

Project 2025

Conservatives laid out their agenda for the next Republican administration in the [2025 Mandate for Leadership](#), also known as Project 2025. The implications for our communities are dire.

A book summary by Mads Stirling

POLICY

Policy Agenda

This book is an invitation for you the reader—Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, and Ms. Smith—to come to Washington or support those who can. Our goal is to assemble an army of aligned, vetted, trained, and prepared conservatives to go to work on Day One to deconstruct the Administrative State.



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Overview of the 887-page book

“The real solution is for the national government...to decentralize and privatize as much as possible.”

- **The book is a “product of 400 policy experts** from across the conservative movement...facilitated by the Heritage Foundation” (HF)
- **Claims the Reagan admin** implemented $\frac{2}{3}$ of the recommendations in their first Mandate, and Trump implemented “64% of the 2016 Mandate in his first year...”
- **Broad recommendations: Cut spending, deregulate, privatize**
 - **Reduce federal pay** and benefits
 - **Lay off all recent hires** & implement hiring freezes
 - **Limit and/or ban federal employee unions**
 - **Transfer as many Administration and Agency positions** as possible from career to political
 - **Repeal as much as the Inflation Reduction Act** as possible
 - **Abolish as many Federal agencies** as possible

Department of Defense

Author: Christopher Miller, Secretary of Defense under Trump on 1/6/2021

- “Identify China as the top priority for US defense planning”
- Increase military budget & international arms sales
- Expand nuclear arsenal & accelerate intercontinental ballistic missile creation
- Increase military recruiter access to secondary schools & require all public school students to complete the military entrance examination
- Expel and ban anyone with gender dysphoria or HIV from the military
- Prevent the military from facilitating abortion services
- “Rectify the damage done by the actions of former intelligence leaders regarding the claims of Trump–Russia collusion following the 2016 election and the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop investigation and media revelations of its existence during the 2020 election.”

Department of Homeland Security

Author: Ken Cuccinelli, Trump's Deputy of Homeland Security & AG of VA

- Dismantle itself and combine all current immigration agencies
- Restart & expand use of horseback-mounted border patrol (p.139)
- Allow ICE to arrest, detain, and deport “immigration violators anywhere in the US without warrant” (p. 142)
- Increase ICE immigrant detention to hold 100,000 individuals daily
- Repeal Temporary Protected Status, restrict asylum, reinstate Title 42
- Empower the Secretary to ban all immigration from any country
- Reduce or eliminate visas issued to “foreign students from enemy nations” (p. 141)
- Authorize state and local police to participate in ICE raids
- Privatize TSA screening and the FEMA Flood Insurance Program (p. 135)

Department of State

Author: Kiron K Skinner, Trump's Director of Policy Planning at the Department of State

- Freeze any ongoing treaty or international agreement negotiations and assess whether those efforts align with the new President's foreign policy direction
- "Respond vigorously to the Chinese Threat"
- Indefinitely curtail the U.S. Refugee Admission Program
- Reimplement the Remain in Mexico policy
- "Reposture" with Western "socialist or progressive regimes, which are at odds with the freedom and growth-oriented policies of the U.S."
- Eliminate international funding of abortion
- Reduce funding to & withdraw from the WHO

Media: Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Author: Mike Gonzalez, Heritage Foundation & Journalist

- Abolish the CPB (PBS & NPR)

Agency for International Development

Author: Max Primorac, Trump's COO for USAID

- “Build on Trump’s counter-China infrastructure”
- Rescind all climate policies from its foreign aid programs
- Dismantle USAID’s DEI apparatus
- Remove all references, definitions, and language on USAID websites, publications, policies, contracts, and grants that include the terms: “gender,” “gender equality,” “gender equity,” “gender diverse individuals,” “abortion,” “reproductive health,” and “sexual and reproductive rights.”
- Ban federal funding for abortions abroad and condition all foreign aid on not providing abortions
- Shift awards from NGOs to faith-based entities

Department of Agriculture

Author: Daren Bakst, Heritage Foundation

- Remove US from any U.N. efforts on sustainable development
- Separate agricultural provisions of the farm bill from the nutrition provisions; move all nutritional welfare to DHS
- SNAP: Implement work requirements, reduce benefits & eligibility
- Reduce funding for school meals & eliminate summer meals
- Deregulate baby formula and the meat and poultry industries
- Eliminate protections for wetlands
- Repeal federal Dietary Guidelines

Department of Education

Author: Lindsey Burke, Heritage Foundation

- Eliminate the DOE & block grant federal funds to states
- Define “sex” as “biological sex at birth”; prevent teachers from using any name/pronoun other than the name & sex on a birth certificate
- Drop all ongoing investigations into sex discrimination
- Cancel all student loan forgiveness programs; restrict income-based payment plans; privatize all student loans; end Pell grants
- Reduce federal restrictions & regulations on charter schools
- Pass a federal Parents’ Bill of Rights
- Strengthen protections for faith-based educational institutions
- Remove disparate impact standards for discipline under Title VI
- Rescind the NEA’s congressional charter
- Privatize DC’s public schools

Department of Energy

Author: Bernard L McNamee, Trump's Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- Repeal the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act
- Deregulate energy decisions to “stop the war on oil and natural gas”
- Develop new nuclear weapons and naval nuclear reactors
- Reduce standards for nuclear radiation exposure
- End nonproliferation activities involving Iran and the United Nations
- End all subsidies for “green” energy
- Eliminate energy efficiency standards for appliances
- Eliminate the Clean Energy Corps

Environmental Protection Agency

Author: Mandy Gunasekara, Trump's EPA Chief of Staff

- Reset advisory boards to “expand opportunities for diverse scientific views”
- “To the extent the IRA remains, ensure grants and funding are provided to state entities and not to nonprofits;” repeal grants through the IRA for environmental science activities
- Lengthen timelines to improve air quality
- Reduce regulations on greenhouse gas emissions; prevent social cost of carbon from being taken into account in risk planning
- Repeal Biden’s regulations on hydrofluorocarbons
- Reduce standards for hazardous air pollutants, radiation, and pesticides

Department of Health and Human Services

Author: Roger Severino, anti-LGBTQ activist

- Ban CDC from issuing guidance on masks or vaccines; Ban HHS from issuing eviction moratoriums
- Repeal all IRA health policies, including Medicare drug price negotiation
- Block grant Medicaid; add work requirements and time limits
- Eliminate the Head Start program

LGBTQ:

- Allow medical providers to refuse care to trans people
- Prevent Medicare from covering gender reassignment surgery
- Refuse to enforce any prohibition on sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination
- Reverse all Biden and Obama-era LGBTQ equity measures
- Allow adoption and foster agencies to discriminate against LGBTQ and unmarried people
- Define “reassigning the sex of a minor child” (as a parent or doctor) as child abuse

Abortion & Contraception:

- Eradicate abortion in all forms, including abortion pills; defund Planned Parenthood
- Ban all research using fetal cells & stem cells
- Require states to report every abortion in order to receive federal Medicaid funding
- Withdrawal Medicaid funding from states that require abortion insurance coverage
- Allow insurers not to cover contraception and surrogacy; fund research into “fertility awareness-based methods of family planning”

Department of Housing & Urban Development

Author: Ben Carson, Trump's HUD Secretary

- Transfer HUD functions to separate federal agencies, state, & localities
- Repeal climate change initiatives
- Eliminate the Housing Supply Fund
- Ban non-citizens, including mixed-status families, from HUD housing
- Increase work requirements & implement benefit time limits
- Restrict eligibility for first-time homebuyers
- End Housing First policies
- Oppose any efforts to weaken single-family zoning

Department of the Interior

Author: William Pendley, former president of a group that advocates for selling federal land

- Roll back Biden-era climate protections on federal land and reinstate Trump-era “Energy Dominance Agenda”
- Rescind the Endangered Species Act
- Open the National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska for development
- “End the war on fossil fuels” and end subsidies of electric vehicles
- Conduct offshore oil and natural gas lease sales to maximum extent
- Allow for the killing of wild horses (p. 529)

Department of Justice

Author: Gene Hamilton, ICE & Trump's transition team

- Prohibit FBI from combating misinformation if not tied to criminal activity
- Remove the FBI from the Deputy Attorney General's supervision and place it under the supervision of the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division
- Reassign prosecuting voter fraud from civil rights division to criminal division
- Ensure the 44 individuals on federal death row are executed and pursue the death penalty for all applicable crimes, particularly abuse of children
- Aggressively deploy RICO laws
- Finalize Trump's border wall
- Help DHS find undocumented people living within sanctuary jurisdictions
- Enforce a federal law against providers and distributors of abortion pills
- Withdraw all of AG Merrick Garland's immigration rules; reinstate all of Trump's rules (p. 567)
- Initiate legal actions against DAs who refuse to prosecute criminal offenses

Department of Labor

Author: Jonathan Berry, Samuel Alito clerk & Federalist Society lawyer

- Eliminate DEI programs; prohibit federal funding for CRT trainings
- Eliminate race/ethnicity data collection in employment
- Remove discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics; eliminate disparate impact as a valid theory of discrimination
- Allow employers to make employment decisions based on religion, sexual orientation, transgender status, and marital status
- Exempt small businesses from OSHA violation fines
- Allow states to get waivers from federal labor laws
- Allow teenage workers “access” to dangerous jobs (p. 627)
- Authorize investigations into unions without requiring a formal complaint
- Cap and phase down H-2A and H-2B visas

Department of Transportation

Author: Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Heritage Foundation

- Abolish discretionary grantmaking in favor of block grants
- Reduce fuel economy requirements
- Stop funding hiking trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks
- Reject the “Vision Zero” approach to safety
- Encourage airline consolidation
- Reduce the number of flight hours required to be a pilot
- Reduce funding for public transportation projects
- Reduce safety regulations on trains

Department of Veterans Affairs

Author: Brooks D. Tucker, Trump's VA Chief of Staff

- Rescind coverage for abortion services and gender reassignment surgery
- Aggressively recruit retired physicians to serve veterans
- Privatize disability medical examinations
- Shift from FTEs to contractors
- End the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection

Department of Commerce

Author: Thomas F Gilman, Trump's CFO of the Dept. of Commerce

- “Review the department with an eye toward consolidation, elimination, or privatization”
- Abolish the Economic Development Administration (which disbursed CARES Act funding)
- Dismantle the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration
- Privatize the National Weather Service
- Eliminate marine sanctuaries/no-fishing zones
- Abolish all Advisory Committees not required by statute
- Designate WeChat and TikTok to the Entity List, making them non-operational
- Review the census partnership program to promote conservative groups; add a citizenship question to the census; abolish the Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations

Department of the Treasury

Authors: William Walton, Stephen Moore, & David Burton, Heritage Foundation

- Withdraw from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement
- Withdraw from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Withdraw from the World Bank and the IMF
- Repeal the Corporate Transparency Act
- Privatize Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
- Eliminate the US Trade and Development Agency
- Enact two-rate individual tax system of 15% and 30%; reduce corporate income tax to 18%
- Repeal all tax increases passed in the IRA
- Institute a 3/5ths vote threshold in the House and Senate to raise taxes
- Increase the business loss limitation to at least \$500,000 & lower the estate tax to <20%
- Eliminate tax deductions for educational expenses
- Cap untaxed employee benefits at \$12,000 per year
- Repeal most of the Dodd-Frank Act, including the Financial Stability Oversight Council & disclosures relating to mine safety, resource extraction, and CEO pay ratios

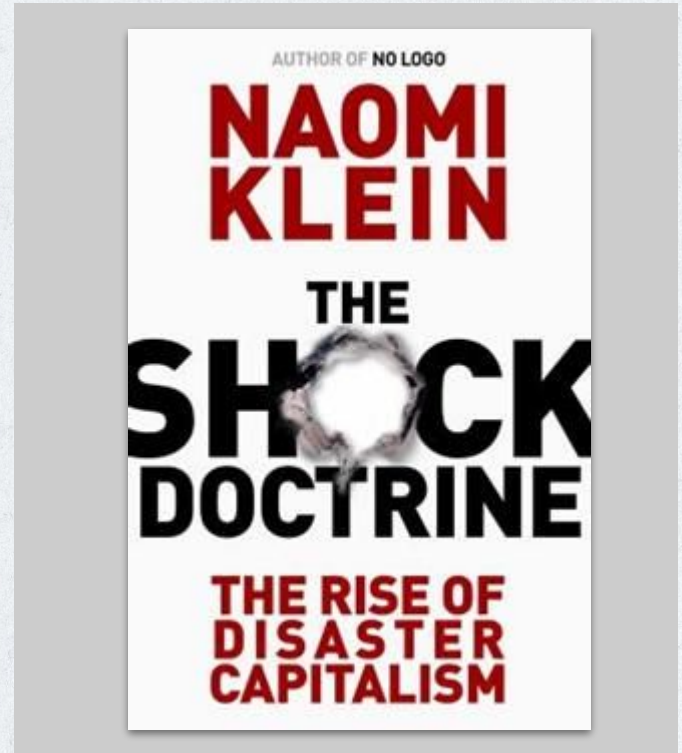
Import-Export Bank, Federal Reserve, Small Business Administration, & Independent Regulatory Agencies

Authors: David Burton & Hans von Spakovsky (Heritage Foundation), Robert Bowes (Trump's Field Director), Brendan Carr (FEC), Adam Candeub (professor)

- Abolish the Export-Import Bank
- Abolish the Federal Reserve
- Abolish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Abolish the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- Abolish the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board
- Allow the SBA to provide loans to religious entities
- Reduce loans for disaster relief
- “Oppose efforts to redefine the purpose of business in the name of social justice; corporate social responsibility; stakeholder theory; environmental, social, and governance criteria; socially responsible investing; sustainability; diversity; business ethics; or commongood capitalism.”

The conservative playbook echos strategies they have implemented in the US & abroad to extract wealth:

- Implement neoliberal economic “reforms” that are deeply unpopular by taking advantage of crises, wars, and natural disasters to justify changes & “shock” the populus into acceptance
- Defund welfare/public services
- Deregulate and privatize government services so that individuals can make massive profits while poverty skyrockets
- Suppress protest/democracy using incarceration, torture, murder, and/or military coups & authoritarian takeovers
- Examples: Pinochet Regime in Chile, Thatcher Regime in Britain, Yeltsin Regime in Russia, Reagan Regime in the US, the American Occupation of Iraq



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