

Evidence for Links Between Trump and Project 2025

- **THIS IS THE KEY EVIDENCE** — In his own words, Trump embraced Project 2025's "detailed plans" for "our movement." Trump, in April 2022, keynoted a dinner at Heritage Foundation as it began work on Project 2025, and praised Project 2025 and its plans, saying:

"This is a great group & they're going to lay the groundwork & detail plans for exactly what our movement will do ... when the American people give us a colossal mandate to save America."

Video clip of trump saying this on twitter: <https://x.com/VaughnHillyard/status/1811402883604050216>

- This post gives details on the former Trump officials who worked on Project 2025.

Blog Post, July 16, 2024

Former Trump Officials Wrote 25 of the 30 Chapters in the Project 2025 Playbook

<https://therevolvingdoorproject.org/former-trump-officials-wrote-25-of-the-30-chapters-in-the-project-2025-playbook/>

- Also **many** former Trump officials worked on it—at least **140**.

Trump claims not to know who is behind Project 2025. A CNN review found at least 140 people who worked for him are involved, Steve Contorno, CNN, July 11, 2024

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/11/politics/trump-allies-project-2025/index.html>

- **IMPORTANT ARTICLE:**

Hundreds of proposals in Project 2025 match Trump's policies

By John Kelly, August 22, 2024

Excerpt:

Former President Donald Trump has repeatedly disavowed Project 2025, the conservative wish list organized by the Heritage Foundation, saying the plan is not his and contains some "extreme" ideas. But a line-by-line review by **CBS News identified at least 270 proposals in Project 2025's published blueprint for the next Republican president that match Trump's past policies and current campaign promises**. CBS News' data team extracted more than 700 specific policy proposals from Project 2025's 922-page policy guide and compared each one to policies enacted during Trump's first term as well as his campaign platform, rally speeches and interviews. From shuttering the Department of Education to excising every mention of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from federal agencies' projects and programs, the **Project 2025 agenda often matches Trump's recorded words and his Administration's deeds**.

Within Project 2025, CBS News identified:

- At least 80 proposals that would revive executive orders and other policies of Trump's own administration from 2017 to 2020.
- 170 proposals that match ideas Trump's campaign has published on its campaign website or that he's said in rally speeches and interviews.
- 21 more proposals that match both Trump's past actions and his campaign promises and statements.

What's more, CBS News reviewed the work histories of the 38 named primary authors of Project 2025 and found that at least 28 of them worked in Trump's administration. ...

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/project-2025-proposals-trump-policies/>

- **Heritage Foundation president Kevin D. Roberts thought he was "institutionalizing Trumpism" with Project 2025.** And Trump *did* try to institutionalize it in 2020. He issued an executive order in the fall of 2020 implementing "Schedule F," which is Project 2025's plan to politicize the civil service. Biden rescinded it.

Inside the Heritage Foundation's Plans for 'Institutionalizing Trumpism'

"People will lose their jobs," the think tank's president says about federal workers. "Hopefully their lives are able to flourish in spite of that."

By Lulu Garcia-Navarro, *New York Times Magazine*, Jan. 21, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/21/magazine/heritage-foundation-kevin-roberts.html>

- This nitpicking fact checker calls the claim "misleading" that **Trump's name occurs 312 times in Project 2025** because 2 of those times were the verb "to trump" and 158 were occurrences of "Trump Administration," not just "Trump" alone. This is disingenuous. I'll grant her the 2 verbs but give me a break—the Trump Admin and Trump are THE SAME thing.

Fact Check: It's True (Though Slightly Misleading) That Trump's Name Appears 312 Times in Project 2025 Document

Aleksandra Wrona, July 10, 2024

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/fact-check-true-though-slightly-185500609.html>

- Then there's **JD Vance's Foreword**.
 - The first article below includes the complete text of Vance's Foreword to *Dawn's Early Light*, the new book by Kevin D. Roberts, Heritage Foundation president and leader of Project 2025.
 - Both articles argue that Trump and Project 2025 are linked.

Read J.D. Vance's Violent Foreword to Project 2025 Leader's New Book

Trump's running mate writes that "it's time to circle the wagons and load the muskets."

Alex Shephard, *The New Republic*, July 30, 2024

<https://newrepublic.com/article/184393/jd-vance-violent-foreword-kevin-roberts-project-2025-leader-book>

AND

J.D. Vance has made it impossible for Trump to run away from Project 2025

He wrote the foreword for a new book by Project 2025's architect — and has backed some of its most extreme ideas.

Andrew Prokop, *Vox*, Jul 25, 2024

<https://www.vox.com/politics/362917/jd-vance-project-2025-book-kevin-roberts-trump>