proposes reclassifying tens of thousands of federal civil service workers as political appointees in order to replace them with people loyal to the president. Proponents of the project argue it would dismantle what they view as a vast, unaccountable, and mostly liberal government bureaucracy.¹ The Project seeks to infuse the government and society with conservative Christian values. Critics have characterized Project 2025 as an authoritarian, Christian nationalist plan to steer the U.S. toward autocracy. Legal experts have said it would undermine the rule of law, separation of powers, separation of church and state,¹ and civil liberties

Project 2025 envisions widespread changes to economic and social policies and the federal government and its agencies. The plan proposes taking partisan control of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Commerce, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC), dismantling the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and reducing environmental and climate change regulations to favor fossil fuels. The blueprint seeks to institute tax cuts,¹ but its writers disagree on protectionism.¹ It recommends abolishing the Department of Education, whose programs would be transferred or terminated. Funding for climate research would be cut,¹ and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) would be reformed along conservative principles.¹ The project seeks to cut Medicare and Medicaid, and urges the government to explicitly reject abortion as health care. The project seeks to eliminate coverage of emergency contraception¹ and enforce the Comstock Act to prosecute those who send and receive contraceptives and abortion pills. It proposes criminalizing pornography, removing legal protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and terminating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs and affirmative action¹ by having the DOJ prosecute "anti-white racism". The Project recommends the arrest, detention, and deportation of illegal immigrants. It proposes deploying the military for domestic law enforcement.¹ It promotes capital punishment and the speedy "finality" of those sentences. It hopes to undo "[al]most everything implemented" by the Biden Administration.

Although Project 2025 cannot legally promote a presidential candidate, many contributors are associated with Trump and his campaign. The Heritage Foundation employs many people closely aligned with Trump,^{[46][47][48]} including members of his 2017–2021 administration, and coordinates the initiative with conservative groups run by Trump allies. Trump campaign officials have had regular contact with Project 2025, and told *Politico* in 2023 that the project aligned well with their Agenda 47 program, though they have said that the project does not speak for Trump or his campaign. The project's controversial proposals led Trump and his campaign to distance themselves from the project in 2024—saying he knows "nothing about it" and calling unspecified parts of it "ridiculous and abysmal". Some critics have dismissed Trump's claims, pointing to the many contributors who are expected to get leadership roles in a future Trump administration, his endorsement of the effort in 2022, and the 300 times Trump had been mentioned in the plans.