

# Project 2025 Snapshot

## What is Project 2025?

Project 2025, formally titled *Mandate for Leadership*, is a nearly 900-page policy blueprint produced by the Heritage Foundation and allied organizations. It outlines how a future conservative administration should restructure the federal government. The plan emphasizes consolidating power in the presidency, reshaping civil service, and embedding socially conservative ideology in federal policy. This snapshot condenses the document into the most critical, citizen-focused elements — a five-minute read.

## 1. Power and Governance

- Expand presidential control under the 'unitary executive theory' — weaken independence of agencies like DOJ, FTC, FCC.
- Replace career civil servants with political loyalists via Schedule F; Heritage has built a 20,000+ resume database.
- Centralize decision-making in the White House and OMB, overriding checks and balances.

## 2. Social and Cultural Policy

- Limit abortion access nationwide; defund Title X and related programs; appoint officials to roll back reproductive rights.
- Redefine Title IX and health nondiscrimination laws to exclude gender identity; restrict transgender rights in schools and healthcare.
- Dismantle Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs; censor federal grants and education funding tied to equity initiatives.
- Promote parental rights and curriculum transparency in schools; expand school choice vouchers at the expense of public education.

## 3. Economy and Regulation

- Deregulate labor, climate, and consumer protections under an 'anti-woke capitalism' framework.
- Ban ESG (environmental, social, governance) investing standards in pensions and financial systems.
- Flatten taxes and limit IRS enforcement, reducing progressivity and oversight of high earners and corporations.
- Reduce Federal Reserve independence; increase political control over monetary policy.

## 4. Security, Immigration, and Foreign Affairs

- Expand DHS enforcement, including mandatory E-Verify, rapid expulsions, and asylum restrictions.
- Empower states and local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws (287(g) agreements).
- Refocus Defense Department on combat readiness, cut DEI/civilian programs, and streamline contracting.
- Realign State Department and USAID human-rights and development policies to ideological benchmarks.

## 5. Environment and Public Lands

- Roll back greenhouse gas and clean air rules; limit EPA enforcement power.
- Weaken NEPA and Endangered Species Act review to accelerate energy and infrastructure projects.
- Expand fossil fuel leasing on public lands and offshore areas; consider privatization or state management of federal lands.
- Cut renewable energy programs (like ARPA-E) and slow federal clean tech investment.

## 6. Media and Information

- Reorient FCC toward media consolidation; reduce localism and diversity requirements.
- Curb Section 230 protections, limiting how platforms moderate disinformation or extremist content.
- Defund NPR/PBS (via CPB) and reshape international broadcasting to align with administration messaging.

## Funding Shifts Already Seen

While Project 2025 is a forward-looking agenda, several fiscal shifts have already occurred in alignment with its priorities. The so-called 'Big Beautiful Bill' and related appropriations measures reflect these reallocations:

- **• Defense & Security:** Increased funding for military operations, border enforcement, and cybersecurity, consistent with calls to prioritize warfighting and national security.
- **• Domestic Programs:** Cuts or constrained growth in education, Medicaid, and other social safety nets, aligning with calls to devolve authority to states and reduce federal influence.
- **• Online & Tech Regulation:** Expanded allocations for federal cybersecurity and online content monitoring tied to national security.
- **• Climate & Environment:** Reduced emphasis on renewable energy and climate resilience, while boosting fossil fuel leasing revenues.

These funding changes show how Project 2025 is not just about restructuring government on paper. It also envisions — and in part has already produced — a reallocation of federal resources away from social supports and environmental programs, and toward defense, security, and ideological priorities.

## Bottom Line

Project 2025 is more than a policy wishlist — it is a governing manual designed to consolidate executive power, reshape institutions, and reorient federal policy toward ideological priorities. Its citizen impact would be felt in schools, healthcare, workplaces, media, and the environment.