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Familiarize yourself with Project 2025

In preparation for voting this November, all Americans need to familiarize themselves with Project 2025. Why? Because it is the blueprint of exactly how Trump and MAGA will destroy democracy in our country.

Despite being mentioned by name over 300 times in the plan, whose authors included over 1,440 former Trump appointees, Trump is attempting to distance himself from the work of the ultra-conservative Heritage Foundation. Not only is it ridiculous to assume that he knows nothing about it, as he recently stated, his own words contradict that. At a dinner sponsored by the Heritage Foundation in April 2022, Trump said, "This is a great group, and they're going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do and what your movement will do when the American people give us a colossal mandate to save America."

Project 2025 is a blueprint for installing an authoritarian, imperial Executive Branch in the U.S. in direct contradiction to the balance of power design of the Founding Fathers. Just about everything in the plan is horrific: a national ban on abortion, rescinding the rights of the LGBTQ community, mass deportations dependent on the lie of so-called, "migrant crime," elimination of the Department of Education, and dramatic cuts to education funding, repeal of the Infrastructure Recovery Act, which lowered drug prices for insulin and other life-saving medications. These are but a few of the draconian precepts aimed at harming average Americans and benefitting billionaires and corporations.

One of the most insidious plans is to destroy the federal civil service and replace knowledgeable professionals with MAGA loyalists. After all, a knowledgeable, nonpartisan professional might balk at poisoning rivers and waterways in the name of corporate profits, but a MAGA loyalist would not.

The worst of Trump's ideas in his first administration were thwarted by civil servants and the courts.

The Supreme Court has already laid the groundwork for the success of Project 2025 by granting overly broad presidential immunity and with ending the Chevron Decision, taking authority and deference to civil service away in favor of the courts which lack expert knowledge of the issues.

None of this is in the best interest of the American people. It's a plan for a coup intended to benefit ultra-conservatives and white supremacists. In 1944, my father was in the last division of soldiers to reach Omaha Beach (Normandy). Those brave soldiers (the ones Trump calls suckers

and losers) were the original “anti-fascists.” They are likely all turning in their graves seeing where we might be headed if we don’t defeat Trump and MAGA.

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