

Project 2025: Trump's plan to take control

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What is Project 2025?

A collection of 100+ groups that came together to draft a plan for a presidential administration.

1. The 920 page “**Mandate for Leadership**” with detailed policy and personnel proposals for every federal agency.
2. A **personnel database** of people who’ve passed a loyalty test, ready to replace 50,000+ civil servants.
3. A private **training center** for far-right staffers, with retreats as well as online materials.
4. An unpublished plan for **first 180 days**.

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Mandate *for* Leadership

The Conservative Promise

What makes Project 2025 unique?

- 1. Project 2025 is not simply a set of conservative policy ideas – it’s an authoritarian playbook to give Trump unprecedented power to takeover the federal government by gutting our system of checks and balances to enact an extreme, far-right agenda.**
- 2. Compared to other policy groups, the architects of Project 2025 have been extremely successful in getting their ideas championed by far-right presidents for decades.**
 - When the plan’s architects produced a policy agenda for a Republican president in 2016, Donald Trump ultimately acted upon 64 percent of its policy recommendations in his first year in office. That tracks with the take-up we’ve seen among other right-wing administrations.*
- 3. We’re already seeing a number of ideas in Project 2025 take root in the states or have been openly embraced by Donald Trump as president or as a candidate.**

Gutting Checks and Balances: Putting the Authoritarian Playbook in Action

- 1. Replacing up to 50,000 civil servants with political loyalists** and installing appointees in acting administrative roles to bypass the Senate.
- 2. Terminating longstanding independence of key federal agencies**, including the Department of Justice, FTC, the Fed, etc.
- 3. Illegally utilizing impoundment power to bypass Congress**, as advocated for by P2025 co-author Russ Vought and Trump.
- 4. Weakening the independence of media and news reporting** by allowing the president to manipulate the levers of the FCC to assail media companies that report negatively about an administration.
- 5. Misuse the Insurrection Act against Americans to stifle dissent.**

Project 2025 Policy Goals

- 1. Harming the Middle Class.**
- 2. Attacking Americans' Rights and Freedoms.**
- 3. No trusted backstop to stop Project 2025.** Role of the Supreme Court—more dangerous than ever in light of the recent presidential immunity decision.

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Project 2025, the Economy, and Women

1. Higher taxes for you, lower taxes for the ultra-wealthy.

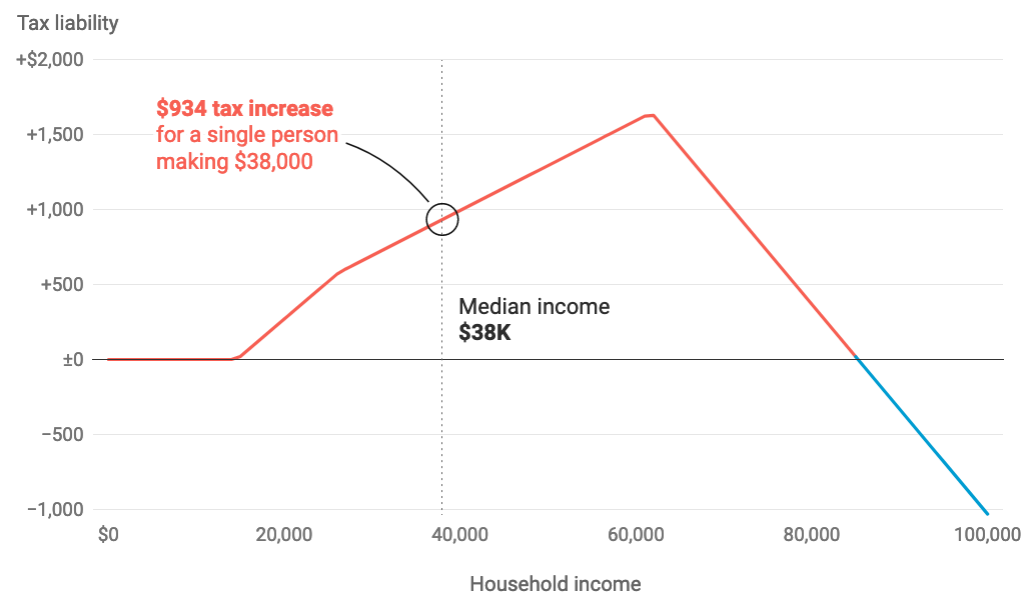
- **Short-term—Two-tier tax bracket:** Increase taxes for low- and moderate-income people while cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans. Under the plan, **the typical family would pay about \$3,000 more a year** while the 45,000 wealthiest families in the country would get an average annual tax cut of \$1.5 million.
- **Long-term—Replacing income and corporate taxes with a consumption tax:** which would trigger a massive boost in inflation and reduce the amount of after-tax income for all but the top 10% of earners. The bottom 80% of earners would pay between 6 and 28% more.

Project 2025's "two-bracket" tax system would raise taxes on the middle class while cutting taxes for the wealthy

Change in income tax liability from Project 2025's 15 percent and 30 percent tax bracket system compared with current law, 2024

Click to see impact on different households:

Married couple, two children **Single-person household**



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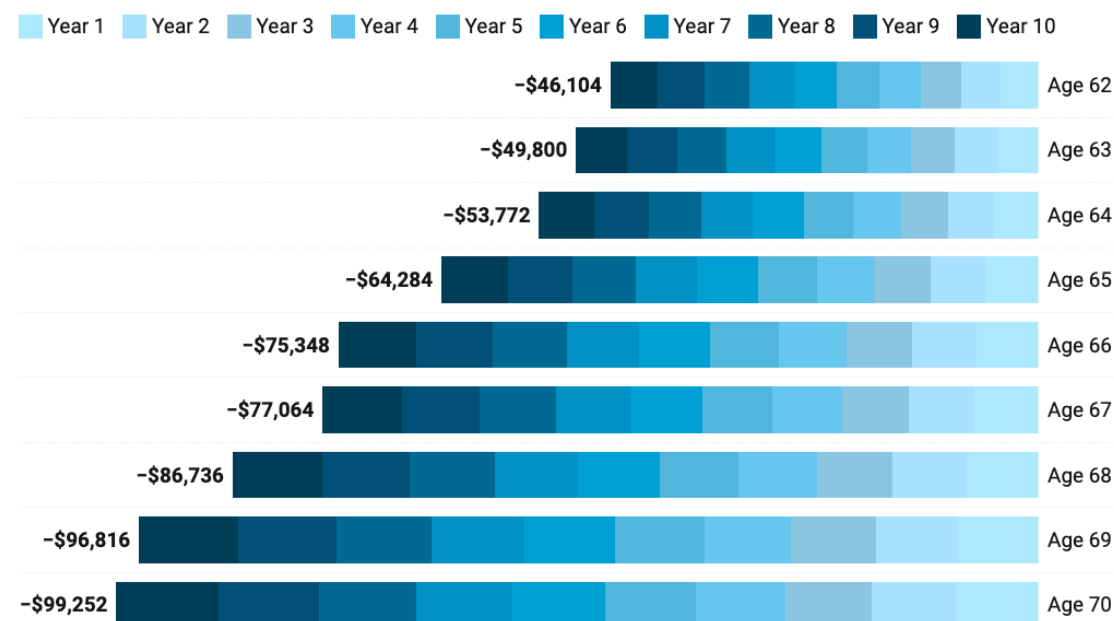
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2. The plan's authors have called for raising the full retirement age for Social Security from 67 to 69 for future retirees:

- **Undermining retirement security:** This proposal would cut Social Security benefits for 74 percent of Americans, or nearly 245 million people.
- **Massive cut in benefits:** The typical future retiree would lose between \$46,000 to \$100,000 in benefits over a decade depending on when they claim Social Security.
- **Acute harm for women:** Women live long longer, having to draw down retirement benefits over a longer period; lower lifetime earnings --> lower retirement wealth → more reliant on SS benefits.

The median-wage retiree could lose up to \$100,000 after 10 years of benefit cuts under the Republican Study Committee plan

Annual loss of Social Security retirement benefits for a median-wage worker if the full retirement age were increased to 69, by retirement age



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3. Project 2025 would pull the rug out from under caregivers.

- **Cut access to long-term care for aging parents, low-income kids, and people with disabilities:** Roughly 30 million kids and nearly 20 seniors and non-elderly people with disabilities rely on Medicaid for their health care needs, particularly coverage of long-term care. Project 2025 caps Medicaid payments to states; gives states the power to deny coverage of certain types of care.
- **Eliminates the Head Start program:** Head Start provides no-cost early education for 833,000 families living in poverty.
- **Eliminates free school meals:** Ends the Community Eligibility Provision, which allows all students who attend schools serving a student body wherein at least 25 percent of students are eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals to receive free school meals. Nearly 20M students are currently eligible to benefit from free school meals under CEP.

Project 2025, Rights & Freedom, Women

- 1. Project 2025 would effectuate a backdoor national abortion ban, empower the state to surveil pregnancies, imperil access to fertility care, and end no-cost coverage of emergency contraception.**
 - **By misapplying the Comstock Act and instructing the FDA to overturn approval of abortion medication**, Project 2025 would effectuate a national abortion ban, including in states where abortion rights are legally protected.
 - **The plan calls for the CDC to enhance abortion data reporting and instructs HHS to mandate states enhance pregnancy surveillance**, including mandatory reporting on the number of abortions provided, the stage of pregnancy, the pregnant woman's state of residence, and the method of termination.
 - **Calls on Congress to pass a law declaring life begins at conception**, effectively imperiling the ability of people to receive fertility care.
 - **Ends federal funding for Planned Parenthood.**
 - **Eliminates the ACA's no-cost preventive care coverage requirement for emergency contraception**, putting 45 million at risk of being able to afford the care they may require.

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2. Project 2025 would make it easier for employers and schools to discriminate.

- **Make it more difficult for people to bring civil rights cases** and have their challenges heard.
- **Neuter the EEOC** by making it harder to track data relating to civil rights violations and diminish or outright ban the EEOC's ability to enter in to consent decrees with employers found to have violated employees' civil rights.
- **Eliminate Biden-Harris Title IX Regulations and Restore DeVos Title IX Rules.** Amending these rules would roll back protections from sexual harassment and assault by increasing the burden of proof for complainants and exposing them to live hearings and cross-examination, making it more likely that incidents of assault or harassment will go unreported. The plan also would eliminate protections for LGBTQI+ people.

Questions?

If you would like to share materials from today's event with neighbors, friends, or family, please do reach out to me.

I am also happy to answer specific questions.

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