

What is Project 2025 all about?

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Although it was introduced more than a year ago, *Project 2025* has come under heightened scrutiny over the past few weeks. This is due to presidential candidate Donald Trump's efforts to distance himself from the project (even though many of the persons involved have close ties to the former president and his administration); and vice-presidential candidate J.D. Vance's authoring the forward to a new book by Kevin Roberts, president of the Heritage Foundation, the lead organization behind *Project 2025*. Roberts's book was scheduled to be published in September 2025, but the publication date has been pushed back until after the elections.

At the heart of *Project 2025* is the over 900-page [*Mandate for Leadership 2025: The Conservative Promise*](#), a plan to radically overhaul the U.S. government to bring it in line with conservative values. This document is just the latest in a series of Heritage Foundation mandates going back to Ronald Reagan's first administration in 1981.

The following resources may be helpful for anyone who wants to learn more about *Project 2025* and its impact on just about every aspect of life in the United States and beyond.

Media Matters for America has produced [a 67-page guide to Project 2025](#) that addresses a range of issues, including the project's ties to Donald Trump, a look at what's at stake, and brief descriptions of the key players and partner organizations. It also examines the impact of *Project 2025*'s policy recommendations on a number of issues, including justice and civil rights; labor; the economy; climate; immigration; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and the military. Of special interest in light of our Critical Concerns are the sections on climate (page 28) and immigration (page 33).

[Snopes](#), a major online fact-checking organization, [has put out a fact sheet](#) which provides a helpful overview of *Project 2025*, including a summary of its four major components. Snopes goes on to examine in greater detail some of the project's proposals, its ties to Donald Trump, and the forces behind *Project 2025*.

Both Media Matters for America and Snopes noted that they reached out to the Heritage Foundation with questions but did not receive a response.