

What is Trump's Project 2025?

Project 2025 is the blueprint for Trump and MAGA Republicans to **gut checks and balances** so that they can **take over the government**, **impose their agenda**, and **control every American**. They plan to use this unchecked power to criminalize abortion nationwide, sell out the middle class, end Social Security and Medicare as we know it, and control the rest of our lives.

Below is an executive summary of their plan. To see a full subject-by-subject breakdown of Project 2025, <u>click here</u>. You can read all of this in their own words in the <u>920-page manifesto</u>.

Four Pillars

Project 2025 is a concerted effort by former Trump officials, rightwing operatives, and dark money backers to lay the groundwork for a second Trump Administration. It has four pillars:

- 1. **Project 2025 Blueprint:** The 920-page "Mandate for Leadership" provides detailed policy and personnel plans for the next president to abolish or restructure every federal agency.
- 2. **Personnel Database:** Collects thousands of resumes from MAGA loyalists to replace nonpartisan civil servants with political appointees that pass the MAGA loyalty test.
- 3. **Administration Academy:** private training center to shape and prepare MAGA loyalists to take over government positions and politicize the civil service.
- 4. First 180 Days Playbook: Secret action plan, including immediate executive orders and other actions too controversial to publish, to carry out Trump's promise of being "a dictator on Day 1."

Armed with **Project 2025**, infused with **absolute immunity from his Supreme Court**, and **unrestrained by the checks and balances** that protected certain rights and freedoms during his first presidency, Trump would have everything he needs to take total control of your life.

Trump's Project 2025 Agenda

Takes Over the Government to Assert Total Control

- **Guts Checks and Balances:** Consolidated unchecked presidential power by purging the civil service, firing independent agency leaders, destroying entire agencies, and conditioning federal funding on political fealty. Project 2025 compromises the ability of every civil servant to uphold the law and effectively serve the public rather than the narrow interests of the president and his cronies.
- **Political Purge of the Civil Service:** Imposes loyalty tests and purges thousands of independent civil servants so that the president can give control to thousands of political operatives, hand-picked for their unquestioned loyalty to the president regardless of qualifications, expertise, or commitment to constitutional duty.

- Weaponizes the DOJ and FBI: Politicizes law enforcement and empowers the president to use the Department of Justice and FBI to target political opponents and enforce this radical agenda.
- **Undermines Congressional Oversight:** Evades the Senate's constitutional obligation to give advice and consent on the president's appointees and obstructs transparency, accountability and oversight.

Threatens Rights and Personal Freedoms

- **Quashes Free Speech:** Authors want Trump to invoke the Insurrection Act on day one to suppress protests, silence dissent, and target political opponents.
- Slashes Reproductive Freedom in Every State: Criminalizes abortion nationwide with no exceptions and a total ban on abortion pills, directs the government to monitor all pregnancies to prosecute miscarriages, restricts birth control, and bans fertility services like IVF. It declares that the "Dobbs decision was just the beginning."
- Attacks LGBTQ+ Americans: Declares that anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination should be legal, rescinds nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Americans, undermines the rights of same-sex married couples, criminalizes gender nonconformity, bans transgender people from the military, weaponizes federal law to require states and private actors to discriminate against transgender people, and dismantles services for LGBTQ+ Americans wherever possible, including by mandating the federal government to officially adopt the stance that marriage is only between a man and woman.
- Undermines Racial Equality: Defunds services for underserved communities and eliminates policies and programs aimed at advancing racial diversity, equality and inclusion. It would fire federal employees who participated in a DEI program and hinder efforts to address racial inequalities by prohibiting the collection of data related to race and ethnicity. It also enables discrimination by, for instance, absolving police departments under federal oversight for racial discrimination and wiping out the Office of Civil Rights responsible for protecting students and educators from discrimination.
- Rolls Back Women's Rights: On top of an unprecedented assault on reproductive freedom and sexual health, Project 2025 calls for the removal of "gender equality" or "gender equity" from every piece of federal legislation and reverses every policy, regulation and executive order aimed at promoting gender equality, including immediate dissolving the Gender Policy Council. Repeals any programs "subsidizing single-motherhood" and eliminates services for working families, including overtime pay and Head Start. Rewrites Title IX and makes it harder to report sexual harassment and assault.
- Mass Deportations of Immigrants: Rounds up millions of immigrants, including DREAMERs, in detention camps to carry out the largest domestic deportation operation in American history.

Hurts the Middle Class and Working Families

- Ends Social Security and Medicare as we know them: Rips retirement and healthcare security from America's seniors.
 - Makes Medicare Advantage the default option, which would atrophy traditional Medicare and serve as a backdoor to privatization. It also bans Medicare from

negotiating with pharmaceuticals for lower prescription drug prices by repealing the provisions from the Inflation Reduction Act. Project 2025 repeals the Medicare Shared Savings Program.

- Claims that Social Security "could not be covered here in depth," but the architects of Project 2025 have given every indication that they intend to cut Social Security and raise the retirement age.
- **Raises prescription drug prices:** Repeals the Inflation Reduction Act to prohibit Medicare from negotiating drug prices and eliminate caps on insulin prices and out-of-pocket drug expenses for seniors.
- **Cripples Public Education:** Completely eliminates the Department of Education, slashes public school funding, and redirects taxpayer dollars to religious private schools.
- Eliminates Head Start: Abolishes Head Start and rejects the notion of universal child care in favor of "home-based" childcare solutions.
- Ends overtime pay: Enables large corporations and employers to avoid paying overtime often or ever at all.
- **Slashes food assistance:** Guts SNAP and rejects efforts to offer free universal school meals.
- Raises taxes on the middle class and working families: It lowers taxes for mega corporations and cuts back programs to ensure ultrawealthy tax cheats pay their fair share.
- **Increases housing costs:** Slashes funding for affordable housing and increases mortgage insurance rates on FHA loans.
- Ends affordable student loan repayment plans: Plans to end income-driven repayment plans for student loans, increasing financial burdens on graduates and limiting access to higher education.
- Attacks unions and labor protections: Guts the NLRB and EEOC, makes it harder for unions to get recognized and easier for them to be decertified, and slashes protections for minors working in hazardous or dangerous jobs.
- Abandons our Commitments to Veterans: On top of slashing federal jobs currently held by veterans, Project 2025 drastically limits what disability benefits veterans qualify for. It also bans transgender troops from service, revokes the VA's ability to provide abortion-related care, and slashes the number of general officers.
- **Privatizes the National Weather Service,** making Americans pay for weather data and life-saving weather alerts.

Puts Americans in Danger

- **Destabilize the economy:** Compromise the Federal Reserve and other independent agencies' autonomy, firing leaders and gutting their capacity to promote the stability of our economy.
- Militarizes Local Policing: Allows the military to be deployed for domestic law enforcement.
- **Hurts Election Integrity:** Eliminates CYBERCOM's role in protecting U.S. elections from cyberattacks, including from foreign actors.
- **Damages Allies and Global Stability:** Reorients all alliances and pulls out of existing nuclear frameworks while increasing our own nuclear supply.
- **Undermines National Security:** Strips disfavored Purges the Intelligence Community of disfavored experts and civil servants to empower cronies loyal only to Trump, regardless of

their qualifications disfavored experts and civil servants non-loyalists Intelligence Community/National Security

- **Undermines Public Safety:** Makes it easier for people who want to commit violence to carry guns and harder for law enforcement to solve violent crimes.
- Make Products, Medicines, Food, Travel, and More Less Safe: Curtails consumer protections (FDA, FAA, etc.)
- **Reverses Climate Action:** Cuts scientific and climate research, dismantle environmental protections, and sell off federally protected public lands to the highest bidder. It also disbands the Environmental Protection Agency, undermining clean air and water protections.