

Project 2025 Intends To Weaponize The Federal Government Against Reproductive Rights With Sweeping Policy Proposals Across At Least 11 Federal Agencies

SUMMARY: Project 2025's manifesto — [Mandate For Leadership, The Conservative Promise](#) — lays out the far right's agenda to extremely restrict access to abortion across the United States, regardless of if the state has legislation protecting abortion access, reproductive healthcare, and research.

Project 2025 details old and new tactics a potential future conservative administration would employ across at least **eleven federal agencies to restrict abortion nationwide**. Here is how Project 2025's ideal federal government would attack reproductive health:

- Before Project 2025 even lays out specific policy proposals, it **defines its first “promise,”** which would include deleting the terms “[abortion, reproductive health, reproductive rights,](#)” from all federal materials – including regulations and legislation – while praising the *Dobbs* decision and encouraging the next conservative administration to **use “[existing federal powers](#)” to take *Dobbs* further.**
- The **Executive Office of the President (EOP)** would revoke the White House Gender Policy Council, in order to “[eliminate central promotion of abortion.](#)”
- The **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** could be seen as the central apparatus for dismantling reproductive rights as it systematically targets abortion through numerous policy changes, including obscure programs. Among these:
 - The **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** would reverse approval for chemical abortion and reproductive healthcare drugs.
 - HHS would ban abortion travel funding under the Hyde Amendment.
 - The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** would ensure that it does not promote abortion as health care.
 - HHS would eliminate the week-after-pill from the contraceptive mandate.
 - HHS would restore The Trump administration's “[religious and moral exemptions to the contraceptive mandate.](#)”
 - HHS would radically **transform the Title X program to redirect funds to crisis pregnancy centers** and focus education on “fertility awareness and holistic family planning.”
 - Regarding Title X, religious discrimination in grant selections would be eliminated to “guarantee the right of conscience and religious freedom of health care workers and participants in the Title X program.”
 - HHS would require Title X funded clinics “provide information to customers about the importance of marriage to family and personal well-being.”
 - HHS would also **revive Trump's gag rule**, requiring clinics that receive money through Title X, despite already “forbidden from using Title X dollars to pay for abortion services,” were further restricted “from even counseling patients about the procedure,” which the Biden Administration rescinded.
- The **Department of Justice (DOJ)** would launch a “[campaign](#)” to begin enforcing the Comstock Act again to stop the distribution of abortion medicine.
- The **Department of Labor (DOL)** would advocate for state policies that restrict employers from covering abortions, including state bans of “[abortion, surrogacy, or other anti-life ‘benefits.’](#)”

- DOL would also call on the **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)** to prioritize enforcement for claims of failure to accommodate pregnancy “[but not abortion.](#)”
- The **State Department** would review American membership in international organizations that “[promote abortion.](#)”
- The **Department Of Veterans Affairs (VA)** would rescind all departmental clinical policy directives that include abortion services.
- The **Department Of Defense (DOD)** would put an end to funding abortion services for service members.
- The **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** would remove references to abortion in United Nations documents, ban “[promotion](#)” of abortion in USAID programs, as well as seemingly restrict contraception in international policy.

Project 2025 lays out the beginnings of its far-right plans for abortion and reproductive healthcare with their urgent commitment to weaponizing the federal government to eradicate all possible access to, research of, and education about reproductive healthcare across the nation.

Before Project 2025 Even Lays Out Specific Policy Proposals, It Defines Its First “Promise,” Which Would Include Deleting The Terms “Abortion, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights,” From All Federal Materials – Including Regulations And Legislation – While Praising The Dobbs Decision And Encouraging The Next Conservative Administration To Use “Existing Federal Powers” To Take Dobbs Further.

As Part Of It’s First Priority, Called A “Promise,” Project 2025 Would Have A Future Administration Delete The Terms “Abortion, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights,” From Every Federal Rule, Agency Regulation, Contract, Grant, Regulation, And Piece Of Legislation That Exists.

As Part Of It’s First Priority, Called A “Promise,” Project 2025 Would Delete The Terms “Abortion, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights, And Any Other Term Used To Deprive Americans Of Their First Amendment Rights Out Of Every Federal Rule, Agency Regulation, Contract, Grant, Regulation, And Piece Of Legislation That Exists.” “PROMISE #1: RESTORE THE FAMILY AS THE CENTERPIECE OF AMERICAN LIFE AND PROTECT OUR CHILDREN [...] The next conservative President must make the institutions of American civil society hard targets for woke culture warriors. This starts with deleting the terms sexual orientation and gender identity (“SOGI”), diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”), gender, gender equality, gender equity, gender awareness, gender-sensitive, abortion, reproductive health, reproductive rights, and any other term used to deprive Americans of their First Amendment rights out of every federal rule, agency regulation, contract, grant, regulation, and piece of legislation that exists.” [Mandate for Leadership, p. 3, [2023](#)]

As Part Of It’s First Priority, Called A “Promise,” Project 2025 Celebrates The Dobbs Decision And Encourages The Next Conservative Administration To Use “Existing Federal Powers” To Take Dobbs Further.

Project 2025 Encourages Conservatives To “Celebrate” The *Dobbs* Decision “Overturning *Roe V. Wade*.” “Finally, conservatives should gratefully celebrate the greatest pro-family win in a generation: overturning *Roe v. Wade*, a decision that for five decades made a mockery of our Constitution and facilitated the deaths of tens of millions of unborn children. But the *Dobbs* decision is just the beginning.” [Mandate for Leadership, p. 6, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Tells “The Next Conservative Administration” To Take *Dobbs* Further And “Push As Hard As Possible To Protect The Unborn In Every Jurisdiction In America” By “Deploying Existing Federal Powers To Protect Innocent Life And Vigorously Complying With Statutory Bans On The Federal Funding Of Abortion.” “But the *Dobbs* decision is just the beginning. Conservatives in the states and in Washington, including in the next conservative Administration, should push as hard as possible to protect the unborn in every jurisdiction in America. In particular, the next conservative President should work with Congress to enact the most robust protections for the unborn that Congress will support while deploying existing federal powers to protect innocent life and vigorously complying with statutory bans on the federal funding of abortion. Conservatives should ardently pursue these pro-life and pro-family policies while recognizing the many women who find themselves in immensely difficult and often tragic situations and the heroism of every choice to become a mother. Alternative options to abortion, especially adoption, should receive federal and state support.” [Mandate for Leadership, p. 6, [2023](#)]

In It’s Chapter On The Executive Office Of The President, Project 2025 Proposes Revoking The White House Gender Policy Council In Order To “Eliminate Central Promotion Of Abortion.”

Vought Recommends In His Chapter On The Executive Office Of The President To Revoke The White House Gender Policy Council In Order To “Eliminate Central Promotion Of Abortion” And, Instead, Appoint A Special Assistant To The President To Coordinate And Lead “Issues Related To Life And Family.”

Vought Recommends Revoking President Biden’s Executive Order Establishing The White House Gender Policy Council. “The President should immediately revoke Executive Order 14020 and every policy, including subregulatory guidance documents, produced on behalf of or related to the establishment or promotion of the Gender Policy Council and its subsidiary issues.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **March 2021: President Biden Issued An Executive Order Establishing The White House Gender Policy Council** [The White House, [03/08/21](#)]

Vought Claims Abolishing The Council Would “Eliminate Central Promotion Of Abortion (‘Health Services’); Comprehensive Sexuality Education (‘Education’); And The New Woke Gender Ideology.” “Abolishing the Gender Policy Council would eliminate central promotion of abortion (‘health services’); comprehensive sexuality education (‘education’); and the new woke gender ideology, which has as a principal tenet ‘gender affirming care’ and ‘sex-change’ surgeries on minors.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

Vought Recommends That The President Appoint A Special Assistant To The President To “Coordinate And Lead The President’s Domestic Priorities On Issues Related To Life And Family.” “Specifically, the President should appoint a position/point of contact with the rank of Special Assistant to the President or higher to coordinate and lead the President’s domestic priorities on issues related to life and family in cooperation with the Domestic Policy Council.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **The Special President Would Be Responsible For “Coordinating Administration Policy; And Ensuring Agency Support For Implementation Of Policies Related To The Promotion Of Life And Family.”** “This position would be responsible for facilitating meetings, discussions, and agreements

among personnel; coordinating Administration policy; and ensuring agency support for implementation of policies related to the promotion of life and family in the United States.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

In The Department Of Health And Human Services Chapter, Project 2025 Systematically Targets Abortion Through Numerous Policy Changes, Including Reinstating Trump’s Gag Rule And Redirecting Title X Funding To Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Project 2025 Distorts The Definition Of Pregnancy To Defend The Anti-Choice Belief That “Abortion Is Not Healthcare.”

Project 2025 States That Their Intended Secretary Will Pursue A “Protecting Life” Agenda Rooted In “Biological Realities,” “Bodily Integrity,” And “Not Ideology.” “Goal #1: Protecting Life, Conscience, and Bodily Integrity. The Secretary should pursue a robust agenda to protect the fundamental right to life, protect conscience rights, and uphold bodily integrity rooted in biological realities, not ideology.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 450, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Does Not Consider Abortion To Be Healthcare.** “From the moment of conception, every human being possesses inherent dignity and worth, and our humanity does not depend on our age, stage of development, race, or abilities. The Secretary must ensure that all HHS programs and activities are rooted in a deep respect for innocent human life from day one until natural death: Abortion and euthanasia are not health care.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 450, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Asserts That The CDC Should Eliminate Abortion And Refrain From Referring To Abortion And Reproductive Healthcare As Healthcare. “Respect for Life and Conscience. The CDC should eliminate programs and projects that do not respect human life and conscience rights and that undermine family formation. It should ensure that it is not promoting abortion as health care. It should fund studies into the risks and complications of abortion and ensure that it corrects and does not promote misinformation regarding the comparative health and psychological benefits of childbirth versus the health and psychological risks of intentionally taking a human life through abortion.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 454, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 States That Abortion “Is Not Health Care, And States Should Be Free To Devise And Implement Programs That Prioritize Qualified Providers That Are Not Entangled With The Abortion Industry,” Adding That The Center For Medicare And Medicaid Services (CMS) “Should Resolve Pending Section 1115 Waivers” That Are “Seeking Both To Prohibit Abortion Providers From Participating In State-Run Medicaid Programs And To Work With Other States To Do The Same.” “CMS should resolve pending Section 1115 waivers from Idaho, South Carolina, and Tennessee, which, like Texas in January 2022, are seeking both to prohibit abortion providers from participating in state-run Medicaid programs and to work with other states to do the same. Abortion is not health care, and states should be free to devise and implement programs that prioritize qualified providers that are not entangled with the abortion industry.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Reversing “The Redefinition Of Sex To Cover Gender Identity And Sexual Orientation And Pregnancy To Cover Abortion” In All HHS And CMS Programs. “The redefinition of sex to cover gender identity and sexual orientation and pregnancy to cover abortion should be reversed in all HHS and CMS programs as was done under the Trump Administration. This includes the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Low-income families who rely on CHIP should not be coerced, pressured, or

otherwise encouraged to embrace this ideologically motivated sexualization of their children.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 475, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Accuses The CDC Of Inadequately Reporting Abortion And Recommends Cutting State Funding For Abortion And Increasing State Reporting Of Abortions.

Project 2025 Accused The CDC Of Inadequate “Abortion Surveillance And Maternity Mortality Reporting Systems.” “Data Collection. The CDC’s abortion surveillance and maternity mortality reporting systems are woefully inadequate. CDC abortion data are reported by states on a voluntary basis, and California, Maryland, and New Hampshire do not submit abortion data at all. Accurate and reliable statistical data about abortion, abortion survivors, and abortion-related maternal deaths are essential to timely, reliable public health and policy analysis.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 455, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends Restricting Abortion Nationally For All Circumstances, Including Ectopic Pregnancy, By Cutting State Funding For States That Provide Abortions.** “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. It should also ensure that statistics are separated by category: spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion. In addition, CDC should require monitoring and reporting for complications due to abortion and every instance of children being born alive after an abortion. Moreover, abortion should be clearly defined as only those procedures that intentionally end an unborn child’s life. Miscarriage management or standard ectopic pregnancy treatments should never be conflated with abortion.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 455, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Proposes That Comparisons Between Live Births And Abortions Should Be Tracked To “Assess Whether Certain Populations Are Targeted By Abortion Providers.”** “Comparisons between live births and abortion should be tracked across various demographic indicators to assess whether certain populations are targeted by abortion providers and whether better prenatal physical, mental, and social care improves infant outcomes and decreases abortion rates, especially among those who are most vulnerable.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 455, [2023](#)]
- **A Project 2025 Proposed Abortion Data Reporting Act Would Require States To Report Streamlined Variables For Abortions.** “The Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 2023 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, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 456, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Also Intends To Restrict Access To Abortion Service By Targeting Related Drugs And Mail Delivery Services.

Project 2025 Intends To Reverse Approval For Chemical Abortion And Reproductive Healthcare Drugs, Including Hormone Blockers. “Reverse its approval of chemical abortion drugs because the politicized approval process was illegal from the start. The FDA failed to abide by its legal obligations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of girls and women. It never studied the safety of the drugs under the labeled conditions of use, ignored the potential impacts of the hormone-blocking regimen on the developing bodies of

adolescent girls, disregarded the substantial evidence that chemical abortion drugs cause more complications than surgical abortions, and eliminated necessary safeguards for pregnant girls and women who undergo this dangerous drug regimen. Furthermore, at no point in the past two decades has the FDA ever acknowledged or addressed federal laws that prohibit the distribution of abortion drugs by postal mail; to the contrary, the FDA has permitted and actively encouraged such activity.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 458, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Plans To Remove An In-Person Dispensing Requirement To Effectively Eliminate “Tele-Abortion And Abortion-By-Mail.” “As an interim step, the FDA should immediately restore the REMS by removing the in-person dispensing requirement to eliminate dangerous tele-abortion and abortion-by-mail distribution.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 458, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Banning All Abortion Drugs, Including Generic Versions Of Drugs Like Mifepristone. “Reinstate earlier safety protocols for Mifeprex that were mostly eliminated in 2016 and apply these protocols to any generic version of mifepristone. A bare-minimum policy of limiting abortion pills to the pre-2016 policy of 49 days gestation, returning to the pre-2021 in-person dispensing requirement, and returning to requiring prescribers to report all serious adverse events, not just deaths, to the drug sponsor would increase women’s health and safety.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 459, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Proposes Requiring Healthcare Workers To Report Abortion Pill Complications To Decrease The Amount Of Adverse Events That Are Undercounted. “Address weaknesses in the current FAERS (FDA Adverse Events Reporting System). The Administration and policymakers should ensure that health care workers, particularly those in hospitals and emergency rooms, report abortion pill complications. Women who experience complications from abortion pills typically go to an emergency room, not to the abortion pill prescriber, so putting the onus of reporting on the prescriber who typically has no idea that a complication has occurred means that the FAERS is seriously undercounting adverse events. Submitting an adverse event to the database should be a quick and efficient process for busy health care practitioners. Currently, providers report that the process is difficult and convoluted.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 459, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Intends To Create And Implement A Policy That Would Ban Merchandising, Approval, And Marketing Of Mail-Order Abortion Drugs Throughout The United States. “Implement a policy of transparency about inspections of the abortion pill’s sponsors, Danco and GenBioPro, as well as facilities that manufacture the pills. The FDA should respond to congressional requests and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests about inspections, compliance, and post-marketing safety in a timely manner. Stop promoting or approving mail-order abortions in violation of long-standing federal laws that prohibit the mailing and interstate carriage of abortion drugs.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 459, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Advocates For Prohibiting Research That Relies On Tissue From Abortions And Seeks To Develop Alternative Research Methods.

Project 2025 Believes That Congress Should Prohibit Abortion Derived Tissue Research Altogether. “Promptly restore the ethics advisory committee to oversee abortion derived fetal tissue research, and Congress should prohibit such research altogether.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 461, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Plans To End Research Using Tissue From Aborted Fetuses And Embryos In Utero. “End intramural research projects using tissue from aborted children within the NIH, which should end its human embryonic stem cell registry.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 461, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Aggressively Implementing A Plan To Pursue And Fund Alternative Research It Deems “Ethical” Specific To Embryos And Fetuses. “Aggressively implement a plan to pursue and fund ethical alternative methods of research in order to ensure that abortion and embryo destructive related research, cell lines, and other testing methods become both fully obsolete and ethically unthinkable.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 461, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Asserts That The Department Of Health And Human Services Should Support Anti-Choice Research Agendas. “Finally, HHS should create and promote a research agenda that supports prolife policies and explores the harms, both mental and physical, that abortion has wrought on women and girls.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 461, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Schemes To Ban Abortion Travel Funding As Well As Providers Such As Planned Parenthood.

Project 2025 Will Ban Abortion Travel Funding, Claiming That “Providing Funding For Abortions Increases The Number Of Abortions And Violates The Conscience And Religious Freedom Rights Of Americans.” “Prohibit abortion travel funding. Providing funding for abortions increases the number of abortions and violates the conscience and religious freedom rights of Americans who object to subsidizing the taking of life. The Hyde Amendment has long prohibited the use of HHS funds for elective abortions, but an August 2022 Biden executive order pressed the HHS Secretary to use his authority under Section 1115 demonstrations to waive certain provisions of the law in order to use taxpayer funds to achieve the Administration’s goal of helping women to travel out of state to obtain abortions. Moreover, the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel (DOJ OLC) issued a politicized legal opinion declaring, for the first time in the history of Hyde, that this action did not violate the Hyde Amendment and that Hyde applies only to the performance of the abortion itself in violation of the plainly broad language that Congress used.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 471, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Proposes That The HHS Should “Withdrawing Medicaid Guidance.”** “Two of the first actions of a pro-life Administration should be for HHS to withdraw the Medicaid guidance (and any Section 1115 waivers issued thereunder) and for DOJ OLC to withdraw and disavow its interpretation of the Hyde Amendment.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 471, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Demands Policymakers End Funding Of Planned Parenthood And All Other Abortion And Reproductive Healthcare Providers And Redirect The Funds To “Real Health Care For Women.”

“Policymakers should end taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood and all other abortion providers and redirect funding to health centers that provide real health care for women. The bulk of federal funding for Planned Parenthood comes through the Medicaid program. HHS should take two actions to limit this funding” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 471, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Proposes Issuing “Guidance Reemphasizing That States Are Free To Defund Planned Parenthood In Their State Medicaid Plans.”** “Issue guidance reemphasizing that states are free to defund Planned Parenthood in their state Medicaid plans.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Recommends Proposing Rulemaking “To Interpret The Medicaid Statute To Disqualify Providers Of Elective Abortion From The Medicaid Program.”** “Propose rulemaking to interpret the Medicaid statute to disqualify providers of elective abortion from the Medicaid program.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Plans To Pass Federal Legislation To Defund Abortion And Reproductive Healthcare Providers Like Planned Parenthood. “Congress should pass the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act, which

would accomplish the goal of defunding abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Using The Weldon Amendment To Bar Funding For States That Discriminate “Against Pro-Life Health Entities Or Insurers,” Withdraw Funding From Medicaid, And Urging The DOJ To Defend Withdraw Decisions.

Project 2025 Says “The Weldon Amendment Declares That No HHS Funding May Go To A State Or Local Government That Discriminates Against Pro-Life Health Entities Or Insurers.” “Withdraw Medicaid funds for states that require abortion insurance or that discriminate in violation of the Weldon Amendment. The Weldon Amendment declares that no HHS funding may go to a state or local government that discriminates against pro-life health entities or insurers. In blatant violation of this law, seven states require abortion coverage in private health insurance plans, and HHS continues to fund those states. HHS under President Trump disallowed \$200 million in Medicaid funding from California because of the state’s flouting of the law, but the Biden Administration restored it.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]

- **The Weldon Amendment Has Been Included In Annual HHS Spending Bills Since 2005 To Bar Funding “To Federal Agencies And Programs Or State And Local Governments That ‘Discriminate’ Against Health Insurance Plans, Health Care Institutions Or Health Care Professionals That Refuse To ‘Provide, Pay For, Provide Coverage Of, Or Refer For Abortions.’”** “The Weldon Amendment bars funding by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from going to federal agencies and programs or state and local governments that ‘discriminate’ against health insurance plans, health care institutions or health care professionals that refuse to ‘provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.’ It has been included in annual spending bills for HHS, alongside the Hyde Amendment, since fiscal year 2005.” [Guttmacher Institute, The Weldon Amendment: Interfering with Abortion Coverage and Care, p.1, [2021](#)]
- **Project 2025 Recommends The HHS To “Withdraw Appropriated Funding, Up To And Including 10 Percent Of Medicaid Funds, From States That Require Abortion Insurance Coverage.”** “HHS/CMS should withdraw appropriated funding, up to and including 10 percent of Medicaid funds, from states that require abortion insurance coverage.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Says The DOJ “Should Commit To Litigating The Defense Of Those Funding Decisions Promptly To The Supreme Court In Order To Maximize HHS’s Ability To Withdraw Funds From Entities That Violate The Weldon Amendment.”** “DOJ should commit to litigating the defense of those funding decisions promptly to the Supreme Court in order to maximize HHS’s ability to withdraw funds from entities that violate the Weldon Amendment.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Accuses California Of “Discrimination” In Response To Its Policy Allowing For “Cutting State Contracts With” “Pharmacies That Do Not Carry Chemical Abortion Drugs Outside Of California.”** “Additionally, California has announced that it will discriminate against pharmacies that do not carry chemical abortion drugs outside of California. California’s discrimination takes the form of cutting state contracts with such pharmacies and clearly violates the Weldon Amendment. The violation should likewise face the penalties discussed above.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 472, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Aims To Require Separate Accounts To Process Payments For Abortions Under The Section Of The Affordable Care Act That Requires Separate Payment For Abortion Coverage.

Project 2025 Intends To Require Health Plans Have Separate Accounts For Payments For Abortion, Claiming This Enforces The Affordable Care Act Abortion Separate Payment Regulation.

“Rewrite the ACA abortion separate payment regulation. Section 1303 of Obamacare requires that insurers collect a separate payment for certain abortion coverage in qualified health plans that are approved to be sold on exchanges and that they keep those separate payments in separate accounts that are used only to pay for elective abortion services. Neither the letter nor the spirit of the law was enforced under President Obama, and a Trump era regulation sought to correct this problem. The Biden HHS rescinded this regulation to allow insurance companies once again—contrary to the law—to collect combined payments for what are clearly required to be separate payments for elective abortion coverage. ‘Separate’ does not mean ‘together.’” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 473, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 States Plans To Have HHS Reinstate Trump Administration Regulation, Adding, “That Regulation Should Be Further Improved By Requiring CMS To Ensure That Consumers Pay Truly Separate Charges For Abortion Coverage.”** “HHS should reinstate a Trump Administration regulation and enforce what the plain text of Section 1303 requires. That regulation should be further improved by requiring CMS to ensure that consumers pay truly separate charges for abortion coverage.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 473, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Auditing For Hyde Amendment Compliance And Strict Physical And Financial Separation Of Title X Activity And Abortion Activity.

Project 2025 Recommends An Audit Of Hyde Amendment Compliance. “Audit Hyde Amendment compliance. HHS should undertake a full audit to determine compliance or noncompliance with the Hyde amendment and similar funding restrictions in HHS programs. This audit should include a full review of the Biden Administration’s post-Dobbs executive actions to promote abortion. It should also encompass a review of Medicaid managed care plans in pro-abortion states.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 473, [2023](#)]

- **The Hyde Amendment Has Been Attached To Spending Bills Since 1976 To Prevent Abortion Services For People On Medicaid, Medicare, And The Children’s Health Insurance Program.** “The Hyde Amendment prohibits federal funds from covering abortion services for people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It is a discriminatory policy that Congress has included in annual spending bills since 1976.” [Guttmacher, [5/21](#)]

Project 2025 Takes Issue With Biden Administration Policies That Allow Title X Activity To Be “Conducted Alongside Abortion Activity Without Strict Physical And Financial Separation.” “In 2021, HHS reversed a Trump Administration regulation that required grantees to maintain strict physical and financial separation between Title X activity and abortion-related activity. Under the Biden Administration’s regulation, Title X activity can be conducted alongside abortion activity without strict physical and financial separation. The regulation also requires grantees to refer for abortions despite sincere moral or religious objections. This effectively bans otherwise qualified pro-life grantees from participating in the program.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 491, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends That The HHS Rescind The “Biden Administration’s Regulation And Reinstate The Trump Administration Regulation For The Program.”** “HHS should rescind the Biden Administration’s regulation and reinstate the Trump Administration regulation for the program. It should also do this quickly (the Biden Administration completed its regulatory process and issued a final rule in less than nine months) and expand the potential grantee population beyond abortion providers like

Planned Parenthood.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 491, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends That Congress Pass Legislation That “Would Prohibit Family Planning Grants From Going To Entities That Perform Abortions Or Provide Funding To Other Entities That Perform Abortions.”** “Congress should complement these efforts by passing legislation such as the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which would prohibit family planning grants from going to entities that perform abortions or provide funding to other entities that perform abortions. This would help to protect the integrity of the Title X program even under an abortion-friendly Administration.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 491, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends The Title X Program “Should Be Reframed With A Focus On Better Education Around Fertility Awareness And Holistic Family Planning,” Adding That Religious Discrimination In Grant Selections Should Be Eliminated To “Guarantee The Right Of Conscience And Religious Freedom Of Health Care Workers And Participants In The Title X Program.”

Project 2025 Says That The Title X Program “Should Be Reframed With A Focus On Better Education Around Fertility Awareness And Holistic Family Planning.” “The Title X family planning program should be reframed with a focus on better education around fertility awareness and holistic family planning and a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs that understands the program and is able to work within its legislative framework (ideally, an MD).” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 491, [2023](#)]

The Handbook Also Says The “Office Of Population Affairs Should Eliminate Religious Discrimination In Grant Selections And Guarantee The Right Of Conscience And Religious Freedom Of Health Care Workers And Participants In The Title X Program.” “In addition, the Office of Population Affairs should eliminate religious discrimination in grant selections and guarantee the right of conscience and religious freedom of health care workers and participants in the Title X program.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 491, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Also Recommends Providing “Educational Information On Healthy Marriage And Relationships” At Title X Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Saying That HHS Should Require Title X Funded Clinics “Provide Information To Customers About The Importance Of Marriage To Family And Personal Well-Being.”

Project 2025 Recommends Providing “Educational Information On Healthy Marriage And Relationships At Title X Family Planning Clinics.” “Provide educational information on healthy marriage and relationships at Title X family planning clinics. HHS should require clinics it funds under Title X (family planning) to provide information to customers about the importance of marriage to family and personal well-being and refer them to available federal, state, and nonprofit marriage resources.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 480, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Also States That “HHS Should Require Clinics It Funds Under Title X (Family Planning) To Provide Information To Customers About The Importance Of Marriage To Family And Personal Well-Being And Refer Them To Available Federal, State, And Nonprofit Marriage Resources.” “Provide educational information on healthy marriage and relationships at Title X family planning clinics. HHS should require clinics it funds under Title X (family planning) to provide information to customers about the importance of marriage to family and personal well-being and refer them to available federal, state, and nonprofit marriage resources.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 480, [2023](#)]

During The Trump Administration, Clinics That Received Money Through Title X, Despite Already Being “Forbidden From Using Title X Dollars To Pay For Abortion Services,” Were Further Restricted As The Administration “Barred Title X Clinics From Even Counseling Patients About The Procedure,” Which The Biden Administration Rescinded And Project 2025 Intends On Reviving.

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While The Biden Administration Rescinded Trump’s Title X Gag Rule, Project 2025 Intends On Reviving It And “Reframing The 54-Year-Old Program ‘Around Fertility Awareness And Holistic Family Planning’.” “The Biden administration rescinded Trump’s Title X provisions but Project 2025 suggests reviving the so-called gag rule, as well as reframing the 54-year-old program ‘around fertility awareness and holistic family planning’.” [The Guardian, [8/5/24](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends That The DOJ Repeal Office Of Legal Counsel Memos That Allow Abortion Funding And Rescinding Legal Analysis Dealing With Abortion.

Project 2025 Recommends That The DOJ “Repeal OLC Memos Allowing Abortion Funding Despite Hyde And Memos Allowing Federal Enclave Immunity To Perform Abortions Despite The Assimilative Crimes Act.” “Encourage DOJ to repeal OLC memos allowing abortion funding despite Hyde and memos allowing federal enclave immunity to perform abortions despite the Assimilative Crimes Act.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 492, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Rescinding Legal Analysis Supporting The Biden Administration’s Decision To Dismiss The University Of Vermont Medical Center Case Dealing With The Forced Participation Of A Nurse In Abortion In Violation Of Law” And Repealing Memos Allowing Abortion Funding Despite The Hyde Amendment. “Rescind the legal analysis supporting the Biden Administration’s decision to dismiss the University of Vermont Medical Center case dealing with the forced participation of a nurse in abortion in violation of law. Encourage DOJ to repeal OLC memos allowing abortion funding despite Hyde and memos allowing federal enclave immunity to perform abortions despite the Assimilative Crimes Act.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 493, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Investigating Hospitals That Provide Abortions, Ending Investigations Into Refusals To Provide Abortions, And Codifying The Hyde Family Of Amendments.

Project 2025 Recommends That The HHS “Rescind The Guidance And End CMS And State Agency Investigations Into Cases Of Alleged Refusals To Perform Abortions,” Adding That The “DOJ Should Agree To Eliminate Existing Injunctions Against Pro-Life States, Withdraw Its Enforcement Lawsuits, And In Lawsuits Against CMS On The Guidance Agree To Injunctions Against CMS And Withdraw Appeals Of Injunctions.” “HHS should rescind the guidance and end CMS and state agency investigations into cases of alleged refusals to perform abortions. DOJ should agree to eliminate existing injunctions against

pro-life states, withdraw its enforcement lawsuits, and in lawsuits against CMS on the guidance agree to injunctions against CMS and withdraw appeals of injunctions.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 474, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends That The HHS “Investigate Instances Of Infants Born Alive And Left Untreated In Covered Hospitals.” “Enforce EMTALA. The undeniable reality of abortion is that it does not always result in a dead baby, and these born-alive babies are left to die. HHS should use EMTALA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits disability discrimination, to investigate instances of infants born alive and left untreated in covered hospitals. CMS, OCR, and OIG should be required to follow through on these investigations with specific enforcement actions.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 474, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends That The HHS Revive A Trump Administration Regulation To Achieve This.** “HHS should revive a Trump Administration proposed regulation, ‘Special Responsibilities of Medicare Hospitals in Emergency Cases and Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Critical Health and Human Service Programs or Activities,’ to achieve this end. In addition, Congress should pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to require that proper medical care be given to infants who survive an abortion and to establish criminal consequences for practitioners who fail to provide such care.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 474, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends That Congress “Permanently Codify Both The Hyde Family Of Amendments And The Protections Provided By The Weldon Amendment.” “Permanently codify both the Hyde family of amendments and the protections provided by the Weldon Amendment. Congress can accomplish this through legislation such as the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (Hyde) and the Conscience Protection Act (Weldon).” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 474, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Targets Teen Pregnancy Prevention And Personal Responsibility Education Program To Ensure That Abortion Is Not Promoted.

Project 2025 Recommends That Both The Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) And The Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Ensure That “There Is Better Reporting Of Subgrantees And Referral Lists So That They Do Not Promote Abortion Or High-Risk Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents.” “Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) and Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). TPP is operated by the Office of Population Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; PREP is operated by the ACF Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation. Both programs should ensure that there is better reporting of subgrantees and referral lists so that they do not promote abortion or high-risk sexual behavior among adolescents. CMS should ensure that Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) proponents receive these grants and are given every opportunity to prove their effectiveness. SRA programs, both at ACF and at OASH and both discretionary and mandatory, should be equal in funding and emphasis. Qualitative research should be conducted on both types of programs to ensure continuous improvement.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 477, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends That Additionally, “Certain Provisions Should Be Employed So That These Programs Do Not Serve As Advocacy Tools To Promote Sex, Promote Prostitution, Or Provide A Funnel Effect For Abortion Facilities And School Field Trips To Clinics, Or For Similar Purposes.”** “In addition, certain provisions should be employed so that these programs do not serve as advocacy tools to promote sex, promote prostitution, or provide a funnel effect for abortion facilities and school field trips to clinics, or for similar purposes. Parent involvement and parent–child communication should be encouraged and be a part of any funded project. Risk avoidance should be prioritized, and any program that submits a proposal that promotes risk rather than health should not be eligible for funding.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 477, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Calls For The Office Of Refugee Resettlement To Withdraw Its Policy Of Allowing Elective Abortions For Children In Their Care.

Project 2025 Recommends That The Office Of Refugee Resettlement “Withdraw Its Policy Of Allowing Elective Abortions For Children In ORR Care And Issue A New Policy Of Instructing Care Providers Not To Allow Girls To Be Transported For Elective Abortions.” “Regardless of where ORR’s functions reside, ORR staff and care providers should never be allowed to facilitate abortions for unaccompanied children in its custody, including by transporting minors across state lines from pro-life states to abortion-friendly states. Pregnant, unaccompanied girls in ORR custody should be treated with dignity, not tracked across state lines to be victimized by the abortion industry. ORR should withdraw its policy of allowing elective abortions for children in ORR care and issue a new policy of instructing care providers not to allow girls to be transported for elective abortions. HHS OGC and the White House should insist that DOJ fight to defend that policy up to the U.S. Supreme Court in light of Dobbs.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 478, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Restricting Abortion Access By Eliminating The Week-After-Pill And Having OCR Withdraw HIPAA And Pharmacy Guidance.

Project 2025 Recommends Eliminating “The Week-After-Pill From The Contraceptive Mandate As A Potential Abortifacient.” “Eliminate the week-after-pill from the contraceptive mandate as a potential abortifacient. One of the emergency contraceptives covered under the HRSA preventive services guidelines is Ella (ulipristal acetate). Like its close cousin, the abortion pill mifepristone, Ella is a progesterone blocker and can prevent a recently fertilized embryo from implanting in a woman’s uterus. HRSA should eliminate this potential abortifacient from the contraceptive mandate.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 485, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends That “OCR Should Withdraw Its Pharmacy Abortion Mandate Guidance.” “OCR should withdraw its pharmacy abortion mandate guidance. OCR should withdraw its ‘Obligations Under Federal Civil Rights Laws to Ensure Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services’ guidance for retail pharmacies, which purports to address nondiscrimination obligations of pharmacies under federal civil rights laws and in fact orders them to stock and dispense first-trimester abortion drugs. The guidance invents this so-called requirement and fails to acknowledge that pharmacies and pharmacists have the right not to participate in abortions, including pill-induced abortions, if doing so would violate their sincere moral or religious objections. Moreover, no federal civil rights laws preempt state pro-life statutes.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 496, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends That “OCR Should Withdraw Its Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act (HIPAA) Guidance On Abortion.” “OCR should withdraw its Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidance on abortion. OCR should withdraw its June 2022 guidance that purports to address patient privacy concerns following the Dobbs decision but is actually a politicized statement in favor of abortion and against Dobbs. HIPAA covers patients in the womb, but this guidance treats them as nonpersons contrary to law. The guidance is unnecessary and contributes to ideologically motivated fearmongering about abortion after Dobbs.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 497, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Restoring The Trump Administration’s “Religious And Moral Exemptions To The Contraceptive Mandate.”

Project 2025 Recommends Restoring The Trump Administration’s “Religious And Moral Exemptions To The Contraceptive Mandate.” “Restore Trump religious and moral exemptions to the contraceptive mandate (also a CMS rule). HHS should rescind, if finalized, the regulation titled “Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act,” proposed jointly by HHS, Treasury, and Labor.⁷⁰ This rule proposes

to amend Trump-era final rules regarding religious and moral exemptions and accommodations for coverage of certain preventive services under the ACA. Preventive services include contraception, and it appears the proposed rule would change the existing regulations for religious and moral exemptions to the ACA's contraception mandate. There is no need for further rulemaking that curtails existing exemptions and accommodations." [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 483, [2023](#)]

The Contraceptive Mandate "Specifically Requires Coverage For 18 "Female-Controlled" Contraceptive Methods" To Be Provided To Patients "Without Any Out-Of-Pocket Costs." "Since the mid-1990s, 28 states have required health insurance plans regulated by the state that provide coverage of prescription drugs and devices to also cover prescription contraceptives. Federal law, under a provision of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, expanded on these state policies in several ways. The federal contraceptive coverage guarantee applies to most private health plans nationwide, whether sold to employers, schools or individuals, or whether offered by employers that self-insure. (An employer that self-insures shoulders the financial risks for health care costs for its employees. State laws cannot regulate self-insured employers, which cover about 60% of insured workers nationwide.) In addition, the federal guarantee specifically requires coverage for 18 "female-controlled" contraceptive methods (including female sterilization), along with related counseling and services, and it requires this coverage to be provided without any out-of-pocket costs to the patient, such as copayments or deductibles." [Guttmacher Institute, [9/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 Proposes Rescinding Contracts With The Pro-Choice American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists And Ensuring Medical Training Is Not Used For Abortion Training.

Project 2025 Recommends Rescinding Contracts With The Pro-Choice American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists And Establishing "An Advisory Committee That Is Compliant With The Federal Advisory Committee Act And Has Members That Are Committed To Women's Preventive Services And Are Not Pro-Abortion Ideologues." "Moreover, since the Obama Administration HRSA entered into longterm contracts with the pro-abortion American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and related entities to serve as an exclusive adviser with respect to the content of this mandate, HRSA has used this arrangement to ignore comments that members of the public were sometimes able to submit in the process, and ACOG has abused its position to attack HHS's allowance of religious and moral exemptions to the contraceptive mandate. HHS should rescind these contracts and establish an advisory committee that is compliant with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and has members that are committed to women's preventive services and are not pro-abortion ideologues." [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 484, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Ensuring Medical Training Is Not Used For Abortion Training. "Ensure that training for medical professionals (doctors, nurses, etc.) and doulas is not being used for abortion training. HHS should ensure that training programs for medical professionals—including doctors, nurses, and doulas—are in full compliance with restrictions on abortion funding and conscience-protection laws. In addition, HHS should:" [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 485, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends Investigating The Compliance Of State Medical Schools With Laws That Prohibit "Discrimination Against Health Care Entities That Do Not Provide Or Undergo Training For Abortion."** "Investigate state medical school compliance with the Coats-Snowe Amendment, which prohibits discrimination against health care entities that do not provide or undergo training for abortion." [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 486, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Recommends Ensuring Compliance Of The Accreditation Council For Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) With All Relevant Abortion Conscience Statutes And Regulations.** "Ensure that the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) complies with all relevant conscience statutes and regulations and that states have taken the affirmative steps (for

example, by issuing regulations) to assure compliance with Coats–Snowe.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 486, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends Directly Notifying “Medical Schools That Any Abortion-Related Training Must Be On An Opt-In Rather Than Opt-Out Basis.”** “Communicate to medical schools that any abortion-related training must be on an opt-in rather than opt-out basis.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 486, [2023](#)]
- **Project 2025 Recommends Requiring “States That Receive HHS Funds To Issue Regulations Or Enter Into Arrangements With Accrediting Bodies To Comply With The Coats–Snowe Amendment’s Prohibition Of Mandatory Abortion Training By Individuals Or Institutions.”** “Require states that receive HHS funds to issue regulations or enter into arrangements with accrediting bodies to comply with the Coats–Snowe Amendment’s prohibition of mandatory abortion training by individuals or institutions. The Coats–Snowe Amendment specifically requires such state regulations or arrangements.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 486, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Targeted Title IX To Revisit A Trump Administration Rule That The Regulation Must Be Abortion Neutral And Ensuring College Athletes Are Not “Pressured To Obtain Abortions.”

Project 2025 Recommends Revisiting Trump Administration Rule That Specifies “That The Regulation Must Comply With The Religious Exemption And Abortion Neutrality Clauses In Title IX.” “HHS should restore Section 1557, Section 504, and other OCR regulations and fix guidance documents. In 2020, the Trump Administration’s OCR published regulations under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act that restored the agency’s enforcement of that law to the limits of its statutory text, deferred to the ACA’s widespread use of a binary biological conception of sex discrimination, and specified that the regulation must comply with the religious exemption and abortion neutrality clauses in Title IX from which it is derived as well as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and other laws. Courts blocked core provisions of that rule from going into effect.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 495, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Ensuring That “Female College Athletes Who Become Pregnant Are No Longer Pressured To Obtain Abortions.” “Issue a general statement of policy announcing that it plans to enforce Section 1557 discrimination bans by refocusing on serious cases of race, sex, and disability discrimination. In particular, OCR should highlight its 2019 investigation and voluntary resolution agreement with Michigan State University based on the sexual abuse of gymnasts by Larry Nassar. OCR should also coordinate with the Department of Education on a public education and civil rights enforcement campaign to ensure that female college athletes who become pregnant are no longer pressured to obtain abortions; pursue race discrimination claims against entities that adopt or impose racially discriminatory policies such as those based on critical race theory; and announce its intention to enforce disability rights laws to protect children born prematurely, children with disabilities, and children born alive after abortions.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 496, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Advocated For Investigations Into Instances Where HHS Colluded With Abortion Advocates, Installing “A Pro-Life Task Force,” And Having A “Dedicated Special Representative For Domestic Women’s Health.”

Project 2025 Recommends Investigating Instances Where HHS Colluded With Abortion Advocates. “Investigate, expose, and remediate any instances in which HHS violated people’s rights by: [...] 2. Colluding with abortion advocates and LGBT advocates to violate conscience-protection laws and the Hyde Amendment.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 489, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends The Elimination Of “The HHS Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force And Install A Pro-Life Task Force To Ensure That All Of The Department’s Divisions Seek To Use Their Authority To Promote The Life And Health Of Women And Their Unborn Children” And “Explicitly Rejecting The Notion That Abortion Is Health Care.” “The Life Agenda. The Office of the Secretary should eliminate the HHS Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force and install a pro-life task force to ensure that all of the department’s divisions seek to use their authority to promote the life and health of women and their unborn children. Additionally, HHS should return to being known as the Department of Life by explicitly rejecting the notion that abortion is health care and by restoring its mission statement under the Strategic Plan and elsewhere to include furthering the health and well-being of all Americans ‘from conception to natural death.’” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 489, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends Creating A “Dedicated Special Representative For Domestic Women’s Health” To Lead On “All Matters Of Federal Domestic Policy Development Related To Life And Family.”** “The next Administration should create a dedicated Special Representative for Domestic Women’s Health. In the Trump Administration, there was a Special Representative for Global Women’s Health that focused on international issues, but this position lacked authority to be the lead on international policies because of overlapping issues with the U.S. Department of State and USAID (and at times a lack of clarity as to the lead point of contact and policy decisions at the White House). The new Special Representative would serve as the lead on all matters of federal domestic policy development related to life and family with support from the DPC for implementation and coordination among agencies. In the post-Dobbs era, advancing support for mothers will include coordination among agencies outside of HHS, and the Special Representative would provide a clear focal point for all issues related to protecting life and serving families.” [Project 2025, Chapter 14: Department of Health and Human Services, p. 489, [2023](#)]

Roger Severino, The Author Of Project 2025’s Department Of Health And Human Services Chapter, Claimed Project 2025’s Health Care Agenda “Will Empower People” To “Make Their Own Choices,” Yet His Policy Recommendations Would Revoke Approval Of The Abortion Pill, Restrict Access To Contraception, And Weaponize Government Funding To Restrict Abortion Access Across The Country.

Roger Severino Wrote The Project 2025 Handbook Section On The Department Of Health And Human Services. [Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise, accessed [5/20/24](#)]

Severino Claimed Project 2025’s Agenda “Will Empower People On The Issue Of Healthcare, To Make Their Own Choices.” SEVERINO: “And we have Project 2025, run by the Heritage Foundation as well as over 100 other organizations. We got together and said, look, we need to try to set an agenda for the next president, that will empower people on the issue of healthcare, to make their own choices.” [Politico 2024 Health Care Summit, [3/13/24](#)] (01:15 - 01:27)

Project 2025 Instructs A Future Food & Drug Administration To Rescind The Approval Of Mifepristone And Misoprostol, Two Drugs Typically Used In An Abortion Pill Regimen. “FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) [...] The abortion pill regimen is typically a two-part process. The first pill, mifepristone, causes the death of the unborn child by cutting off the hormone progesterone, which is required to sustain a pregnancy. The second pill, misoprostol, causes contractions to induce a delivery of the dead child and uterine contents, usually into a toilet at home [...] FDA should therefore [...] Reverse its approval of chemical abortion drugs because the politicized approval process was illegal from the start.” [Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise, [2023](#)]

Severino Touted The Hyde Amendment And The Supreme Court's Dobbs Decision, Then Went On To Say A Possible Future Conservative President Would Undo Abortion Protections And Implement A Pro-Life Agenda.

Severino Claimed The “American People Time And Time Again Have Said, So Long As [Abortion] Can Be Legal In Some Places, We Don’t Want The American Public And Taxpayer To Be Paying For It.”

SEVERINO: “I think those issues...think back, when it comes to federal law, elective abortion, how many statues treat elective abortion, non rape, incest, or life exceptions, treat it as a health care right? Zero! Zero federal laws treat abortion as a, an elective abortion, as a health care right. Cause the American people time and time again have said, so long as they can be legal in some places, we don’t want the American public and taxpayer to be paying for it.” [Politico 2024 Health Care Summit, [3/13/24](#)] (02:24 - 02:51)

Severino Upheld The “Hyde Amendment” As A Positive Policy. SEVERINO: “That's why we have the Hyde amendment and the Biden Administration is against it. We don't want to force doctors and hospitals, especially religious ones, to be forced to participate in abortion. And this administration is against those conscious protections. And if that is plan A and B, price controls and abortion, I’m just not sure that’s a winning message to fix our broken health care system.” [Politico 2024 Health Care Summit, [3/13/24](#)] (02:47 - 03:10)

- **The Hyde Amendment Has Been Attached To Spending Bills Since 1976 To Prevent Abortion Services For People On Medicaid, Medicare, And The Children’s Health Insurance Program.** “The Hyde Amendment prohibits federal funds from covering abortion services for people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It is a discriminatory policy that Congress has included in annual spending bills since 1976.” [Guttmacher, [5/21](#)]

Severino Touted The Dobbs Decision And Praised That An “Untold Number” Of Children Are Taking Their First Steps Because Of The Supreme Court, Adding That States That Have Subsequently Banned Or Restricted Abortion Have Done “The Right Thing.”

SEVERINO: “Yeah and there is a lot of demagoguery around the issue. And post Dobbs, we are settling into a new status quo, at least for the moment. It’s very unlikely that there is going to be a national protection for unborn life. It’s just probably not in the cards to get past a 60 vote filibuster. So all this attention on is there going to be a quote national ban, I don’t think it’s gonna happen. The states have filtered out where you have the red states that are pro life protecting unborn life and saving babies. Let’s not forget the untold number of babies that you can see today, right, some of which are starting to take their first steps, because those states defend human life and because the supreme court did the right thing in the Dobbs decision. Let's not forget that other side of the equation.” [Politico 2024 Health Care Summit, [3/13/24](#)] (03:35 - 04:16)

- **The Center For Reproductive Rights Described The Dobbs Decision As Abandoning Its Duty To Protect Fundamental Rights By Ruling There Is No Constitutional Right To Abortion.** “In a devastating decision that will reverberate for generations, the U.S. Supreme Court has abandoned its duty to protect fundamental rights and overturned Roe v. Wade, ruling there is no constitutional right to abortion. Today’s decision—which abandons nearly 50 years of precedent—marks the first time in history that the Supreme Court has taken away a fundamental right.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, accessed [5/23/24](#)]
- **The Center For Reproductive Rights Wrote That The Decision Will “Likely Lead To Half Of U.S. States Immediately Taking Action To Ban Abortion Outright.”** “The Court’s decision will likely lead to half of U.S. states immediately taking action to ban abortion outright, forcing people to travel hundreds and thousands of miles to access abortion care or to carry pregnancies against their will, a grave violation of their human rights.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, accessed [5/23/24](#)]

Severino Said If Reelected, Former President Donald Trump Would Undo The Abortion Protections Put In Place By The Biden Administration “And Reestablish The Pro-Life” Agenda. SEVERINO: “Other states

have gone another way. they are doubling down on abortion. And you're not going to see a national limitation or protection so what's the issue? What can the president do with executive power? We see Biden try to put abortion everywhere he can. In the federal government and agencies. DOD, the VA. HIPAA, trying to define unborn persons as not being included under HIPAA. President Trump, if he gets reelected, would undo all of those and reestablish the pro-life positions he had before." [Politico 2024 Health Care Summit, [3/13/24](#)] (04:17 - 04:47)

In The Department Of Justice Chapter, The Project 2025 Manifesto Promotes Enforcing The Comstock Act To Stop The Distribution Of Abortion Medicine And Politically Reviewing Current Investigations.

Project 2025 Alleges Disparate Treatment Of Threats Against Abortion Clinics And Anti-Choice Pregnancy Centers, Despite Qualitative Differences In The Evidence Of Those Alleged Crimes.

Project 2025 Complains That The DOJ Prosecuted Violations Of A Federal Law Designed To Protect Citizens Exercising Their Rights To Obtain Medical Treatment. "The department has devoted unprecedented resources to prosecuting American citizens for misdemeanor trespassing offenses or violations of the FACE Act while dismissing prosecutions against radical agents of the Left like Antifa." [Project 2025, p.546, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Cites Investigations Of Anti-Choice Protestors For Violations Of The Freedom Of Access To Clinic Entrances Act (FACE Act) As A Reason For Why A Political Review Of The DOJ's Investigations Were Necessary.** "An egregious example of the need for such a review is provided by the department's use of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act 55 to harass pro-life demonstrators while not pursuing similar investigations of shocking acts of violence committed against pro-life pregnancy resource centers. On the morning of September 23, 2022, pro-life activist Mark Houck was arrested by more than 15 FBI agents at his home in Pennsylvania in front of his wife and small children. Agents came to his door with guns drawn to arrest the 48-year-old father of seven whose alleged crime involved a minor altercation with an activist who was harassing one of his children in front of an abortion clinic almost one year before Mr. Houck's arrest by the FBI. Similarly, Paul Vaughn, a 55-year-old father of 11, was arrested at his home in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, by armed FBI agents for allegedly participating in a peaceful protest at an abortion clinic one year earlier." [Project 2025, p.558, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Objects To The DOJ Notifying States That Bans On Abortion And Medical Services To Transgender People May Violate Federal Law. "The department has consistently threatened that any conduct not aligning with the liberal agenda 'could' violate federal law—without actually taking a position that the conduct in question is illegal—using the prospect of protracted litigation and federal sanctions to chill disfavored behavior such as with state efforts to restrict abortion 14 or prevent genital mutilation of children." [Project 2025, p.546, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Claims The DOJ Was Virtually Silent In The Face Of Vandalism At Anti-Choice Reproductive Centers. "These arrests stand in stark contrast to the department's virtual silence on the wave of vandalism and violence directed at religiously affiliated institutions, including pregnancy resource centers, following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Catholic News Agency reported more than one hundred such incidents as of September 2022." [Project 2025, p.558, [2023](#)]

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Project 2025 Contrasted The DOJ FACE Act Prosecutions With Alleged Failures To Bring Any Cases Against Those Who Vandalized Anti-Choice Reproductive Centers, Ignoring The General Lack Of Evidence In Those Cases.

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- **The DOJ Said It Was Investigating Instances Of Threats And Disruptions At Anti-Choice Reproductive Centers But Acknowledged Those Cases Were Harder To Prosecute Because The Perpetrators Don’t Live-Stream Their Activities The Way Anti-Choice Protestors Often Do.** “Federal authorities have said the Justice Department and FBI are investigating threats and disruptions at antiabortion reproductive centers. But they said those cases are more difficult to prosecute because — unlike antiabortion protesters who live-stream their activities and stage sit-ins — people who vandalize antiabortion pregnancy centers have sought to remain anonymous, taking covert action when witnesses may not be present. In January, the FBI offered a \$25,000 reward for information about arson cases at three antiabortion pregnancy centers in Portland last year. Police said the fires were started with molotov cocktails; graffiti at one location read: ‘IF ABORTION AINT SAFE NEITHER RU.’ The FBI cited 10 unsolved attacks on antiabortion centers in 2022.” [Washington Post, [10/15/23](#)]
- **Trump’s DOJ Also Prosecuted FACE Act Violations.** “During the Trump administration, the Justice Department pursued eight criminal prosecutions, and one civil case, under the FACE Act.” [Washington Post, [10/15/23](#)]

Project 2025 Asserts That The DOJ Must Stop Prosecuting FACE Act Violations To Restore “Its Credibility With Law-Abiding People Of Faith.” “By engaging in disparate and viewpoint-based enforcement of an already controversial law like the FACE Act against pro-life activists, the DOJ has needlessly undermined its credibility with law-abiding people of faith. The department should make every effort to uphold equal protection of the law and avoid politically motivated and viewpoint-based prosecutions.” [Project 2025, p.558, [2023](#)]

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

Project 2025 Calls On The DOJ 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](#)]

The Department Of Labor Chapter Of The Project 2025 Manifesto Advocates State Policies That Restrict Employers From Covering Abortions And Calls On The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission To Prioritize “Claims Of Failure To Accommodate [...] Pregnancy (But Not Abortion).”

Project 2025 Notes That No Federal Law Required Employment Benefits For “Elective Abortion,” And It Called On Congress To Pass Legislation To Require Employers Who Offer Abortion Benefits To Provide Employees With “Equal (Or Greater) Benefits” For “Pregnancy, Childbirth, Maternity, And Adoption.”

Project 2025 Notes That No Federal Laws Required An Employer To “Provide Health Insurance Benefits For Elective Abortion.” “Current law, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, provides nondiscrimination protections in the workplace for pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) requires employers to make reasonable accommodations for women ‘to the known limitations related to the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions,’ unless ‘the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the [employer’s] business.’ The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) also provides nondiscrimination and accommodation protections in the workplace for certain pregnancy-related disability. None of these laws requires an employer provide health insurance benefits for elective abortion.” [Project 2025, Chapter 18: Department of Labor, p. 585, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends New Legislation That Would Require “Equal (Or Greater) Benefits” For Mothers In Cases Where An Employer Provides Benefits For Abortion And That Clarifies That “No Employer Is Required To Provide Any Accommodations Or Benefits For Abortion.” “Pass a law requiring equal (or greater) benefits for pro-life support for mothers and clarifying abortion exclusions. Congress should pass a law requiring that to the extent an employer provides employee benefits for abortion, it must provide equal or greater benefits for pregnancy, childbirth, maternity, and adoption. That law should also clarify that no employer is required to provide any accommodations or benefits for abortion.” [Project 2025, Chapter 18: Department of Labor, p. 585, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Recommends Congress “Pass A Law Requiring That To The Extent An Employer Provides Employee Benefits For Abortion, It Must Provide Equal Or Greater Benefits For Pregnancy, Childbirth, Maternity, And Adoption.”** “Pass a law requiring equal (or greater) benefits for pro-life support for mothers and clarifying abortion exclusions. Congress should pass a law requiring that to the extent an employer provides employee benefits for abortion, it must provide equal or greater benefits for pregnancy, childbirth, maternity, and adoption. That law should also clarify that no employer is required to provide any accommodations or benefits for abortion.” [Project 2025, Chapter 18: Department of Labor, p. 585, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Supports States' Rights To Restrict Employers From Offering Abortion Benefits To Employees Without Being Preempted By ERISA.

Project 2025 Recommends Congress And The DOL Support States' Rights To Restrict Employers From Offering Abortion Benefits Under Employee-Sponsored Benefit Plans Without Being Preempted By ERISA. "Keep anti-life 'benefits' out of benefit plans. Some benefits attorneys and pro-choice advocates have argued since the Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision that the longstanding doctrine of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) preemption should block individual states' efforts to prohibit employers from helping employees procure abortions via offering various kinds of coverage under employee-sponsored benefit plans. ERISA should not be allowed to trump states' ability to protect innocent human life in the womb. Congress and DOL should clarify that ERISA does not preempt states' power to restrict abortion, surrogacy, or other anti-life 'benefits.'" [Project 2025, Chapter 18: Department of Labor, p. 585, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Called On The EEOC To Prioritize Enforcement Of "Claims Of Failure To Accommodate [...] Pregnancy (But Not Abortion)."

Project 2025 Called On The EEOC To "Disclaim Power To Enter Into Consent Decrees" And Prioritize Its Enforcement Toward "Claims Of Failure To Accommodate Disability, Religion, And Pregnancy (But Not Abortion)." "Disclaim power to enter into consent decrees. EEOC should disclaim power to enter into consent decrees that require employer actions that it could not require under the laws it enforces. Reorient enforcement priorities. EEOC should reorient its enforcement priorities toward claims of failure to accommodate disability, religion, and pregnancy (but not abortion)." [Project 2025, Chapter 18: Department of Labor, p. 587, [2023](#)]

In The Department Of State Chapter Of The Project 2025 Manifesto Calls For Policy Changes, Including Reviewing American Membership In International Organizations And Refocusing Away From Abortion.

Project 2025 Asserts That The African Nations Were Not Receptive To "U.S. Social Policies Such As Abortion And Pro-LGBT Initiatives Being Imposed On Them" And Called For Refocusing On "Security, Economic, And Human Rights."

Project 2025 Asserts That The African Nations Were Not Receptive To "U.S. Social Policies Such As Abortion And Pro-LGBT Initiatives Being Imposed On Them," Calling For A "Focus On Core Diplomatic Activities," Like "Security, Economic, And Human Rights Engagement." "Focus on core diplomatic activities, and stop promoting policies birthed in the American culture wars. African nations are particularly (and reasonably) non-receptive to the U.S. social policies such as abortion and pro-LGBT initiatives being imposed on them. The United States should focus on core security, economic, and human rights engagement with African partners and reject the promotion of divisive policies that hurt the deepening of shared goals between the U.S. and its African partners." [Project 2025, Chapter 6: Department of State, p. 187, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Calls For A Cost-Benefit Analysis Of American Membership In International Organizations, Cognizant Of Federal Statutes Prohibiting Spending To "Promote Abortion, Population Control, And Terrorist Activities."

Project 2025 Calls For A "Comprehensive Cost-Benefit Analysis Of U.S. Participation In International Organizations," Cognizant Of Federal Statutes Prohibiting Spending To "Promote Abortion, Population

Control, And Terrorist Activities.” “The next Administration should direct the Secretary of State to initiate a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of U.S. participation in all international organizations. This review should take into account long-standing provisions in federal law that prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars to promote abortion, population control, and terrorist activities, as well as other applicable restrictions on funding for international organizations and agencies with a view to withholding U.S. funds in cases of abuses.” [Project 2025, Chapter 6: Department of State, p. 191, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Calls For Building On Trump’s Geneva Consensus Declaration, Which Was Signed By Conservative Autocratic Countries And Promotes Anti-Choice Policies.

Project 2025 Recommends The Creation Of A “Healthy Culture Of Respect For Life, The Family, Sovereignty, And Authentic Human Rights In International Organizations And Agencies.” “It is paramount to create a healthy culture of respect for life, the family, sovereignty, and authentic human rights in international organizations and agencies. To support this goal, the U.S. led an effort during the Trump Administration to forge a consensus among like-minded countries in support of human life, women’s health, support of the family as the basic unit of human society, and defense of national sovereignty. The result was the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Women’s Health and Protection of the Family.” [Project 2025, Chapter 6: Department of State, p. 192, [2023](#)]

- **Project 2025 Says The U.S. Should Build On Trump-Era Efforts To “Forge A Consensus Among Like-Minded Countries In Support Of Human Life, Women’s Health, Support Of The Family As The Basic Unit Of Human Society, And Defense Of National Sovereignty.”** “It is paramount to create a healthy culture of respect for life, the family, sovereignty, and authentic human rights in international organizations and agencies. To support this goal, the U.S. led an effort during the Trump Administration to forge a consensus among like-minded countries in support of human life, women’s health, support of the family as the basic unit of human society, and defense of national sovereignty. The result was the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Women’s Health and Protection of the Family.” [Project 2025, Chapter 6: Department of State, p. 192, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Says The “U.S. Government Should Not And Cannot Promote Or Fund Abortion In International Programs Or Multilateral Organizations.” “The U.S. government should not and cannot promote or fund abortion in international programs or multilateral organizations. Technically, the United States can prevent its international funding from going toward abortions, but the U.S. will have a greater impact by including like-minded nations and building on the coalition launched through the Geneva Consensus Declaration, with a view to shaping the work of international agencies by functioning as a united front.” [Project 2025, Chapter 6: Department of State, p. 192, [2023](#)]

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- **Headline: “US Signs Anti-Abortion Declaration With Group Of Largely Authoritarian Governments.”** [The Guardian, [10/22/20](#)]
- **Headline: “Trump’s Legacy Is A Global Alliance Against Women’s Rights.”** [Foreign Policy, [1/20/21](#)]

The Geneva Consensus Declaration Was Signed By “Largely Illiberal Or Authoritarian Governments” As Part Of A Trump Administration Campaign To “Reorient US Foreign Policy In A More Socially

Conservative Direction, Even At The Expense Of Alienating Traditional Western Allies.” “The US has today signed an anti-abortion declaration with a group of about 30 largely illiberal or authoritarian governments, after the failure of an effort to expand the conservative coalition. The ‘Geneva Consensus Declaration’ calls on states to promote women’s rights and health – but without access to abortion – and is part of a campaign by Trump administration, led by secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, to reorient US foreign policy in a more socially conservative direction, even at the expense of alienating traditional western allies.” [The Guardian, [10/22/20](#)]

- **The Geneva Consensus Declaration Was “Signed Predominantly By Hard-Line Religious, Autocratic States.”** “The declaration—which was not signed in Geneva and is not related to the U.N.-affiliated Geneva Consensus Foundation, the World Medical Association’s 1947 Geneva Declaration, or the Geneva Conventions forming the core of international humanitarian law—was the brainchild of Pompeo. It was co-sponsored by the United States, Egypt, Brazil, Indonesia and Uganda, and signed predominantly by hard-line religious, autocratic states. Critics decry it as not only an assault on the self-determination of women around the world, but also, as Beirne Roose-Snyder, director of public policy at CHANGE (Center for Health and Gender Equity), puts it, for establishing a conservative-evangelical ideological framework, set up in parallel to international agreements that are negotiated and binding, by an administration that knew it might be on the way out.” [Foreign Policy, [1/20/21](#)]

The Department Of Veterans Affairs Chapter Of The Project 2025 Manifesto Calls For All Abortion Services Departmental Clinical Policy To Be Rescinded.

Project 2025 Calls For Rescinding “All Departmental Clinical Policy Directives” Contrary To Principles Of Conservative Governance, Starting With Abortion Services.

Project 2025 Calls For “All Departmental Clinical Policy Directives That Are Contrary To Principles Of Conservative Governance Starting With Abortion Services And Gender Reassignment Surgery” To Be Rescinded. “Rescind all departmental clinical policy directives that are contrary to principles of conservative governance starting with abortion services and gender reassignment surgery. Neither aligns with service-connected conditions that would warrant VA’s providing this type of clinical care, and both follow the Left’s pernicious trend of abusing the role of government to further its own agenda.” [Project 2025, Chapter 20: Department of Veterans Affairs, p. 644, [2023](#)]

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Project 2025 Criticized The Biden Administration's VA For “Allowing Access To Abortion Services” Which It Calls “A Medical Procedure Unrelated To Military Service That The VA Lacks The Legal Authority And Clinical Proficiency To Perform.” “Additionally, the current VA leadership is focusing very publicly on “social equity and inclusion” within departmental policy discussions toward ends that will affect only a small minority of the veterans who use the VA. For the first time, the VA is allowing access to abortion services, a medical procedure unrelated to military service that the VA lacks the legal authority and clinical proficiency to perform. In addition to continuing the grotesque culture of violence against the child in the womb, these sociopolitical initiatives and ideological indoctrinations distract from the department’s core missions.” [Project 2025, Chapter 20: Department of Veterans Affairs, p. 642, [2023](#)]

The Department Of Defense Chapter Of The Project 2025 Manifesto Recommends Putting An End To Funding Abortion Services For Service Members.

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Project 2025 Recommends Putting An End To Abortion Services For Department Of Defense Service Members. “Reverse policies that allow transgender individuals to serve in the military. Gender dysphoria is incompatible with the demands of military service, and the use of public monies for transgender surgeries or to facilitate abortion for service members should be ended.” [Project 2025, Chapter 4: Department of Defense, p. 104, [2023](#)]

The Agency For International Development Chapter Of The Project 2025 Manifesto Recommends Removing References To Abortion In The Agency’s Documents And UN Documents As Well As Restricting Abortion And Contraception In International Policy.

Project 2025 Recommends Removing All References To “‘Abortion,’ ‘Reproductive Health,’ And ‘Sexual And Reproductive Rights’ And Controversial Sexual Education Materials” On USAID Websites, In Agency Publications And Policies, And In All Agency Contracts And Grants; It Also Recommends Removing Language Promoting Abortion In U.N. Documents.

On USAID Websites, In Agency Publications And Policies, And In All Agency Contracts And Grants, Project 2025 Recommends The Next Conservative Administration Slash All References To “‘Abortion,’ ‘Reproductive Health,’ And ‘Sexual And Reproductive Rights’ And Controversial Sexual Education Materials.” “In addition, the next conservative Administration should rescind President Biden’s 2022 Gender Policy and refocus it on Women, Children, and Families and revise the agency’s regulation on ‘Integrating Gender Equality and Female Empowerment in USAID’s Program Cycle.’ It should remove all references, examples, definitions, photos, and language on USAID websites, in agency publications and policies, and in all agency contracts and grants that include the following terms: ‘gender,’ ‘gender equality,’ ‘gender equity,’ ‘gender diverse individuals,’ ‘gender aware,’ ‘gender sensitive,’ etc. It should also remove references to ‘abortion,’ ‘reproductive health,’ and ‘sexual and reproductive rights’ and controversial sexual education materials.” [Project 2025, Chapter 9: Agency For International Development, p. 259, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Recommends Removing All “Language Promoting Abortion” From U.N. Documents, Policy Statements, And Technical Literature. “Leadership should designate a political appointee to help coordinate cross-agency efforts to hold the U.S. government’s multilateral partners (U.N. and WHO agencies and other international organizations) to a higher level of financial and programmatic accountability, including assurances that language promoting abortion will be removed from U.N. documents, policy statements, and technical literature. The United States must have more prominent representation in international technical committees and regulation-setting organizations to ensure the proper execution of American resources, the preservation of our values, the protection of innovation, and the vitality of our biomedical sector.” [Project 2025, Chapter 9: Agency For International Development, p. 266, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Opposes USAID Promoting Reproductive Healthcare And Believes In Anti-Choice International Policy That Would Restrict Abortion.

Project 2025 Criticizes USAID For Promoting Reproductive Healthcare, Pro-Choice, And Gender Equality Policies For Women Internationally. “Refocusing Gender Equality on Women, Children, and Families. Instead of protecting women’s and children’s unalienable human rights and propelling their ability to thrive in society, past Democrat Administrations have nearly erased what females are and what femininity is through ‘gender’ policies and practices. For instance, these Administrations have diluted USAID’s focus on assisting vulnerable women, children, and families around the globe by adding protections for and ideological advocacy on behalf of progressive special-interest groups. USAID now aggressively promotes abortion on demand under the guise of ‘sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights,’ ‘gender equality,’ and ‘women’s empowerment’ and advocates for those who claim minority status or vulnerability.” [Project 2025, Chapter 9: Agency For International Development, p. 258, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Believes In Anti-Choice International Policy, Stating That The Protecting Life In Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) Policy Should Be Expanded To Block Loopholes For “ The Global Abortion Industry To Continue.” “Protecting life should be among the core objectives of United States foreign assistance. Shortly after taking office, however, President Biden issued a memorandum that reversed a myriad of pro-life policies and revoked the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) policy, widely known as the Mexico City Policy. Biden also restored funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which supports and implements China’s coercive abortion and sterilization regimen. PLGHA requires foreign NGOs, as a condition of receiving assistance, to agree not to perform or actively promote abortions as a method of family planning in foreign countries. [...] Even under PLGHA, several loopholes allowed support for the global abortion industry to continue.” [Project 2025, Chapter 9: Agency For International Development, p. 260, [2023](#)]

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“Unfortunately, many USAID-funded global health activities remain rooted in patterns that began decades ago and measure improvements in terms of inputs—money spent—instead of outcomes achieved. From the 1950s to 1970s, the major recognized threats to human health were infectious diseases such as polio and smallpox, and USAID funded programs ‘in’ a country, not ‘with’ a country. Maternal and child health, food, water, and sanitation programs were often intermittent. USAID consistently financed population control, contraception, and abortion as essential to ‘development.’ Most programs focused on one disease or condition but had little integration with other global health activities. Chronic diseases were ignored.” [Project 2025, Chapter 9: Agency For International Development, p. 264, [2023](#)]

Project 2025 Relied Heavily On Anti-Choice Advocates, Such As Roger Severino, Stephen Billy, Andrew Bremberg, And Rachel Morrison, To Create Its Policy Agenda.

Roger Severino Penned The Chapter On The Department Of Health And Human Services In Project 2025’s Mandate For Leadership And Speculates That A Future Republican President Would Likely Nominate A “Pro-Life” HHS Secretary.

Roger Severino Authored The Project 2025 Manifesto Chapter On The Department Of Health And Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Roger Severino

[Project 2025, [4/21/23](#)]

Severino, In Discussing His Authorship Of Project 2025's HHS Playbook, "Said He Feels 'Confident' That Trump Would Appoint An HHS Secretary Who Is 'Pro-Life.'" "Leading advocates are concentrating on refining recommendations for two agencies with enormous power over abortion-related policies nationwide — the Justice and Health and Human Services departments — such as revisiting the 2000 approval of a key abortion drug and halting the mailing of abortion pills, according to a document published by the conservative Heritage Foundation. [...] Severino, who wrote the portion of the Heritage document that pertains to HHS, said he feels 'confident' that Trump would appoint an HHS secretary who is 'pro-life.'" [The Washington Post, [1/5/24](#)]

While Leading The Office Of Civil Rights In The Department Of Health And Human Services, Severino Created A "Religious Freedom" Division That Aided "Healthcare Providers Who Refused To Provide Abortions Or Gender-Affirming Care." "Roger Severino is former counsel to Becket and currently works at the Heritage Foundation's DeVos Center as its Vice President of Domestic Policy. The Human Rights Campaign said Severino was a 'radical anti-LGBTQ-rights activist' who 'has made it clear that his number-one priority is to vilify and degrade' LGBTQ communities. During the Trump Administration, Roger led the Office Of Civil Rights in the Department of Health and Human Services. There, he created a 'religious freedom' division that aided healthcare providers who refused to provide abortions or gender-affirming care. He also reversed Obama-era protections that banned LGBTQ discrimination in healthcare." [Monitoring Influence, accessed [2/15/24](#)]

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Bremberg Has Expressed Opposition To Abortion, Even For Victims Of Rape. "Of particular concern is Bremberg's statement at his confirmation hearing that he does not support victims of rape accessing abortion.

He expressed his support of the US government's extraordinary threat at the UN Security Council in April to veto a resolution on gender-based violence in armed conflict because it included a reference to victims' access to sexual and reproductive health care. This extreme position is out of step with current US policies as well as international human rights law. For example, even under President Donald Trump's expanded 'global gag rule' and under the harmful Hyde amendment, which prevents federal funding for abortions domestically, exceptions are made in the case of sexual violence." [Human Rights Watch, [7/24/19](#)]

An Anti-Choice Activist And Lawyer, Rachel Morrison, Contributed To The Project 2025 Manifesto Chapter On The Labor Chapter.

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