

# Project 2025 Most Extreme Policy Proposals Would Overhaul “Good Government” Principles And Usher In Sweeping Rollbacks Of Human Rights Advancements; These Extreme Policies Project 2025 Spells Out Aren’t Even The Most Extreme Plans The Far-Right Intends To Implement

**SUMMARY:** Project 2025’s [180-day playbook](#), an effort from the [Heritage Foundation](#), outlines the far-right’s policy proposals that they plan to implement should a conservative take back the presidency in 2025. The Project 2025 manifesto is chock-full of alarming, draconian plans for government agencies. Some of the most egregious recommendations include:

- **For the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**, Robert Bowes’ Project 2025 chapter says “Congress should abolish the CFPB.” Bowes also supports the payday lending industry’s Supreme Court case against the bureau’s constitutionality. Short of abolishing the CFPB, Bowes’ chapter also argues that Congress should target CFPB policies that have been strongly opposed by the financial industry.
- **For the Executive Office of the President (EOP)**, Russ Vought’s Project 2025 chapter on the Executive Office of the President of the United States claims “woke” federal agencies have been “weaponized against the public.” To remedy this, Vought recommends “aggressive” restrictions on bureaucracy, calls for “fearless” challenges of legal precedents, and opposes “good government” principles.
- **For the Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD)**, Ben Carson’s Project 2025 chapter on the agency proposes a “wholesale overhaul” of HUD to address decades of “corrosive progressive ideologies” and “race-based policies.”
- **For the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**, Ken Cuccinelli’s Project 2025 chapter recommends dismantling the department and reinstating all of the worst Trump administration immigration policies, including calling for active-duty U.S. Military at the border, eliminating “sensitive zones,” effectively allowing mass worksite raids, and reinstating the Remain in Mexico policy.
- **For the Department of Justice (DOJ)**, Gene Hamilton’s Project 2025 section recommends “a top-to-bottom overhaul” of the DOJ and FBI. He says the next conservative administration should demote the FBI within the DOJ to allow more political appointees. It also recommends prosecuting local district attorneys for “refusing to prosecute criminal offenses in their jurisdictions.” Another extreme proposal includes enforcing “the criminal prohibitions in 18 U.S. Code §§ 1461 and 1462” to stop provision and distribution of medication abortion pills.

And while these policy proposals are worrisome enough, Project 2025 won’t stop there. Kevin Roberts, the Heritage Foundation’s president, [admitted](#) parts of the Project 2025 plan would be kept secret, saying “there are parts of the plan that” they “will not share with the left” because they “wouldn’t want to tip off our playbook to the left.”

Ultimately, Project 2025 aims to get rid of good government practices, roll back decades of human rights advancements, and overhaul the federal government to implement the far-right’s ideals.

**Robert Bowes' Project 2025 Chapter Says "Congress Should Abolish The CFPB" And Supports The Payday Lending Industry's Supreme Court Case Against The Bureau's Constitutionality—Short Of Abolishing The CFPB, Bowes' Chapter Also Argues That Congress Should Target CFPB Policies That Have Been Strongly Opposed By The Financial Industry.**

**Robert Bowes' Project 2025 Chapter Says "Congress Should Abolish The CFPB," Calling It "A Highly Politicized, Damaging, And Utterly Unaccountable Federal Agency"—Despite The Fact That The CFPB's Work Has Provided Over \$20 Billion In Compensation And Relief For Harmed Consumers, And Over 205 Million Consumers Or Consumer Accounts Have Been Eligible To Receive Relief.**

Robert Bowes Wrote That "Congress Should Abolish The CFPB," Calling The Bureau "A Highly Politicized, Damaging, And Utterly Unaccountable Federal Agency." "The CFPB is a highly politicized, damaging, and utterly unaccountable federal agency. It is unconstitutional. Congress should abolish the CFPB and reverse Dodd–Frank Section 1061, thus returning the consumer protection function of the CFPB to banking regulators and the Federal Trade Commission." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**The CFPB's Work Has Provided Over \$20.2 Billion In Compensation And Relief For Harmed Consumers, As Of November 2023.** "Last updated: November 21, 2023 [...] \$20.2 billion+: Amount of monetary compensation, principal reductions, canceled debts, and other consumer relief resulting from CFPB enforcement and supervisory work." [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, accessed [03/07/24](#)]

**Over 205 Million Consumers Or Consumer Accounts Have Been Eligible To Receive Relief From The CFPB's Enforcement And Supervisory Work.** "205 million+: Estimated number of consumers or consumer accounts eligible to receive relief from the CFPB's enforcement and supervisory work." [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, accessed [03/07/24](#)]

**Bowes' Project 2025 Chapter Calls The CFPB "A Shakedown Mechanism To Provide Unaccountable Funding To Leftist Nonprofits" And Claims Its Civil Penalty Fund Is "A Slush Fund For Poverty Groups," Despite The Fact That The Fund Has Raised Over \$4 Billion To Help Compensate Harmed Consumers.**

Bowes' Project 2025 Chapter Claims The CFPB "Has Been Assailed By Critics As A Shakedown Mechanism To Provide Unaccountable Funding To Leftist Nonprofits Politically Aligned With Those Who Spearheaded Its Creation." "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was authorized in 2010 by the Dodd–Frank Act. Since the Bureau's inception, its status as an 'independent' agency with no congressional oversight has been questioned in multiple court cases, and the agency has been assailed by critics as a shakedown mechanism to provide unaccountable funding to leftist nonprofits politically aligned with those who spearheaded its creation." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

Bowes Cited A 2015 Editorial Accusing The CFPB Of "Diverting Potentially Millions Of Dollars In Settlement Payments For Alleged Victims Of Lending Bias To A Slush Fund For Poverty Groups Tied To The Democratic Party." "In 2015, for example, Investor's Business Daily accused the CFPB of 'diverting potentially millions of dollars in settlement payments for alleged victims of lending bias to a slush fund for poverty groups tied to the Democratic Party' and planning 'to create a so-called Civil Penalty Fund from its own shakedown operations targeting financial institutions' that would use 'ramped-up (and trumped-up) anti-discrimination lawsuits and investigations' to 'bankroll some 60 liberal non-profits, many of whom are radical Acorn-style pressure groups.'" [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **The 2015 Investor's Business Daily Article Was An Editorial.** [Investor's Business Daily, [06/17/15](#)]

**Bowes Claimed That Funding From The CFPB’s Civil Penalty Fund “Has Ended Up In The Pockets Of Leftist Activist Organizations.”** “The CFPB collects fines from the private sector that are put into the Civil Penalty Fund. The fund serves two ostensible purposes: to compensate the victims whom the CFPB perceives to be harmed and to underwrite ‘consumer education’ and ‘financial literacy’ programs. How the Civil Penalty Fund is spent is at the discretion of the CFPB Director. The CFPB has been unclear as to how it decides what ‘consumer education’ or ‘financial literacy programs’ to fund. As noted, critics have charged that money from the Civil Penalty Fund has ended up in the pockets of leftist activist organizations.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**The CFPB Has Imposed Over \$4.1 Billion In Civil Money Penalties Against “Companies And Individuals That Violate The Law”—This Funding Has Gone Into The CFPB’s Civil Penalty Fund, Which “Provides Compensation To Consumers Who Have Been Harmed By Violations Of Federal Consumer Financial Protection Law.”** “\$4.1 billion+: Civil money penalties imposed by the CFPB on companies and individuals that violate the law. Civil money penalties are deposited into the CFPB’s victims relief fund (also known as the civil penalty fund), which provides compensation to consumers who have been harmed by violations of federal consumer financial protection law.” [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, accessed [03/07/24](#)]

### **Bowes’ Project 2025 Chapter Approves Of A Supreme Court Case Brought By A Payday Lending Industry Group That Could Threaten The Existence Of The CFPB, Adding That “The Next Conservative President Should Order The Immediate Dissolution Of The Agency” If The Court Rules Against Its Constitutionality.**

**Bowes Wrote, That If The Supreme Court Rules Against The Constitutionality Of The CFPB In A Case Brought By The Payday Lending Industry, “The Next Conservative President Should Order The Immediate Dissolution Of The Agency.”** “Provided the Supreme Court affirms the Fifth Circuit holding in Community Financial Services Association of America, the next conservative President should order the immediate dissolution of the agency—pull down its prior rules, regulations and guidance, return its staff to their prior agencies and its building to the General Services Administration.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **At Issue In Supreme Court Case CFPB v. CFSA Is The Bureau’s “Independent Funding Structure,” Which Is Designed To Be Shielded From “Political Gamesmanship” In The Annual Congressional Appropriations Process.** “The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering CFPB v. Community Financial Services Association of America, Limited (CFSA), a case challenging the constitutionality of the agency’s independent funding structure. [...] Congress also established a funding mechanism for the agency that shields it from political gamesmanship. The CFPB’s budget is derived from the Federal Reserve (Fed), an independent financial agency that receives its funding from fees levied on financial institutions and from interest earned on its investments, instead of annual congressional appropriations.” [Center for American Progress, [09/28/23](#)]
- **October 19, 2022: A Three-Judge Panel Of The Fifth Circuit Court Of Appeals Ruled That The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Funding Structure Was Unconstitutional After Hearing A Case Brought By Payday Industry Group, The Community Financial Services Association Of America.** “A federal appeals court has ruled that the funding structure of the nation’s most powerful financial watchdog agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, is unconstitutional. In a case brought by a payday lending group, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out a CFPB regulation governing those high-interest-rate lenders and ruled that the way the bureau is funded, ‘violates the Constitution’s structural separation of powers.’” [NPR, [10/19/22](#)]

### **Bowes’ Project 2025 Chapter Says That Until The CFPB Can Be Abolished, Congress Should Repeal The Bureau’s Small Business Data Collection Rule To Fight Lending Discrimination, Which Banking Industry Groups “Promptly” Sued Against After It Was Issued.**

**Bowes Wrote, That Until A Conservative President Abolishes The CFPB, Congress Should Repeal Dodd-Frank Section 1071, A Small Business Data Collection Rule Intended To Fight Discrimination That Has Been Opposed By The Banking Industry.** “Until this can be accomplished, however, Congress should: [...] Repeal Dodd–Frank Section 1071. This section, which relates to small-business data collection, imposes requirements on financial institutions’ lending to small firms, raises costs, and limits small businesses’ access to capital.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **After The CFPB Issued A Rule On Dodd-Frank Section 1071 In 2023, It “Was Promptly Sued By Bank Trade Groups.”** “The rule, known as 1071 for its section in the Dodd-Frank Act, is currently on hold pending the outcome of a Supreme Court case challenging the constitutionality of the CFPB’s funding. The bureau finalized the rule last year and was promptly sued by bank trade groups.” [American Banker, [01/11/24](#)]
- **The Banking Industry Has Opposed Small-Business Data Collection, Claiming It Is “Burdensome And Would Restrict Credit To Small Businesses.”** “Still, the banking industry has opposed collecting data on small-business applicants saying the rule’s requirements are burdensome and would restrict credit to small businesses while raising costs. Banks claim implementation of the rule, which takes effect in October, is a complex effort involving multiple data collection platforms and changes to existing technology.” [American Banker, [01/11/24](#)]
- **January 2024: The Senate Failed To Override President Biden’s Veto Of A “Republican-Led” Congressional Review Act Resolution To “Gut” The CFPB’s 1071 Rule.** “The Senate failed to override President Biden’s veto of a resolution to nullify the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s small-business data collection rule. The Senate on Wednesday voted 54-45, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed to override the president’s veto last month of a Republican-led resolution to gut the small-business data collection rule under the Congressional Review Act.” [American Banker, [01/11/24](#)]
- **Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Has Supported The 1071 Rule, Noting It “Was Designed To Promote Access To Credit And To Combat Discrimination In Small-Business Lending.”** “Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, chairman of the Senate Committee, said after the vote Wednesday that he applauded lawmakers’ ‘affirmation of the 1071 rule,’ saying the rule was designed to promote access to credit and to combat discrimination in small-business lending. ‘The outcome of today’s vote is a win for the engines of our economy: Small businesses, businesses and entrepreneurs,’ Brown said in a press release.” [American Banker, [01/11/24](#)]

## **Bowes’ Project 2025 Chapter Says That Until The CFPB Can Be Abolished, Congress Should Define “Deceptive, Unfair, And Abusive” Practices, After Major Industry Groups Sued The CFPB For Including Discrimination In Its Definition Of Unfair Practices Under Federal Law.**

**Bowes Wrote, That Until A Conservative President Abolishes The CFPB, Congress Should Define The Nature Of “Deceptive, Unfair, And Abusive” Practices, After Major Industry Groups Sued The Bureau For Including Discrimination In Federal Prohibitions Against Unfair, Deceptive Or Abusive Acts Or Practices (UDAAP).** “Until this can be accomplished, however, Congress should: [...] Specify the nature of ‘deceptive, unfair, and abusive’ practices to define the scope of the CFPB mission more precisely.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **September 2023: A Federal Judge Ruled That The CFPB Overstepped Its Authority In A March 2022 Policy That Defined Discrimination As An “Unfair” Practice Under Existing Federal Prohibitions Against Unfair, Deceptive Or Abusive Acts Or Practices (UDAAP).** “A federal judge has ruled that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau overstepped its authority by adopting a sweeping anti-discrimination policy last year in a major victory for banks and the trade groups that sued the agency. [...] The CFPB adopted the policy in March 2022 by stating that discrimination in any

financial product is an ‘unfair’ practice that can trigger liability under the federal prohibition against “unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices,” known as UDAAP.” [American Banker, [09/10/23](#)]

- **In Response To The CFPB’s March 2022 Policy Change, The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, The American Bankers Association, The Consumer Bankers Association, And Other Industry Groups Sued The Bureau.** “The CFPB under Director Rohit Chopra sparked an uproar last year when the agency updated its exam manual to reflect that discrimination is an ‘unfair’ practice and announced the new policy in a press release. [...] In response, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and six business groups including the American Bankers Association and Consumer Bankers Association sued the bureau, arguing that the policy was a significant departure from existing anti-discrimination laws.” [American Banker, [09/10/23](#)]
- **American Bankers CEO Rob Nichols Praised The September 2023 Ruling Against CFPB’s Policy Change, Claiming The Bureau Created “An Open-Ended And Novel Power To Examine Banks For Alleged Discriminatory Conduct.”** “Rob Nichols, president and CEO of the American Bankers Association, said he was pleased with the decision because it made clear that the CFPB ‘exceeded its statutory authority’ by updating its exam manual and announcing ‘an open-ended and novel power to examine banks for alleged discriminatory conduct.’” [American Banker, [09/10/23](#)]

**Russ Vought’s Project 2025 Chapter On The Executive Office Of The President Of The United States Claims “Woke” Federal Agencies Have Been “Weaponized Against The Public,” Recommends “Aggressive” Restrictions On Bureaucracy, Calls For “Fearless” Challenges Of Legal Precedents, And Opposing “Good Government” Principles.**

**Russ Vought Authored The Project 2025 Chapter On The Executive Office Of The President Of The United States, Which Claims That Federal Agencies Have Been “Weaponized Against The Public” And Are Run By “A Radical, Supposedly ‘Woke’ Faction Of The Country.”**

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[Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought’s Chapter Claims That The Executive Branch Bureaucracy Is Often “Carrying Out Its Own Policy Plans And Preferences,” Including “The Policy Plans And Preferences Of A Radical, Supposedly ‘Woke’ Faction Of The Country.”** “The President must set and enforce a plan for the executive branch. Sadly, however, a President today assumes office to find a sprawling federal bureaucracy that all too often is carrying out its own policy plans and preferences—or, worse yet, the policy plans and preferences of a radical, supposedly ‘woke’ faction of the country.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought’s Chapter Claims That Federal Agencies Are “Increasingly Weaponized Against The Public And A President Who Is Elected By The People And Empowered By The Constitution To Govern.”** “The modern conservative President’s task is to limit, control, and direct the executive branch on behalf of the

American people. This challenge is created and exacerbated by factors like Congress's decades-long tendency to delegate its lawmaking power to agency bureaucracies, the pervasive notion of expert "independence" that protects so-called expert authorities from scrutiny, the presumed inability to hold career civil servants accountable for their performance, and the increasing reality that many agencies are not only too big and powerful, but also increasingly weaponized against the public and a President who is elected by the people and empowered by the Constitution to govern." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Claims "The Overall Situation Is Constitutionally Dire" And "Nothing Less Than The Survival Of Self-Governance In America Is At Stake."** "The overall situation is constitutionally dire, unsustainably expensive, and in urgent need of repair. Nothing less than the survival of self-governance in America is at stake." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

### **Vought Claims There Is An "Existential Need" For A Conservative President To Use "Aggressive" Power In Restraining The Federal Bureaucracy.**

**Vought Claims "The Great Challenge Confronting A Conservative President Is The Existential Need For Aggressive Use Of The Vast Powers Of The Executive Branch To Return Power [...] To The American People."** "The great challenge confronting a conservative President is the existential need for aggressive use of the vast powers of the executive branch to return power—including power currently held by the executive branch—to the American people." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

### **For The Office Of The Management And Budget (OMB), Vought Prescribes Using "Every Possible Tool" To "Impose Fiscal Discipline," Reinstating Trump's Political Control Over Agencies, "Fearless" Challenges Of Legal Precedents, Opposing The "Good Government" Community, And Using Federal Contracts To Resist "Woke" Corporate America.**

**Vought Claims "The President Should Use Every Possible Tool To Propose And Impose Fiscal Discipline On The Federal Government," Adding, "Anything Short Of That Would Constitute Abject Failure."** "The President should use every possible tool to propose and impose fiscal discipline on the federal government. Anything short of that would constitute abject failure." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Claims That A New OMB Director Should Reinstate The Trump Administration's Use Of Program Associate Directors (PADs), Political Appointees Who Oversaw Agency Decisions.** "Externally, the Director must ensure that OMB has sufficient visibility into the deep caverns of agency decision-making. One indispensable statutory tool to that end is to ensure that policy officials—the Program Associate Directors (PADs) managing the vast Resource Management Offices (RMOs)—personally sign what are known as the apportionments. [...] The vast majority of these apportionments were signed by career officials—the Deputy Associate Directors (DADs)—until the Trump Administration placed this responsibility in the hands of the PADs and thereby opened wide vistas of oversight that had escaped the attention of policy officials. The Biden Administration subsequently reversed this decision." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought States That A New OMB Director Should Appoint A General Counsel Who Is "Fearless In His Or Her Ability To Challenge Legal Precedents That Serve To Protect The Status Quo."** "In addition, many key considerations involved in enacting a President's agenda hinge on existing legal authorities. The Director must ensure the appointment of a General Counsel who is respected yet creative and fearless in his or her ability to challenge legal precedents that serve to protect the status quo." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Writes That Federal "Careerists" Should Not "Set Their Own Agenda Based On The Wishes Of The Sprawling 'Good Government' Management Community."** "Each of these offices has responsibilities and authorities that a President can use to help drive policy across the government. It is vital that the Director and his political staff, not the careerists, drive these offices in pursuit of the President's actual priorities and not let them set their own agenda based on the wishes of the sprawling 'good government' management community in and outside of government." [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Writes That OMB’s Office Of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Should Use Federal Contracts “To Push Back Against Woke Policies In Corporate America.”** “The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). [...] This office should be engaged early and often in OMB’s effort to drive policy, including by obtaining transparency about entities that are awarded federal contracts and grants and by using government contracts to push back against woke policies in corporate America.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Writes That A New President Should Work With Congress To “Maximize The Utility Of The Congressional Review Act (CRA),” “To Undo Midnight Regulatory Actions (Including Those Disguised As ‘Guidance’) On An Accelerated Timeline.”** “Finally, the next President should work with Congress to maximize the utility of the Congressional Review Act (CRA),<sup>29</sup> which allows Congress to undo midnight regulatory actions (including those disguised as ‘guidance’) on an accelerated timeline.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **Vought Also Advocates For The Midnight Rules Relief Act, Which Would “Ensure That Multiple Regulatory Actions Could Be Packaged And Voted On At The Same Time.”** “To leverage the CRA’s power to the maximum extent, Congress and the President should enact the Midnight Rules Relief Act, which would help to ensure that multiple regulatory actions could be packaged and voted on at the same time.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**For The National Security Council (NSC), Vought Recommends Increasing Political Control Over National Security Policy And Review Of Policies And Personnel To Restrain “Social Engineering And Non-Defense Matters, Including Climate Change, Critical Race Theory, Manufactured Extremism, And Other Polarizing Policies.”**

**For The National Security Council (NSC), Vought Says “The NSA [National Security Agency] Should Immediately Evaluate And Eliminate Directorates That Are Not Aligned With The President’s Agenda.”** “In organizing (by means of Presidential Directive<sup>31</sup>) an NSC staff that is more responsive and aligned with the President’s goals and empowered to implement them, the NSA should immediately evaluate and eliminate directorates that are not aligned with the President’s agenda and replace them with new directorates as appropriate that can drive implementation of the President’s signature national security priorities.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Recommends That National Security Officials Are “Selected And Vetted Politically And Report Directly To Political Staff” And “Should Be The Main Day-To-Day Managers For Interagency Coordination And Implementation” Of Policies.** “Accountable senior officials, themselves either political appointees or a minimum number of career detailees, who are selected and vetted politically and report directly to political staff should be the main day-to-day managers for interagency coordination and implementation of their assigned national security policy objectives.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Recommends That The NSC “Should Rigorously Review All General And Flag Officer Promotions To Prioritize The Core Roles And Responsibilities Of The Military Over Social Engineering And Non-Defense Matters, Including Climate Change, Critical Race Theory, Manufactured Extremism, And Other Polarizing Policies.”** “The NSC should rigorously review all general and flag officer promotions to prioritize the core roles and responsibilities of the military over social engineering and non-defense matters, including climate change, critical race theory, manufactured extremism, and other polarizing policies that weaken our armed forces and discourage our nation’s finest men and women from enlisting to serve in defense of our liberty.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Recommends Vetting Council Of Economic Advisers (CEA) Members, Who Often Overlap Between Administrations, For Ideological “Alignment With White House Policy Objectives,” So They Don’t “Breed Skepticism And Distrust” With The White House.**

**For The Council Of Economic Advisers (CEA), Vought Recommends Vetting Members—Who Often Overlap Between Administrations—“For Their Alignment With White House Policy Objectives” So They “Breed Skepticism And Distrust Of The CEA By Other Units Within The White House.”** “Senior economists traditionally have not gone through the Office of Presidential Personnel process and more often than not are hired on an academic-year cycle. As a result, senior economists hired in the summer of a presidential election year tend to remain on staff until the next summer even if a President from the opposite party takes power and installs a new slate of CEA political appointees for chair, members, etc. Although these hiring practices create some continuity, the presence of senior economists who were never fully vetted for their alignment with White House policy objectives or who were holdovers from a recently departed Administration can breed skepticism and distrust of the CEA by other units within the White House, creating the risk that the CEA’s role in the policymaking process will be diminished. A future Administration should consider hiring that reflects the White House calendar (mid-January) and involves the Office of Presidential Personnel.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**For The Office Of Science And Technology Policy, Vought Says “The Biden Administration’s Climate Fanaticism Will Need A Whole-Of-Government Unwinding” And Its “Woke Agenda Should Be Reversed And Scrubbed From All Policy Manuals, Guidance Documents, And Agendas.”**

**Within The Office Of Science And Technology Policy, Vought Recommends An Executive Order To “Reshape” The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) And Related Climate Change Programs, Which Vought Claims “Reduce The Scope Of Legally Proper Options In Presidential Decision-Making.”** “The President should also issue an executive order to reshape the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) and related climate change research programs. The USGCRP produces strategic plans and research (for example, the National Climate Assessment) that reduce the scope of legally proper options in presidential decision-making and in agency rulemakings and adjudications.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

- **Vought Adds That The President Should “Refuse To Accept Any USGCRP Assessment Prepared Under The Biden Administration.”** “The next President should critically analyze and, if required, refuse to accept any USGCRP assessment prepared under the Biden Administration.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Writes That “The Biden Administration’s Climate Fanaticism Will Need A Whole-Of-Government Unwinding.”** “Finally, the next Administration will face a significant challenge in unwinding policies and procedures that are used to advance radical gender, racial, and equity initiatives under the banner of science. Similarly, the Biden Administration’s climate fanaticism will need a whole-of-government unwinding.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**Vought Writes That “The Biden Administration’s Leveraging Of The Federal Government’s Resources To Further The Woke Agenda Should Be Reversed And Scrubbed From All Policy Manuals, Guidance Documents, And Agendas.”** “As with other federal departments and agencies, the Biden Administration’s leveraging of the federal government’s resources to further the woke agenda should be reversed and scrubbed from all policy manuals, guidance documents, and agendas, and scientific excellence and innovation should be restored as the OSTP’s top priority.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]

**In A Section On The Council On Environmental Quality (CEQ), Vought Recommends Eliminating The Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon (SCC), Which Guides Climate Regulation.**

**In A Section On The Council On Environmental Quality (CEQ), Vought Recommends The Elimination Of The Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) And The Use Of SCC Analysis.** “The President should eliminate the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon (SCC), which is cochaired by the OSTP, OMB, and CEA, and by executive order should end the use of SCC analysis.” [Project 2025, accessed [03/04/24](#)]



**November 2022: Amidst Opposition From Republican-Led States, The Biden Administration Quadrupled The Estimated Social Cost Of Carbon Emissions, Which Guides The Cost And Benefit Of “More Stringent Climate Regulation On Sources Ranging From Power Plants And Automobiles To The Oil And Gas Sector.”** “EPA has proposed a new estimate for the social cost of carbon emissions, nearly quadrupling an interim figure that has already drawn legal challenges from a host of Republican-led states. The metric puts a price tag on the damages created by each metric ton of greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies can then use it as part of their analyses of the costs and benefits of more stringent climate regulation on sources ranging from power plants and automobiles to the oil and gas sector. The Biden administration has been using the Interagency Working Group’s interim value of \$51 per metric ton of CO2. But earlier this month, EPA quietly proposed increasing that number to \$190.” [E&E News, [11/21/22](#)]

**Vought Recommends Revoking President Biden’s White House Gender Policy Council, Which He Claims Promotes “The New Woke Gender Ideology,” And Appointing 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 Assistant 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](#)]

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Ben Carson Authored Project 2025's Chapter On The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development:

## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., MD**

[Project 2025, accessed [04/26/24](#)]

- **Carson Was Secretary Of The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development In The Trump Administration.** "Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., MD, is Founder and Chairman of the American Cornerstone Institute and previously served as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Born in Detroit to a single mother with a third-grade education, Dr. Carson was raised to love reading and education. He attended Yale and earned his MD from the University of Michigan Medical School. For nearly 30 years, Dr. Carson served as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, where he performed the first separation of twins conjoined at the back of the head." [Project 2025, accessed [04/26/24](#)]

**Carson Faced Multiple Ethics Scandals While HUD Secretary, Including Spending \$31,000 On A Dining Room Set For His HUD Office And Allowing His Son To Organize A HUD Listening Tour Despite Department Lawyers Warning He Risked Violating Ethics Rules.** "Department of Housing and Urban Development officials spent \$31,000 on a new dining room set for Secretary Ben Carson's office in late 2017 — just as the White House circulated its plans to slash HUD's programs for the homeless, elderly and poor, according to federal procurement records. The purchase of the custom hardwood table, chairs and hutch came a month after a top agency staff member filed a whistle-blower complaint charging Mr. Carson's wife, Candy Carson, with pressuring department officials to find money for the expensive redecoration of his offices, even if it meant circumventing the law." [The New York Times, [02/27/18](#)]

- **Carson Allowed His Son, "Local Businessman" Ben Carson Jr., To Help Organize A HUD "Listening Tour" "Despite Warnings From Department Lawyers That Doing So Risked Violating Federal Ethics Rules."** "Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson allowed his son to help organize an agency 'listening tour' in Baltimore last summer despite warnings from department lawyers that doing so risked violating federal ethics rules, according to internal documents and people familiar with the matter. Career officials and political appointees raised concerns days before the visit that Carson's son, local businessman Ben Carson Jr., and daughter-in-law were inviting people with whom they potentially had business dealings, the documents show." [The Washington Post, [01/31/18](#)]

**Project 2025, Led By The Conservative Heritage Foundation, Is A Radical MAGA Plan To "Roll Back Nothing Less Than 100 Years" Of "Liberal Encroachment" Through The Administrative State—The Plan Proposes To "Defund The Department Of Justice, Dismantle The FBI, Break Up The Department Of Homeland Security And Eliminate The Departments Of Education And Commerce."** "In truth, the program laid out by Dans and his fellow Trumpers, called Project 2025, is far more ambitious than anything Ronald Reagan dreamed up. Dans, from his seat inside The Heritage Foundation, and scores of conservative groups aligned with his program are seeking to roll back nothing less than 100 years of what they see as liberal encroachment on Washington. They want to overturn what began as Woodrow Wilson's creation of a federal administrative elite and later grew into a vast, unaccountable and mostly liberal bureaucracy (as conservatives view it) under Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and Lyndon Johnson's Great Society, numbering about two and a

quarter million federal workers today. They aim to defund the Department of Justice, dismantle the FBI, break up the Department of Homeland Security and eliminate the Departments of Education and Commerce, to name just a few of their larger targets. [...] And they want to ensure that what remains of this slashed-down bureaucracy is reliably MAGA conservative — not just for the next president but for a long time to come — and that the White House maintains total control of it.” [Politico, [09/19/23](#)]

**Project 2025 Called On Congress To “Consider A Wholesale Overhaul Of HUD,” Devolving HUD Functions To States And Localities.** “Finally, and more fundamentally, Congress could consider a wholesale overhaul of HUD that contemplates devolving many HUD functions to states and localities with any remaining federal functions consolidated to other federal agencies (for example, by transferring loan guarantee programs to SBA; moving Indian housing programs to the Department of the Interior; moving rental assistance, mortgage insurance programs, and GNMA to a redesignated Housing and Home Finance Agency). Generally, this reform path could consolidate some programs, eliminate others that have failed to produce meaningful long-run results, and narrow the scope of many programs so that they are closer to what they were when they were created.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 512, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called On Congress To “Redelegate Authorities” That Have Led To HUD Mission Creep.** “Ideally, Congress would redelegate authorities that have been diverted to HUD’s administrative bureaucracy and safeguard taxpayers against the mission creep that inevitably occurs when Congress delegates power to an empowered and unelected bureaucracy that is insulated by civil service protections.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 507, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Proposed Transferring HUD Functions To “Separate Federal Agencies, States, And Localities.”** “Reverse HUD’s mission creep over nearly a century of program implementation dating from the Department’s New Deal forebears. HUD’s new political leadership team will need to reexamine the federal government’s role in housing markets across the nation and consider whether it is time for a ‘reform, reinvention, and renewal’ that transfers Department functions to separate federal agencies, states, and localities.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 503, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called For The Next Conservative Administration To “Remove The Administrative State’s Bureaucratic Overreach Of Article I Authorities.”** “It is hoped that a future Congress under conservative leadership will enact legislative reforms of HUD programs. With or without congressional action, however, it is vital that a conservative Administration immediately institute guardrails across HUD programs to remove the administrative state’s bureaucratic overreach of Article I authorities, thereby ensuring formal execution of Article II process and personnel reforms of the sort outlined below.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

**Carson’s Chapter Called On The Next Conservative President To “End Progressive Policies” At HUD, Which It Claims Are “Muddled By The Repeated Application Of Affirmative Race-Based Policies.” And Penalize “Traditional Two-Parent Marriages.”**

**Project 2025 Called On The Next Conservative Administration To “End Progressive Policies” Implemented By HUD.** “If implemented, the reforms proposed in this chapter can help a new conservative Administration to use its Article II powers to rectify bureaucratic overreach, reverse the expansion of programs beyond their statutory authority, and end progressive policies that have been put in place at the department.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 507, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called For “Resetting” HUD To Reverse The Biden Administration’s “Persistent Implementation Of Corrosive Progressive Ideologies”** “A new conservative Administration will therefore need to: Reset HUD. This effort should specifically include a broad reversal of the Biden Administration’s persistent implementation of corrosive progressive ideologies across the department’s programs.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 503, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Claimed That HUD Programs “Too Often Have Led To Intergenerational Poverty Traps” And “Implicitly Penalized Family Formation In Traditional Two-Parent Marriages.”** “The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers a web of federal programs with mandates to support access to homeownership and affordable rental housing, relieve temporary housing instability for homeless persons, preserve a stable inventory of public housing units, and enforce mandates with powers to settle compliance matters ranging from housing quality standards to housing discrimination cases. Politicians across party lines use HUD to promise ever-greater public benefits. In addition, HUD programs tend to perpetuate the notion of bureaucratically provided housing as a basic life need and, whether intentionally or not, fail to acknowledge that these public benefits too often have led to intergenerational poverty traps, have implicitly penalized family formation in traditional two-parent marriages, and have discouraged work and income growth, thereby limiting upward mobility.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 503, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Asserted That Enforcement Of Fair Housing Is “Muddled By The Repeated Application Of Affirmative Race-Based Policies.”** “Congress has charged HUD principally with mandates for construction of the nation’s affordable housing stock in addition to setting and enforcing standards for decent housing and fair housing enforcement. Regardless of intent, HUD’s efforts have yielded mixed results at best. Even today, more than a half-century after Congress put enforcement of so-called fair housing in the hands of the HUD bureaucracy, implementation of this policy is muddled by the repeated application of affirmative race-based policies.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 510, [2023](#)]

### **Carson’s Project 2025 Chapter Proposed A Political Task Force To Reverse “Progressive Ideology” At HUD And For The Elimination Of Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion; Critical Race Theory; And Environmental, Social, And Governance (ESG) Programs.**

**Project 2025 Proposed A HUD “Task Force Consisting Of Politically Appointed Personnel” To Reverse All Biden Administration Actions To “Advance Progressive Ideology.”** “The Secretary should initiate a HUD task force consisting of politically appointed personnel to identify and reverse all actions taken by the Biden Administration to advance progressive ideology.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

**In An Endnote, Project 2025 Identified Initiatives For Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion; Critical Race Theory; BIPOC, And Environmental, Social, And Governance” As Projects To Be Eliminated.** “27. These initiatives are maintained under such designations as diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); critical race theory (CRT); black, indigenous, Pacific Islander, and other people of color (BIPOC); and environmental, social, and governance (ESG).” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Endnote 26, p. 515, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called For Ending The Biden Administration’s Property Appraisal And Valuation Equity Policies.** “The Office of the Secretary or the leadership in the Office of General Counsel should conduct a thorough review of all subregulatory guidance that has been instituted outside of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Additionally, departmental leadership should: 1. Immediately end the Biden Administration’s Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity (PAVE) policies and reverse any Biden Administration actions that threaten to undermine the integrity of real estate appraisals.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

### **The Chapter Called For The Repeal Of HUD’s Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.**

**Project 2025 Called For Repeal Of The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Regulation.** “3. Repeal the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation reinstated under the Biden Administration and any other uses of special-purpose credit authorities to further equity.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

## **Project 2025 Proposed “Repealing Climate Change Initiatives And Spending” At HUD.**

**Project 2025 Proposed “Repealing Climate Change Initiatives And Spending” At HUD.** “The Office of the Secretary or the leadership in the Office of General Counsel should conduct a thorough review of all subregulatory guidance that has been instituted outside of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Additionally, departmental leadership should: [...] 2. Repeal climate change initiatives and spending in the department’s budget request.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

## **Project 2025 Proposed Maximum Term Limits On HUD Benefits To Encourage “Self-Sufficiency.”**

**Project 2025 Proposed Restricting “Program Eligibility When Admission Would Threaten The Protection Of The Life And Health Of Individuals And Fail To Encourage Upward Mobility” “Self-Sufficiency.”** “The Office of the Secretary should execute regulatory and subregulatory guidance actions, across HUD programs and applicable to all relevant stakeholders, that would restrict program eligibility when admission would threaten the protection of the life and health of individuals and fail to encourage upward mobility and economic advancement through household self-sufficiency.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

## **Project 2025 Seeks To Eliminate HUD “Policies That Discourage Work, Marriage, And Meaningful Paths To Upward Economic Mobility.”**

**Project 2025 Called On Congress To “Enact Legislation That Protects And Eliminates [...] Policies That Discourage Work, Marriage, And Meaningful Paths To Upward Economic Mobility.”** “Notwithstanding administrative reforms, Congress should enact legislation that protects life and eliminates provisions in federal housing and welfare benefits policies that discourage work, marriage, and meaningful paths to upward economic mobility.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Proposed Implementing “Reforms Reducing The Implicit Anti-Marriage Bias In Housing Assistance Programs.”** “Where admissible in regulatory action, HUD should implement reforms reducing the implicit anti-marriage bias in housing assistance programs, strengthen work and work-readiness requirements, implement maximum term limits for residents in PBRA and TBRA programs, and end Housing First policies so that the department prioritizes mental health and substance abuse issues before jumping to permanent interventions in homelessness.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

## **Project 2025 Proposed Conditioning HUD Benefits On Work Requirements.**

**Project 2025 Called For Strengthening “Work And Work-Readiness Requirements” In HUD Programs.** “Where admissible in regulatory action, HUD should implement reforms reducing the implicit anti-marriage bias in housing assistance programs, strengthen work and work-readiness requirements, implement maximum term limits for residents in PBRA and TBRA programs, and end Housing First policies so that the department prioritizes mental health and substance abuse issues before jumping to permanent interventions in homelessness.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

**An Endnote Explained That Project 2025 Was Contemplating Institution Work Requirements For Federal Housing Assistance.** “35. Some PHAs have been able to implement work requirements and term limit policies in various congressionally authorized demonstration programs, notably the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration program established in 1996 for 39 PHAs (Congress has since authorized another 100 PHAs) in which participating MTW PHAs were given authority to implement rent reforms, work requirements and other experimental policies in rental assistance programs along with flexibilities in the use of capital and

operating appropriations.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Endnote 35, p. 515, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Asserted That Rental Assistance Programs Should “Encourage Choice And Competition For Renters” By Strengthening Work Requirements And Term Limiting Benefit Eligibility To Promote “Self-Sufficiency.”** “Longer-term reforms of HUD rental assistance programs should encourage choice and competition for renters, encourage participation by landlords where appropriate, and encourage all non-elderly, able-bodied adults to move toward self-sufficiency. This can be pursued through regulations and legislative reforms that seek to strengthen work requirements, limit the period during which households are eligible for housing benefits, and add flexibility to rent payment terms to facilitate the movement of households toward self-sufficiency.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 511, [2023](#)]

**An Endnote Clarified That Project 2025 Would Move “Away From The Public Housing Model Toward Housing Choice Vouchers.”** “44. As the evolution of HUD rental assistance transitions away from the public housing model toward housing choice vouchers, there should be adequate landlord participation to ensure that the supply of housing units for rent in these programs meets the demand for rent among eligible tenants. This issue has been addressed in various ways, including by a task force instituted at the department during the Trump Administration, but could likely remain a challenge in the administration of the program.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Endnote 44, p. 516, [2023](#)]

### **Project 2025 Proposed Encouraging “Wealth-Building” Through “Shorter Duration Mortgages” And Restricting Mortgage Insurance To First-Time Homebuyers.**

**Project 2025 Called For The Federal Housing Administration To “Encourage Wealth-Building Homeownership Opportunities...Through Shorter Duration Mortgages.** “FHA leadership should increase the mortgage insurance premium (MIP) for all products above 20-year terms and maintain MIP for all products below 20-year terms and all refinances. FHA should encourage wealth-building homeownership opportunities, which can be accomplished best through shorter-duration mortgages.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 510, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called On Congress To Restrict “Single-Family Housing Mortgage Insurance To First-Time Homebuyers.”** “Ideally, Congress would contemplate a fundamental revision of FHA’s statutory restriction of single-family housing mortgage insurance to first-time homebuyers. This would include (with support from HUD leadership): 1. Moving the Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) program once again to its own special risk insurance fund. 2. Revising loan limit determinations. 3. Providing statutory flexibility for shorter-term products that amortize principal earlier and faster. Statutorily restricting eligibility for first-time homebuyers and abandoning the affirmative obligation authorities erected for the single-family housing programs across federal agencies and government-sponsored enterprises.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 510, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called On Congress To “Prioritize Any And All Legislative Support For The Single-Family Home.”** “In the same manner, Congress should prioritize any and all legislative support for the single-family home. Homeownership forms the backbone of the American Dream. The purchase of a home is the largest investment most Americans will make in their lifetimes, and homeownership remains the most accessible way to build generational wealth for millions of Americans. For these reasons, American homeowners and citizens know best what is in the interest of their neighborhoods and communities.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 511, [2023](#)]

### **Project 2025 Proposed Evicting Non-Citizens From Federally Subsidized Housing If They Were In Mixed-Immigration Status Families.**

**Project 2025 Called HUD To Issue Regulations Barring Non-Citizens, “Including All Mixed-Status Families, From Living In Federally Assisted Housing.** “The Office of the Secretary should recommence proposed regulation put forward under the Trump Administration that would prohibit noncitizens, including all

mixed-status families, from living in all federally assisted housing. HUD's statutory obligations include providing housing for American citizens who are in need. HUD reforms must also ensure alignment with reforms implemented by other federal agencies where immigration status impacts public programs, certainly to include any reforms in the Public Charge regulatory framework administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Local welfare organizations, not the federal government, should step up to provide welfare for the housing of noncitizens." [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

## **Project 2025 Proposed Ending "Housing First" Policies, Which Could Exacerbate Homelessness And Raise Costs.**

**Project 2025 Proposed Ending "Housing First" Policies.** "Where admissible in regulatory action, HUD should implement reforms reducing the implicit anti-marriage bias in housing assistance programs, strengthen work and work-readiness requirements, implement maximum term limits for residents in PBRA and TBRA programs, and end Housing First policies so that the department prioritizes mental health and substance abuse issues before jumping to permanent interventions in homelessness." [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

**HUD's Office Of Policy Development And Research Has Found That "Housing First Approaches Offer Greater Long-Term Housing Stability, Especially Among People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness," And "Reduce Costs By Shortening Stays In Hospitals, Residential Substance Abuse Programs, Nursing Homes, And Prisons."** "Several studies have found that, compared with the treatment first model, Housing First approaches offer greater long-term housing stability, especially among people experiencing chronic homelessness. [...] Some studies have found that Housing First programs may also reduce costs by shortening stays in hospitals, residential substance abuse programs, nursing homes, and prisons." [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, accessed [04/26/24](#)]

## **Project 2025 Called For Eliminating The Housing Supply Fund, Arguing That Creating Housing Stock At The Low End Of The Market Wouldn't Alleviate The Housing Shortage.**

**Project 2025 Called For Eliminating The Housing Supply Fund.** "4. Eliminate the new Housing Supply Fund." [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 509, [2023](#)]

**An Endnote Asserted That Creating New Housing At The Low End Of The Market Wouldn't Work To Alleviate The Nation's Housing Shortage.** "32. Housing supply does remain a problem in the U.S., but constructing more units at the low end of the market will not solve the problem. Investors and developers can deliver at more efficient cost new units that will allow for greater upward mobility of rental and ownership housing stock and better target increased construction of mid-tier rental units. Further, and more fundamental to the housing supply challenge in markets across the U.S., localities can consider revising land use, zoning, and building regulations that constrict new housing development, adding time delays and costs that impede construction. Federal housing policy should get out of the way where possible and minimize the distortive impact that stimulating greater demand through loose lending can have in driving up housing prices for households that are looking for affordable entry into the housing market." [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Endnote 32, p. 515, [2023](#)]

**The Housing Supply Fund Provides Resources To "Community Development Financial Institutions (Cdfis) And Nonprofit Affordable Housing Organizations To Increase The Supply Of Affordable Homes And Expand Housing Options For Renters And Homeowners."** "The Housing Supply Fund provides resource to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and nonprofit affordable housing organizations to increase the supply of affordable homes and expand housing options for renters and homeowners. Grantees can use funds for development, preservation, rehabilitation, financing, or purchase of affordable housing and related economic development and community facilities." [U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, accessed [04/26/24](#)]

## **Project 2025 Called For Giving More Power In HUD To “A Cadre Of Political Appointees” And Expanding The Number Of Political Appointees.**

### **Project 2025 Proposed Shifting More Power Within HUD To “A Cadre Of Political Appointees.”**

“Implement an action plan across both process and people. This plan should include both the immediate redelegation of authority to a cadre of political appointees and the urgent implementation of administrative regulatory actions with respect to HUD policy and program eligibility.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 503, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called On HUD Leadership To “Immediately Assign All Delegated Powers To Politically Appointed” Persons At Hud.** “HUD political leadership should immediately assign all delegated powers to politically appointed PDAS, DAS, and other office leadership positions; change any current career leadership positions into political and non-career appointment positions; and use Senior Executive Service (SES) transfers to install motivated and aligned leadership.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

**Project 2025 Called For Converting Current Career Employee Leadership Positions Into “Political And Non-Career Appointment Positions.”** “HUD political leadership should immediately assign all delegated powers to politically appointed PDAS, DAS, and other office leadership positions; change any current career leadership positions into political and non-career appointment positions; and use Senior Executive Service (SES) transfers to install motivated and aligned leadership.” [Project 2025, Chapter 15: Department of Housing and Urban Development, p. 508, [2023](#)]

**Ken Cuccinelli, Who Authored The Project 2025 Chapter On The Department Of Homeland Security, Recommends Dismantling The Department And Reinstating All Of The Most Extreme Trump Administration Immigration Policies.**

**Cuccinelli Authored The Project 2025 Chapter On The Department Of Homeland Security (DHS) With His Primary Recommendation Being To Dismantle The Department To “Facilitate Mission Focus And Provide Opportunities To Reduce Overhead And Achieve More Limited Government.”**

Cuccinelli Authored Project 2025’s Chapter On The Department Of Homeland Security (DHS).

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Ken Cuccinelli

[Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Said Project 2025’s Primary Recommendation For DHS Was To Dismantle The Department As It Is “Disjointed Rather Than Cohesive.”** “Our primary recommendation is that the President pursue legislation to dismantle the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). After 20 years, it has not gelled into ‘One DHS.’ Instead, its various components’ different missions have outweighed its decades-long attempt to function as one department, rendering the whole disjointed rather than cohesive. Breaking up the department along its mission lines would facilitate mission focus and provide opportunities to reduce overhead and achieve more limited government.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]



**Cuccinelli Wrote That “Breaking Up The Department Along Its Mission Lines Would Facilitate Mission Focus And Provide Opportunities To Reduce Overhead And Achieve More Limited Government.”** “Our primary recommendation is that the President pursue legislation to dismantle the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). After 20 years, it has not gelled into ‘One DHS.’ Instead, its various components’ different missions have outweighed its decades-long attempt to function as one department, rendering the whole disjointed rather than cohesive. Breaking up the department along its mission lines would facilitate mission focus and provide opportunities to reduce overhead and achieve more limited government.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Proposed That Myriad Agencies Currently Under DHS Be Combined To Create “A Standalone Border And Immigration Agency At The Cabinet Level (More Than 100,000 Employees, Making It The Third Largest Department Measured By Manpower).”** “U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) be combined with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR); and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL) into a standalone border and immigration agency at the Cabinet level (more than 100,000 employees, making it the third largest department measured by manpower).” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Proposed That “The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Be Privatized.”** “The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) be privatized.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Claimed DHS “Lost Sight Of Its Mission Priorities” As It Has “Suffered From The Left’s Wokeness And Weaponization Against Americans Whom The Left Perceives As Its Political Opponents” And Offered Recommendations For DHS As It Currently Stands, Including “Repair[ing] The Historic Damage Done By The Biden Administration, Return[ing] To A Lawful And Orderly Immigration System, And Protect[ing] The Homeland From Terrorism And Public Safety Threats.”**

**Cuccinelli Wrote That “Unless And Until This Dismantling Recommendation Is Pursued And Achieved, However, Dhs Will Statutorily Continue To Exist, And It Needs Many Reforms,” Offering Recommended Changes To The Department As It Currently Stands.** “Unless and until this dismantling recommendation is pursued and achieved, however, DHS will statutorily continue to exist, and it needs many reforms. Accordingly, we now turn to recommended changes in DHS as it exists now.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Claimed That The DHS Became “Bloated, Bureaucratic, And Expensive” And “Lost Sight Of Its Mission Priorities” As It Has “Suffered From The Left’s Wokeness And Weaponization Against Americans Whom The Left Perceives As Its Political Opponents.”** “Unfortunately for our nation, the federal government’s newest department became like every other federal agency: bloated, bureaucratic, and expensive. It also lost sight of its mission priorities. DHS has also suffered from the Left’s wokeness and weaponization against Americans whom the Left perceives as its political opponents.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Wrote “A Conservative Administration Needs To Return The Department To The Right Mission, The Right Size, And The Right Budget,” Which Would Include “Repair[ing] The Historic Damage Done By The Biden Administration, Return[ing] To A Lawful And Orderly Immigration System, And Protect[ing] The Homeland From Terrorism And Public Safety Threats.”** “To truly secure the homeland, a conservative Administration needs to return the department to the right mission, the right size, and the right budget. This would include reorganizing the department and shifting significant resources away from several supporting components to the essential operational components. Prioritizing border security and immigration enforcement, including detention and deportation, is critical if we are to regain control of the border, repair the historic damage done by the Biden Administration, return to a lawful and orderly immigration system, and protect the homeland from terrorism and public safety threats. This also includes consolidating the

pieces of the fragmented immigration system into one agency to fulfill the mission more efficiently.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

**Cuccinelli Recommended That “Congress Should Mandate And Fund Additional Bed Space For Alien Detainees,” And “ICE Should Be Funded For A Significant Increase In Detention Space, Raising The Daily Available Number Of Beds To 100,000.”** “Congress should mandate and fund additional bed space for alien detainees. ICE should be funded for a significant increase in detention space, raising the daily available number of beds to 100,000.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/4/24](#)]

## **Cuccinelli’s Project 2025 Section On DHS Calls For Draconian Immigration Policies — Proposing A Restoration Of All Of The Most Extreme Trump Administration Immigration Policies, Including Calling For Active-Duty U.S. Military At The Border, Eliminating “Sensitive Zones,” Effectively Allow Mass Worksite Raids, And Reinstate The Remain In Mexico Policy.**

**Project 2025 Calls For Active-Duty U.S. Military To Help Secure The Southern Border And To Complete The Border Wall As Well As Restart Horseback-Mounted Patrols Along The Border.** “In addition to finalizing the southwestern land border wall, the next Administration should take a creative and aggressive approach to tackling these dangerous criminal organizations at the border. This could include use of active-duty military personnel and National Guardsmen to assist in arrest operations along the border—something that has not yet been done. [...] CBP should restart and expand use of the horseback-mounted Border Patrol.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Proposes Repealing Protections For Unaccompanied Children Who Cross The Border And Eliminate Minimum Standards For Their Detention.** “Congress should repeal Section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA), which provides numerous immigration benefits to unaccompanied alien children and only encourages more parents to send their children across the border illegally and unaccompanied. These children too often become trafficking victims, which means that the TVPRA has failed.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Expand Where DHS Could Use Its Expedited Removal Authority And Eliminating “Sensitive Zones.”** “All ICE memoranda identifying ‘sensitive zones’ where ICE personnel are prohibited from operating should be rescinded.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Explicitly Authorize State And Local Law Enforcement Agencies To Enforce Federal Immigration Laws And “Operationalize Blackie’s Warrants,” Which Would Effectively Allow Mass Worksite Raids.** “Blackie’s Warrants. ICE OPLA, ERO, and HSI should issue a joint internal memo on operationalizing Blackie’s Warrants for immediate use on worksite enforcement and other appropriate investigations and operations.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Give DHS Immigration Enforcement Access To Government Databases, Including Motor Vehicle Registration Databases And Voter Rolls.** “If the applicant is a state or locality, commitment by that state or locality to total information-sharing in the context of both federal law enforcement and immigration enforcement. This would include access to department of motor vehicles and voter registration databases.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Increase Funding For As Many As 100,000 Detention Beds And Lower Standards For Detention, Authorizing The Use Of More Tents.** “Such standards should allow the flexibility to use large numbers of temporary facilities such as tents. [...] Congress should mandate and fund additional bed space for alien detainees. ICE should be funded for a significant increase in detention space, raising the daily available number of beds to 100,000.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Restore Trump’s Remain In Mexico Program.** “Recommence negotiations with Mexico to fully implement the Remain in Mexico Protocols.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

- **During His Administration, Trump Launched The Migrant Protection Protocols Program, Commonly Called “Remain In Mexico,” Which “Put Vulnerable Migrants, Including Families With Young Kids, In Danger” And “Forced More Than 65,000 Non-Mexican Asylum Seekers Back Across The Border.”** “Trump, a Republican, launched the program officially known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), and commonly called ‘remain in Mexico,’ in 2019 as part of a broader crackdown on illegal immigration and asylum seekers. Trump officials argued the program would deter what they called fraudulent asylum claims while advocates said it put vulnerable migrants, including families with young kids, in danger. The initiative forced more than 65,000 non-Mexican asylum seekers back across the border. Many stayed in Mexico for months – and sometimes years – waiting to present their cases in U.S. courtrooms near the border. Under Trump, makeshift encampments of asylum seekers formed in Mexico, and human rights groups said thousands were subjected to violent crimes.” [Reuters, [6/30/22](#)]

**Project 2025 Would Eliminate T And U Visas, Which May Be Available To Victims Of Crimes Who Have Aided Law Enforcement.** “Eliminate T and U visas. Victimization should not be a basis for an immigration benefit. If an alien who was a trafficking or crime victim is actively and significantly cooperating with law enforcement as a witness, the S visa is already available and should be used. Pending elimination of the T and U visas, the Secretary should significantly restrict eligibility for each visa to prevent fraud.” [Project 2025, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

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## **Project 2025’s Plan Also Includes Prosecuting Local District Attorneys For “Refusing To Prosecute Criminal Offenses In Their Jurisdictions,” Which The Manifesto Claims Happens Most In Jurisdictions That “Refuse To Enforce The Law Against Criminals Based On The Left’s Favored Defining Characteristics Of The Would-Be Offender,” Like Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Or Immigration Status.**

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## **The DOJ Section Also Says The DOJ Should “Enforce The Criminal Prohibitions In 18 U.S. Code §§ 1461 And 1462” To Stop Provision And Distribution Of Medication Abortion Pills.**

**Project 2025 Said The DOJ Should “Enforce The Criminal Prohibitions In 18 U.S. Code §§ 1461 And 1462” To Stop Provision And Distribution Of Medication Abortion Pills.** “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.’<sup>75</sup> 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, accessed [4/30/24](#)]

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**Kevin Roberts Has Been The President Of The Heritage Foundation And Heritage Action Since October 2021.** “Kevin D. Roberts, Ph.D., was named President of The Heritage Foundation in October 2021. He succeeded former Heritage President Kay C. James as the seventh President in the organization’s 50-year history. In September 2023, Roberts was named President of Heritage Action for America and serves both organizations in a joint role.” [Heritage Foundation, accessed [2/12/24](#)]

**Roberts Said That If Republicans Win The Next Election, They Are “Ready To Take Power.”** ROBERTS: “I am happy to report, my friend, that if we win the next election, we’re ready to take power.” [YouTube, The Kevin Roberts Show, [10/4/23](#)] (07:34-07:40)

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