## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROJECT 2025

## Be afraid....be very afraid.

The Republican Party has failed to release a platform or formally outline their policies since 2016. In the absence of any such document, we look to Project 2025 (P25) for guidance on Republican plans.

P25 is the published plan for an "ideal" America if a conservative (such as former President Trump) wins the 2024 presidential election in its "Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Project." P25 is spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation and is supported by more than 80 organizations, many well-known for their extreme positions. It has been reported, though denied, that internal P25 discussions have centered around the next conservative president invoking the Insurrection Act on the first day in office to allow the military to quell civil unrest.

To advise on and push the P25 agenda, Heritage has assembled a coalition of groups involved in everything from spreading hatred against LGBTQ+ communities, immigrants, Muslims, and people of color to propagating medical disinformation, climate change denial, election denial, and rejecting women's bodily autonomy. The *Global Project Against Hate and Extremism* has full profiles of all the participating organizations in their document, "The Far-Right Playbook for American Authoritarianism."

According to *Salon*, "Project 2025 is more than a playbook for Trumpism, it's the Christian Nationalist manifesto. The right intends to force every American to live their definition of a good life through government edict.... When I read Project 2025, I recognized immediately that it is a 1,000-page Christo-fascist screed."

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## **KEY ELEMENTS OF PROJECT 2025**

- <u>Christian Nationalism</u>: P25 is on a path to Christian Nationalism and authoritarianism. It rejects the constitutional separation of Church and State, privileging religious beliefs over civil laws. As a result, P25 favors a government mandated by biblical principles, which excludes certain communities, particularly the LGBTQ+ community, from civil rights protections.
- <u>Restricting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</u>: P25 wants to unequivocally ban all abortions and restrict people's bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights. It reads, "The next conservative President should work with Congress to enact the most robust protections for the unborn that Congress will support while deploying existing federal powers to protect innocent life and vigorously complying with statutory bans on the federal funding of abortion." It also calls for a ban on "abortion pills" and tasks the Department of Justice to criminally prosecute providers and distributors of such medications.

- <u>Gutting The Civil Service</u>: P25 wants to replace as many civil service employees as possible with conservative partisans, and materials indicate that they are already identifying and training those people. The Project portrays the federal bureaucracy as an enemy and part of a "woke" Deep State. Much of P25 is dedicated to eviscerating departments and agencies, essentially gutting the federal government, and investing nearly unfettered power over the executive branch, including the Department of Justice and FBI, in the presidency.
- <u>Hardline Immigration Policies</u>: P25 demonizes immigrants as a crime-ridden plague. P25 states, "Thousands of illegal aliens are allowed to bond out of immigration detention only to disappear into the interior of the US where many commit crimes." It proposes incredibly harsh immigration policies, including tent cities and restricting asylum for those fleeing gang violence and domestic violence.
- Ending Climate Change Efforts: P25 would end programs to address climate change, which it calls "climate fanaticism," and many other environmental protection efforts. P25 believes that environmentalism has become a "pseudo-religion meant to baptize liberals' ruthless pursuit of absolute power in the holy water of environmental virtue. At its very heart, environmental extremism is decidedly anti-human."
- <u>Reforming Public Education</u>: P25 wants to change the nature of America's public education system to
  remove elements from the curriculum that are seen as too "woke" and supposedly "inject racist, antiAmerican, ahistorical propaganda into America's classrooms." The Project characterizes public schools
  as poisoning and indoctrinating children with leftist ideologies and undermining parents' role in their
  children's education, and advocates for private schooling (often religious) paid for by public monies. P25
  wants to reform public school curriculum to remove "noxious tenets of 'critical race theory' and gender
  ideology," which it claims "poison" our children.

"Project 2025 is an authoritarian roadmap to dismantling a thriving, inclusive democracy for all. Even if a Project 2025 favorite doesn't win in 2024, this plan will continue to drive the thinking of the far right into the future and they will continue to push for these changes wherever possible.

As a country, we can — and we must – reject the far right's efforts to lead us down the dark path away from an inclusive, vibrant democracy and toward authoritarianism." Global Project Against Hate and Extremism

To read the Global Project's entire summary, visit

www.globalextremism.org/project-2025-the-far-right-playbook-for-american-authoritarianism

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