

PROJECT 2025

THE ROAD TO AUTHORITARIANISM

A PRIMER



With a 100-member advisory board composed of a “Who’s Who” of extreme far-right groups including Christian Nationalists and bigoted organizations, and tens of millions of dollars in funding from dark money donors, Project 2025 maps out a clear plan of sweeping reforms that would erode multiracial democracy should a “conservative” win the 2024 presidential election. Spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation, Project 2025 seeks to “rescue the country” from “elite rule and woke cultural warriors,” replacing democracy with Christian-based authoritarianism.

The guidelines for the first 180 days of the administration are detailed in a 900+-page document authored by leading far-right voices. This *Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise* calls for draconian rollbacks of sexual health and reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ equality, racial equity, public education, climate, and environmental protections, all the while preferencing an exclusionary interpretation of Christianity and stripping rights from multiple communities.

Among policies called for in the first 180 days of a conservative presidency:

- Eliminating LGBTQI+ and transgender rights.
- Eradicating federal funding for DEI programs. Participation in any critical race theory or DEI initiative will be grounds for termination of government employees.
- Ending reproductive freedom and replacing the Department of Health and Human Services with the “Department of Life.”
- Ending climate change and environmental policies by shutting down the Office of Domestic Climate Policy, the Department of Energy’s Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, the Office of Environmental Justice, and External Civil Rights, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to name a few. Climate science will no longer be used in National Security.
- Slashing of the Department of Justice and dismantling the FBI and replacing their traditional independence from political pressure with fealty to the administration.
- Purging the government of apolitical civil servants by firing as many as 50,000 and hiring replacements from a database of personnel vetted for conservative values and loyalty, a “Conservative Linked In.” Successful candidates will undergo training at a “Presidential Training Academy” and be furnished “with the insight, background knowledge, and expertise in governance to immediately begin rolling back destructive policy and advancing conservative ideas in the federal government.”
- Eliminating the checks and balances built into three branches of government in favor of expanded control by the executive branch.
- Replacing the Department of Homeland Security with a 100,000-worker-strong immigration department, militarization of the border and an end to refugee programs.
- Fundamentally altering American diplomacy to push anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ+ agendas, adopt a “human rights” regime distinct from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and abandon international organizations and traditional diplomatic and security alliances.

This plan is made easier if a “conservative” president is elected soon, but it’s not dependent upon upcoming elections. This is the plan that will continue to drive far-right thinking into the future as Christian Nationalist groups push for these changes. Elements of the plan are already being put in place on the local and state level.

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