



**DEFEND
THEVOTE**

Project 2025: A Threat to Our Families and Our Freedoms



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Defend The Vote is a political action committee dedicated to preserving our democracy by electing candidates, up and down the ballot, who will fight to ensure fair elections, voting access, voter education and voter protection.



Defend The Vote Action Fund advocates for legislation to defend and strengthen our democracy and to hold members accountable to their commitment to voting rights.

Partnerships





Trump's Project 2025

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What is Project 2025?

Project 2025 is a takeover by Donald Trump and his loyalists that threaten our rights and freedoms. It hurts middle class and working families to help the wealthy. It threatens the foundation of our democracy.

The people who will benefit are Donald Trump, his wealthy allies, and corporations, while everyone else pays the price.

Who is behind Project 2025?

- Project 2025 is led by the Heritage Foundation, an influential MAGA think tank, that is supported by a vast network of extremists, special interests, and dark money groups.
- At least 140 former Trump Administration officials, including six former Cabinet secretaries, are leading this initiative.

Resources: [Accountable.US](#)

Who is behind Project 2025?



President Donald Trump at the Heritage Foundation President's Club meeting in Washington on Oct. 17, 2017.

Donald Trump:

“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.”

Resources: [NBC News](#)

Who is behind Project 2025?



- JD Vance has openly close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts.
- Vance praised the Heritage Foundation as “the most influential engine of ideas for Republicans from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump”

Resources: [Forbes](#)

Project 2025: The Issues

The project's website bills it as a “governing agenda” that would “pave the way for an effective conservative Administration.”

A central pillar is the “Mandate for Leadership,” a 900+ page playbook full of extreme and dangerous policies that they claim can be implemented through executive branch action alone, without new legislation.

Resources: [Democracy Forward](#)

Project 2025: The Issues

Extreme Agenda:

- Cut overtime protections for 4.3 million workers
- Cut funding for SNAP food assistance program
- Eliminate the Head Start and dismantle the Department of Education
- Roll back civil rights protections, including DEI programs and LGBTQ+ rights

Project 2025: The Issues

Extreme Agenda:

- Switch DOJ mission from Voting Rights Protection to conducting sham investigations that intimidate voters
- Eliminate the National Weather Service
- Cuts to clean energy and to enforcement against polluters
- Put limits on birth control coverage

Project 2025: The Issues

Extreme Agenda:

- Cut Medicaid funding for states that require insurers to cover abortion
- Repeal the Affordable Care Act, including pre-existing condition protections
- Stop efforts to reduce drug prices
- Cut to Social Security and force seniors into privatized Medicare

Project 2025: The Issues

Extreme Agenda:

- Eliminates Student loan forgiveness program for public service
- Phases out the income driven student loan repayment program
- Massive corporate tax cuts at the expense of the middle class and working families
- Defund Red Flag Laws and invalidate state laws on conceal carry

Resources: [Democracy Forward](#), [AFSCME](#), [CAP](#), [Guardian](#)

Project 2025: Can it Happen?

The plan: Shatter democracy's guardrails and eliminate checks and balances, giving the President almost unlimited power to implement these policies.

- Weaken the independence of public agencies
- Install political cronies throughout the government
- Punish people it disagrees with

Resources: [CAP](#)

Project 2025: Can it Happen?

The roadmap: Taking away independence from agencies

Project 2025 calls for the White House to review and overrule any decisions from independent agencies like the FTC, FCC, FEC, and NLRB

Resources: [CAP](#)

Project 2025: Can it Happen?

The roadmap: Fire non-partisan civil servants for loyalists

Strip 50,000 career nonpartisan public servants of their civil service job protections, making it easier to immediately fire them and replace them with political loyalists

Resources: [CAP](#)

Project 2025: Can it Happen?

The roadmap: Weaponize the DOJ for political purposes

Project 2025 calls for ending the 50-year tradition of DOJ independence from the White House. There are no laws stopping a president from directing the investigation or prosecution of an individual.

Resources: [CAP](#)

Project 2025: Weakening the Media

The President could use Project 2025 to attack the media's ability to inform Americans about the the actions of the government.

- Eliminating report access to the White House
- Cutting funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Using Federal agencies to revoke media licenses

Resources: [CAP](#)

Project 2025: Packing the Courts

The Supreme Court is not a reliable check on the Presidency.

- Conflicts of Interest
- Overturned Roe
- Presidential Immunity
- Citizens United
- Gutting the Voting Rights Act and Protecting Gerrymandering
- Reversing Chevron decision to take power away from agencies

Project 2025: How to Stop It

This election is the most consequential election for our democracy in our lifetimes

- Stop Project 2025 and Donald Trump's worst instincts by electing Vice President Harris
- Prevent Speaker Johnson, an election denier, and other MAGA Representatives from holding control of the House and make Hakeem Jeffries Speaker

Project 2025: How to Stop It

- Prevent MAGA extremists from controlling the Senate, obstructing progress, and blocking Supreme Court nominees who will defend freedom and democracy.
- In 2025, with Democratic control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives pass the Freedom to Vote Act and John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

What Can We Do

Win elections up and down the ballot

- Donate to races and advocacy groups
- Help recruit volunteers to Get Out The Vote
- Protect the vote on Election Day as part of a voter protection program

Thank You

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