

Project 2025

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION PROJECT

Debunking the Lies About Project 2025: **MYTH** vs. **FACT**

Project 2025 is a coalition of more than 110 conservative organizations preparing to offer recommendations to the next conservative president. The Project was launched in 2022, before any major candidate announced a campaign, to assist the next conservative president. Project 2025 does not speak for any candidate or campaign, rather it is a collection of conservative policy proposals the groups united behind the effort would like to see enacted. While the Left is spreading falsehoods and mischaracterizing Project 2025's policy agenda, we've put together the facts.

The Left claims that Project 2025 and *Mandate for Leadership* would:

Government

Terminate the Constitution: FALSE

Project 2025 actually represents an attempt to **restore Constitutional governance**, not terminate it. Bringing the administrative state more firmly under the control of the president, whose authority traces directly from the Constitution, could not be further from terminating this quintessential founding document.

Give the Government more power over your daily life: FALSE

Project 2025 aims to **weaken the bureaucracy** that churns out tens of thousands of pages of rules every year. A more restrained administrative state translates into less control over Americans' daily lives, not more.

Gut democratic checks and balances on presidential power: FALSE

Project 2025 aims to protect democracy by **restoring traditional checks and balances** between the President, Congress, and the Courts. We advocate making the administrative state more accountable by restoring the president's control over the bureaucrats in the Executive Branch.

Civil Rights

Ban books and curriculum about slavery: FALSE

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* **does not advocate** for banning books or curriculum about slavery.

Pack the Supreme Court and lower courts with right-wing judges: FALSE

The **only people calling for packing the judiciary are those on the Left**, who do it every time the Supreme Court or a lower court makes decisions they don't like.

End civil rights: FALSE

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for **respecting the civil rights of all Americans**, including those who have been censored by the government or had it weaponized against them. *Mandate* advocates for the **end of divisive, race-based, anti-American propaganda** in the federal workforce.

End DEI protections in government: **TRUE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* advocates for the **end of divisive, race-based, anti-American propaganda like DEI** in the federal workforce.

Promote and expedite capital punishment: **TRUE**

The appropriateness of capital punishment divides Americans, and conservatives, of good will. Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for the enforcement of the federal death penalty **where appropriate and applicable**, and recommends a future presidential administration pursue the death penalty for the most heinous crimes, including those involving violence and the sexual abuse of children, unless Congress says otherwise through legislation.

Military & Veterans

Cut military benefits for veterans and service members including housing, TRICARE, retirement, and secondary education: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* makes **no cuts to any veteran benefits**. It does propose reforms to the VA to deliver improved care in a more efficient and timely fashion to America's veterans. The VA has long been mismanaged and has not served our nation's veterans for some time now. Project 2025 **demands that the VA improves and modernizes**.

The VA needs more aggressive recruitment of doctors, mental health professionals, and other staff to meet urgent needs at overburdened care centers. VHA centers should be required to see more patients per day. All VA medical centers should consider extending weekday hours and adding Saturday hours to meet excess capacity or delay in care for veterans. The VA should improve the timeliness of claim adjudication and benefits delivery to deliver benefits without frustrating delays. Most importantly, the VA should develop a new pilot "Express 30" commitment to complete a veteran's first disability claim in 30 days

Marriage & Family

End no-fault divorce: **FALSE**

Divorce is **not mentioned** in Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership*.

End "marriage equality": **FALSE**

The legal recognition of same-sex marriage is **not discussed** in Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership*. *Mandate* calls for the **protection of faith-based grant recipients** who maintain support for the traditional definition of marriage. *Mandate* also **supports conscience protections** for those who do not wish to participate in same-sex marriages.

Complete ban on abortions without exceptions: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for the government to comply with laws that prevent federal funding of abortion. It also calls for **federal support for alternatives to abortion**, including adoption.

Ban contraceptives: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* **says nothing** about banning or restricting contraception.

Ban IVF: **FALSE**

IVF is **not mentioned** anywhere in Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership*.

Condemn single mothers while promoting only “traditional families”: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* suggests that a future HHS Secretary replace the policies of the Biden administration that prioritize LGBTQ+ equality, subsidize single motherhood, disincentivize work, and penalize marriage with **policies that instead encourage marriage, work, motherhood, fatherhood, and nuclear families.**

Outlaw pornography: **TRUE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for the **criminalization of pornography production, distribution, and consumption.** Pornography has no claim to First Amendment protection and its purveyors are child predators and misogynistic exploiters of women. Their product is as addictive as any illicit drug and as psychologically destructive as any crime.

Healthcare

End the Affordable Care Act: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* offers policy suggestions to **curb the abuses** of the Affordable Care Act.

Raise prescription drug prices: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* offers proposals to **lower drug prices** through competition and innovation.

Education

End free and discounted school lunch programs: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* advocates that the Food and Nutrition Service be moved from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health and Human Services. *Mandate* **condemns the Biden administration's decision to threaten schools** that do not comply with radical transgender policies by taking away their funding for school meals for needy students. Additionally, *Mandate* supports **prioritizing school meal programs for those students who are truly needy by reforming or eliminating the often-misused Community Eligibility Program**, which creates an entitlement for many students regardless of family income levels.

Use public, taxpayer money for private religious schools: **TRUE**

Americans are able to use taxpayer money to choose where they shop for groceries, attain housing, and obtain higher education. Religious schools often outperform public schools, and **families should have the choice** to send their children to these schools.

Shut down the Department of Education: **TRUE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for the **end of the Department of Education.** Since the Department was created, **educational outcomes have not improved**, and the American school system has increasingly fallen behind other countries. Giving **more control back to state and local governments, and expanding school choice**, would improve education outcomes for all Americans, especially underprivileged communities. Some functions of the Department would be moved to other departments including Labor, Justice, and Commerce.

Healthcare

Cut Social Security: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* **does not advocate cutting Social Security**. Even liberal CNN's fact checkers have confirmed this, stating unambiguously: "Fact check: Harris falsely claims Project 2025 blueprint calls for cutting Social Security."

Eliminate unions and worker protections: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* presents different ideas about a **conservative labor policy**. It calls for **combatting the excesses** of the Deep State's bloated federal employee unions, which have ensured that federal employees keep their jobs even if they engage in illegal behavior or perform their jobs poorly.

Raise the retirement age: **FALSE**

Raising the retirement age is **nowhere advocated** in Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership*.

Cut Medicare: **FALSE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* **does not advocate** cutting Medicare.

Immigration

Mass deportation of illegal immigrants: **TRUE**

Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* supports an **orderly and lawful immigration system**. It advocates that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Removal Operations be primarily responsible for enforcing civil immigration regulations, including the **removal of those who have violated our immigration laws**. It also calls for additional resources to **put an end to Joe Biden's border crisis and enforce immigration laws**.

Energy & Environment

Deregulate big business and the oil industry: **MOSTLY TRUE**

America needs energy that is plentiful and affordable. Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* calls for an all-of-the-above energy policy that would promote the development of our domestic energy supply, and for **fewer burdensome regulations for ALL businesses**.

Increase Arctic Drilling: **TRUE**

The Arctic is of immense strategic importance to America. Project 2025's *Mandate for Leadership* advocates a strong pursuit of American interests in the region, through economic freedom; through **ensuring free and open shipping lanes**; and through the **development of the vast energy resources of the Arctic**.

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