Project 2025 Aims To Exert Control Over Americans' Lives, Limiting Their Freedoms Of Speech, Protest, Among Others

SUMMARY: The crux of Project 2025's agenda is to take more control over Americans' lives, despite its "promise" to "secure our God-given individual rights to live freely."

Project 2025 wants to control people's bodies:

- Using enforcement of the Reconstruction-Era Comstock Act to stop the distribution of abortion medication, which "could enact a national abortion ban"
- Recommending the CDC institute "<u>mandatory data collection for all abortions nationwide literally</u> <u>tracking and surveilling women who choose to get abortions</u>" and threatens to cut funding to any state that does not submit abortion data to the CDC's surveillance systems
- Limiting Title IX discrimination protections for transgender students
 - Project 2025 equates those who support transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming students to "child predators" who "should be imprisoned" and "classed as registered sex offenders"
- Proposing a lifetime cap on Medicaid, which would jeopardize health care coverage for up to 18.5 million people

Project 2025 wants to control people's self-determination:

- Cracking down on protesters by deploying the military domestically under the Insurrection Act
- Defining a "healthy society" as made up of families composed of a "married mother, father, and their children" while repealing policies focusing on LGBTQ+ equity and supporting single-mothers
- Rescinding protections for LGBTQ+ individuals in healthcare and labor policy
- Restricting the ability for workers to participate in unions

Project 2025 wants to control people's wallets:

- Taking away eligibility for overtime pay for millions of workers
- Driving up drug costs and limiting insurance options for people
- Eliminating student <u>debt forgiveness</u> for civil servants and dismantling protections for defrauded students

Project 2025 Project 2025 Wants To Restrict Access To Healthcare, Including Abortion And Contraceptives, As Well As Limiting Protections For Transgender Students.

<u>Project 2025 Said The DOJ Should Enforce The Comstock Act And Federal</u> <u>Obscenity Laws To Launch A Campaign To Stop Provision And Distribution Of</u> <u>Medication Abortion Pills.</u>

Project 2025 Outlines A Plan To Destroy The Independence Of The Department Of Justice And Enforce The Comstock Act To Target Abortion Care. "Project 2025 outlines how far-right extremists plan to destroy the impartial and independent role of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to legitimize a misapplication of the Comstock Act, which bans the mailing of items deemed obscene. For the past half-century, Comstock has been viewed as a 150-year-old unenforceable relic that is unconstitutionally vague. By banning Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved abortion care from being delivered via mail, far-right extremists can criminalize the provision and distribution of medication abortion, which is the most common form of abortion care in the United States. And by criminalizing medication abortion via mail, these extremists will effectuate a de facto abortion ban while avoiding a more unpopular and likely unsuccessful process with Congress." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/13/24</u>]

Project 2025 Calls On The DOJ To Announce A Campaign To Enforce Obscenity Laws And The Comstock Act To Prosecute People Who Send Medication Abortion Pills Through The U.S. Mail. "Announcing a Campaign to Enforce the Criminal Prohibitions in 18 U.S. Code §§ 1461 and 1462 Against Providers and Distributors of Abortion Pills That Use the Mail. Federal law prohibits mailing '[e] very article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine, or thing which is advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead another to use or apply it for producing abortion.' 75 Following the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs, there is now no federal prohibition on the enforcement of this statute. The Department of Justice in the next conservative Administration should therefore announce its intent to enforce federal law against providers and distributors of such pills." [Project 2025, p.562, 2023]

• The Comstock Act Is A Federal Law Allowing The Post Office To Search For Any "Obscene, Lewd, Lascivious, Indecent, Filthy, Or Vile Article, Matter, Thing, Device, Or Substance." "The Comstock Act is a federal law that authorized the post office to search mail for any 'obscene, lewd, lascivious, indecent, filthy, or vile article, matter, thing, device, or substance.' This included porn and information or items related to sexual health, sexuality, abortion, and birth control. Comstock's definition of obscenity was so broad, the post office could even seize novels, plays, art, medical textbooks, and personal letters with sexual content." [Planned Parenthood, 5/12/23]

CAP: "Project 2025's Distortion Of A Reconstruction-Era Law Could Enact A National Abortion Ban." [Center for American Progress, 6/13/24]

Project 2025 "Recommends The CDC Implement Mandatory Data Collection For All Abortions Nationwide — Literally Tracking And Surveilling Women Who Choose To Get Abortions" And Threatens To Cut Funding To Any State That Does Not Submit Abortion Data To The CDC's Surveillance Systems.

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The CDC Conducts Abortion Surveillance Every Year By Requesting Abortion Data From Central Health Agencies Of All Fifty States, The District Of Columbia, And New York City. "CDC conducts abortion surveillance to document the number and characteristics of women obtaining legal induced abortions and number of abortion-related deaths in the United States...Each year, CDC requests abortion data from the

central health agencies for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and New York City." [CDC, 11/25/22]

According To Project 2025, California, Maryland, And New Hampshire Do Not Submit Abortion Data To The CDC. "CDC abortion data are reported by states on a voluntary basis, and California, Maryland, and New Hampshire do not submit abortion data at all." [Project 2025, <u>4/21/23</u>]

Project 2025 Wrote That HHS Should Cut Funding To Non-Reporting States In Order To Strong-Arm Them Into Sending Abortion Data. "Because liberal states have now become sanctuaries for abortion tourism, HHS should use every available tool, including the cutting of funds, to ensure that every state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother's state of residence, and by what method." [Project 2025, <u>4/21/23</u>]

Project 2025 Endorsed The Ensuring Accurate And Complete Abortion Data Of 2023. "The Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 20239 would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve the CDC's abortion reporting mechanisms by requiring states, as a condition of federal Medicaid payments for family planning services, to report streamlined variables in a timely manner." [Project 2025, <u>4/21/23</u>]

 This Legislation Would Mandate States To Submit Abortion Data As A Condition Of Receiving Medicaid Payments For Family Planning Services. "This bill requires states, as a condition of federal payment under Medicaid for family planning services, to report certain abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (Currently, reporting is voluntary.) The CDC must develop standardized questions for states with respect to specified variables (e.g., maternal demographics and methods of abortion)." [Congress.gov, accessed 2/23/24]

Project 2025 Proposes Ending Biden's Gender Policy Council That Sought To Increase Access To Contraception.

Project 2025 Would End The Biden Administration's Gender Policy Council That Sought To Increase Access To Contraception. "Under the Biden administration, the White House Gender Policy Council has led efforts to increase access to contraception, published the National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and begun groundbreaking research into how women's health is studied across the country. Project 2025 would immediately disband the Council and prioritize coordinating efforts that push for 'promoting life' and emphasize a narrow vision of what defines a 'family.'" [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Would Restrict Title IX Protections, Which Protects Students From Discrimination On The Basis Of Sex, For LGBTQ+ Students.

Project 2025 Would Restrict The Protections For LGBTQ+ Students In Title IX By Limiting Sex To Only Biological Sex Assigned At Birth. "Public schools are already dangerous for LGBTQ+ students across the nation, especially LGBTQ+ students of color. Project 2025 would make matters even worse by directing a future Secretary of Education to rescind the Biden administration's expanded Title IX protections for LGBTQ+ students, and reinstate the regressive rules previously imposed by the Trump administration. Project 2025 emphasizes that any definition of 'sex' under Title IX should mean only biological sex assigned at birth." [Democracy Forward, accessed 7/25/24]

Title IX Protects Students From Discrimination On The Basis Of Sex At Federally Funded Institutions. "The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX states: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." [U.S. Department of Education, <u>8/21</u>]

Project 2025 Equates Those Who Support Transgender Rights To "Child Predators" Who "Should Be Imprisoned" And "Classed As Registered Sex Offenders."

Project 2025 Claims That "Children Suffer The Toxic Normalization Of Transgenderism." "Look at America under the ruling and cultural elite today: Inflation is ravaging family budgets, drug overdose deaths continue to escalate, and children suffer the toxic normalization of transgenderism with drag queens and pornography invading their school libraries." [Mandate for Leadership, <u>2023</u>]

Project 2025 Claims That "The Omnipresent Propagation Of Transgender Ideology" Is A Form Of "Pornography" And That Supporters Of Transgender Rights Should Are "Child Predators" Who "Should Be Imprisoned" And "Classed As Registered Sex Offenders." "Pornography, manifested today in the omnipresent propagation of transgender ideology and sexualization of children, for instance, is not a political Gordian knot inextricably binding up disparate claims about free speech, property rights, sexual liberation, and child welfare. It has no claim to First Amendment protection. 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. Pornography should be outlawed. The people who produce and distribute it should be imprisoned. Educators and public librarians who purvey it should be classed as registered sex offenders. And telecommunications and technology firms that facilitate its spread should be shuttered." [Mandate for Leadership, 2023]

Project 2025 Proposes A Lifetime Cap On Medicaid That Would Jeopardize Health Care Coverage For Up To 18.5 Million People.

HEADLINE: "Project 2025 Medicaid Lifetime Cap Proposal Threatens Health Care Coverage For Up To 18.5 Million Americans." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/20/24</u>]

Project 2025 Calls On The Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services To Impose "'Targeted Time Limits Or Lifetime Caps On [Medicaid] Benefits," Which "Would Mean That Once A Person Has Been On Medicaid For A Set Amount Of Time" The Person "Could Lose Eligibility For Medicaid Coverage." "In the Heritage Foundation's far-right policy manifesto, Project 2025, MAGA extremists call on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to impose "targeted time limits or lifetime caps on [Medicaid] benefits." This would mean that once a person has been on Medicaid for a set amount of time—potentially over the full course of their life—they could lose eligibility for Medicaid coverage, regardless of their financial situation. Similar policies have previously been introduced, including a proposal to impose a 36-month lifetime maximum for Medicaid coverage." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/20/24</u>]

CAP: "18.5 Million Medicaid Beneficiaries, Or 20 Percent Of Enrollees" Are "Most At Risk For Losing Their Coverage—And With It, Their Access To Affordable Health Care—If Arbitrary Lifetime Limits Were Implemented." "If Project 2025 were enacted, it could cause devastating coverage losses. In 2021, 18.5 million Medicaid beneficiaries, or 20 percent of enrollees, were not aged (younger than 65), blind, or disabled (ABD)—meaning they qualify for Medicaid based on income alone. These individuals would be most at risk for losing their coverage—and with it, their access to affordable health care—if arbitrary lifetime limits were implemented." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/20/24</u>]

Project 2025 Project 2025 Wants To Use The Military To Crack Down On Protesters, Make LGBTQ+ And Racial Discrimination Easier, And Limit Workers Ability To Unionize.

<u>Project 2025 "Is Developing A Plan, To Include Draft Executive Orders, That</u> <u>Would Deploy The Military Domestically Under The Insurrection Act," Directed</u> <u>By Jeffrey Clark.</u>

Donald Trump And His Allies Have Begun Planning Ways To "Punish Critics And Opponents" During A Second Administration, And His Associates Have Begun "Drafting Plans To Potentially Invoke The Insurrection Act On His First Day In Office." "Donald Trump and his allies have begun mapping out specific plans for using the federal government to punish critics and opponents should he win a second term, with the former president naming individuals he wants to investigate or prosecute and his associates drafting plans to potentially invoke the Insurrection Act on his first day in office to allow him to deploy the military against civil demonstrations." [The Washington Post, <u>11/5/23</u>]

Project 2025 "Is Developing A Plan, To Include Draft Executive Orders, That Would Deploy The Military Domestically Under The Insurrection Act." "Much of the planning for a second term has been unofficially outsourced to a partnership of right-wing think tanks in Washington. Dubbed 'Project 2025,' the group is developing a plan, to include draft executive orders, that would deploy the military domestically under the Insurrection Act, according to a person involved in those conversations and internal communications reviewed by The Washington Post. The law, last updated in 1871, authorizes the president to deploy the military for domestic law enforcement." [The Washington Post, <u>11/5/23</u>]

Jeffery Clark, Reported To Be One Of The Six Unnamed Co-Conspirators In Trump's Federal Election Interference Case, Is Leading The Work On The Insurrection Act Under Project 2025. "Jeffrey Clark, a fellow at Vought's think tank, is leading the work on the Insurrection Act under Project 2025. The Post has reported that Clark is one of six unnamed co-conspirators whose actions are described in Trump's indictment in the federal election interference case." [The Washington Post, <u>11/5/23</u>]

According To The Federal Indictment, After Warning That Trump Refusing To Leave Office Would Lead To Riots, Clark Said "That's Why There's An Insurrection Act." "In one conversation described in the federal indictment, a deputy White House counsel warned Clark that Trump's refusing to leave office would lead to 'riots in every major city.' Clark responded, according to the indictment, 'That's why there's an Insurrection Act.'" [The Washington Post, <u>11/5/23</u>]

Project 2025 Describes Families Composed Of A "Married Mother, Father, And Their Children" As The "Foundation Of A Well-Ordered Nation And Healthy Society," Advocating For Repealing Policies Focusing On LGBTQ+ Equity And Supporting Single-Mothers To Be "Replaced By Policies That Support The Formation Of Stable, Married, Nuclear Families."

Project 2025 States That "Families Comprised Of A Married Mother, Father, And Their Children Are The Foundation Of A Well-Ordered Nation And Healthy Society." "Goal #3: Promoting Stable and Flourishing Married Families. Families comprised of a married mother, father, and their children are the foundation of a well-ordered nation and healthy society. Unfortunately, family policies and programs under President Biden's HHS are fraught with agenda items focusing on "LGBTQ+ equity," subsidizing single-motherhood, disincentivizing work, and penalizing marriage. These policies should be repealed and replaced by policies that support the formation of stable, married, nuclear families." [Project 2025, p.451, <u>2023</u>]

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penalizing marriage. These policies should be repealed and replaced by policies that support the formation of stable, married, nuclear families." [Project 2025, p.451, <u>2023</u>]

Project 2025 Would Exclude LGBTQ+ Students From Certain Data Collection, Making It Harder To Track Discrimination And Would Target Workplace Discrimination Protections.

Project 2025 Advises The Department Of Education To Exclude LGBTQ+ Students From Data, Making It Harder To Track Discrimination. "Project 2025 would advise the Department of Education to rescind these changes and issue a new Civil Rights Data Collection instructive that "will collect data directly relevant to OCR's [authority]." In other words, that would mean only the data that Project 2025's authors think are valid — which excludes LGBTQ+ students. Without this data, it will be harder to know where LGBTQ+ students are experiencing discrimination, allowing it to fester and harm people across the country." [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Plans To Target LGBTQ+ Protections For Workplace Discrimination By Restricting Application Of Bostock V. Clayton. "Project 2025 plans to restrict the application of a critical 2020 Supreme Court case called Bostock v. Clayton County that assures workplace protections for LGBTQ+ people through making clear that discrimination against LGBTQ+ people is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by our federal civil rights laws. Project 2025 would try to enable greater workplace discrimination through allowing employers to impose their religious or moral beliefs on their employees." [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Would Have HHS Exclude LGBTQ+ Individuals From The Department's Anti-Discrimination Policies.

Severino Called For The Secretary's Antidiscrimination Policy Statements To Exclude LGBTQ+

Identities. "The Secretary's antidiscrimination policy statements should never conflate sex with gender identity or sexual orientation. Rather, the Secretary should proudly state that men and women are biological realities that are crucial to the advancement of life sciences and medical care and that married men and women are the ideal, natural family structure because all children have a right to be raised by the men and women who conceived them." [Project 2025, <u>4/21/23</u>]

Severino Would Redirect Grant Money To Faith-Based Adoption Agencies That Discriminate Against LGBTQ+ Parents. "HHS, through ACF and the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR), should repeal the unnecessary 2016 regulation that imposes nonstatutory sexual orientation and gender identity nondiscrimination conditions on agency grants and return to the policy of maximizing the options for placing vulnerable children in their forever homes. ACF and OCR should also survey their programs to consider whether additional waivers of HHS grant conditions—waivers the Biden Administration revoked in 2021—are needed for faith-based agencies." [Project 2025, 4/21/23]

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Project 2025 Would Have The Labor Department "Rescind Regulations Prohibiting Discrimination On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Transgender Status, And Sex Characteristics." "Rescind regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, and sex characteristics. The President should direct agencies to rescind regulations interpreting sex discrimination provisions as prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, sex characteristics, etc." [Mandate for Leadership, 2023]

Project 2025 Would "Would Threaten Workers' Ability To Come Together In Unions To Bargain For Better Wages And Working Conditions" Through Numerous Anti-Union Policies.

Analysis By The Center For American Progress Finds That Project 2025 "Would Threaten Workers' Ability To Come Together In Unions To Bargain For Better Wages And Working Conditions." "New analysis from the Center for American Progress shows that the NLRB is helping ensure that workers can exercise their legal right to come together in unions, with more workers winning their elections and more workers getting help to get back on the job when fired illegally for protected organizing activity. However, these gains are under threat from The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025—a playbook with strategies for eroding checks and balances across the government that offers instructions for gutting the NLRB's enforcement capacity. This would threaten workers' ability to come together in unions to bargain for better wages and working conditions." [Center for American Progress, <u>10/20/24</u>]

AFSCME Research Shows That Project 2025 Would Allow States To Ban Labor Unions, Fire Workers Engaged In Collective Bargaining, And Allow "Corporations To Get Rid Of Unions Even When The Workers Are Protected By A Signed Union Contract." "AFSCME research shows Project 2025 would hurt working people by: Allowing states to ban labor unions in the private sector. Making it easier for corporations to fire workers who engage in collective action or organizing. Allowing corporations to get rid of unions even when the workers are protected by a signed union contract. Forcing workers to hold secret ballot elections to form a union even when their employer has agreed to voluntarily recognize it. Eliminating overtime protections for workers. Ignoring the federal minimum wage. Eliminating the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, which has relieved many AFSCME members of an overwhelming student debt burden. Ending merit staffing in the federal government so Trump can hire unqualified loyalists for thousands of positions now filled by qualified, trained, nonpartisan career employees — among them AFSCME members. Gutting health care and retirement benefits. Eliminating federal rules that protect children from working in mines, meatpacking plants and other dangerous workplaces." [AFSCME, <u>7/19/24</u>]

Project 2025 Seeks To Make Racial Discrimination Easier By Ending The Use Of "Disparate Impact" Assessments In Discrimination Cases.

Project 2025 Would Stop The Use Of "Disparate Impact" Assessments In Discrimination Cases. "Project 2025 proposes that the federal government stop the long-standing use of 'disparate impact' in assessing discrimination by ending its use in discrimination cases and even bringing lawsuits that challenge the standard's constitutionality." [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Would Raise Costs For People By Restricting Overtime Pay Eligibility For Millions Of Workers, Increasing Prescription Drug Costs, And Eliminating Student Debt Forgiveness For Civil Servants And Defrauded Students.

Project 2025 Would Take Away Overtime Pay Eligibility For Millions Of Workers.

Project 2025 Would Take Away "Overtime Eligibility For Millions Of Workers." "Project 2025 doesn't want to raise this threshold. Instead, Project 2025 proposes lowering the threshold and taking away overtime eligibility for millions of workers. This would leave at least four million working people in industries that pay annually but still at lower wages stuck working long hours without overtime pay — everything from hospitality to manufacturing, administrative roles, and more." [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Targets Medicare Drug Price Negotiation And Seeks To Limit Insurance Options For People.

Project 2025 Targets Medicare Negotiation Of Drug Prices, Which Restricts The Ability For People To Obtain Their Prescriptions. "While Project 2025's plan is to specifically instruct Congress to repeal this part of the IRA, they could also easily advise the Department of Justice (DOJ) to stop defending Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices in courts, where the program currently faces numerous challenges. Project 2025's attacks on Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices would negatively impact millions of elderly Americans, particularly elderly people of color and those with low incomes." [Democracy Forward, accessed <u>7/25/24</u>]

Project 2025 Proposals Would Seek To Limit Insurance Options For People, Pushing Them Towards Private Medicare Alternatives. "Several of their proposals would push people towards private Medicare alternatives, which are not real alternatives at all — with reports showing that "Medicare Advantage plans threaten rural hospitals and patients" and misled people into signing up for them. While Project 2025 may pitch these Medicare 'reforms' as encouraging consumer choice, in reality they will leave seniors worse off across the country — putting the health of many of the 33 million people enrolled in traditional Medicare at risk." [Democracy Forward, accessed 7/25/24]

Project 2025 Would Eliminate Student Debt Forgiveness For Civil Servants, Dismantle Protections For Students Defrauded By Colleges, And Increase Costs For Student Borrowers.

Project 2025 Would Make "Drastic Cuts To The U.S. Department Of Education's Loan Forgiveness Programs For Federal Student Loan Borrowers." "Project 2025 calls for drastic cuts to the U.S. Department of Education's loan forgiveness programs for federal student loan borrowers." [CNBC, <u>7/15/24</u>]

Project 2025 Would Eliminate The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Initiative" And The "Borrower Defense Regulation, Which Offers A Way For Defrauded Students To Get Debt Relief." "It would eliminate the Public Service Loan Forgiveness initiative, which provides debt cancellation to nonprofit and government workers after a decade of payments, and the Borrower Defense regulation, which offers a way for defrauded students to get debt relief." [CNBC, 7/15/24]

Project 2025 Would Phase Out "Existing Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans For Student Loan Borrowers, Such As The Biden-Harris Administration's New Saving On A Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan" Which Threatens "To Bring Back Ballooning Balances Even For Borrowers Who Make On-Time Monthly Payments." Project 2025 proposes phasing out existing income-driven repayment (IDR) plans for student loan borrowers, such as the Biden-Harris administration's new Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan, and replacing it with a one-size-fits-all IDR plan. The Project 2025 repayment plan offers limited flexibility to account for borrowers' financial picture and eliminates SAVE's interest benefit, threatening to bring back ballooning balances even for borrowers who make on-time monthly payments. This would be a devastating blow to the millions of Americans every year who must take out debt in order to obtain a higher education and pursue a path to America's middle class." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/24/24</u>]

CAP: "Replacing SAVE With The Project 2025 Repayment Plan Would Significantly Increase Many Borrowers' Monthly Payments, Adding Additional Financial Strain To Those Who Already Struggle With Their Student Loan Debt." "If enacted, Project 2025's blueprint for student loan payments would eliminate the SAVE plan, the most affordable repayment plan in history. Replacing SAVE with the Project 2025 repayment plan would significantly increase many borrowers' monthly payments, adding additional financial strain to those who already struggle with their student loan debt." [Center for American Progress, <u>6/24/24</u>]