

Project 2029: A Mandate for Democratic Renewal

Introduction: A Mandate to Restore Democracy

Placeholder for introduction content outlining the vision and purpose of Project 2029, which counters the Project 2025 agenda and aims to restore democratic governance.

Key Mandates

- **Reversal of Project 2025:** Fully reverse Project 2025's regulatory, administrative, and ideological transformations.
- **Strengthening Democracy:** Rebuild democratic norms, civic infrastructure, and ensure the independence of federal agencies.
- **Education for Citizenship:** Major expansion and modernization of the Department of Education to prioritize civic literacy, critical thinking, media literacy, and democratic values.
- **Justice and Ethical Governance:** Radical reform of the Department of Justice, with a complete overhaul of leadership, ethics frameworks, and safeguards against political influence.
- **Accountability for Subversion:** Implement legal accountability for individuals who participated in or enabled subversion of democracy leading up to and including the events of 2029, outlining prosecutions, applicable precedents, and safeguards to prevent recurrence.

Section One: Restoring Good Governance

1. White House Office

(Placeholder for Chapter 1 content on restructuring the White House Office to support democratic governance, restore ethical norms, and reverse Project 2025 policy changes.)

2. Executive Office of the President

(Placeholder for Chapter 2 content on reforms in the Executive Office of the President, ensuring transparency, accountability, and fidelity to democratic norms in all executive actions.)

3. Central Personnel Agencies: Rebuilding the Civil Service

(Placeholder for Chapter 3 content on managing the bureaucracy by restoring merit-based civil service, depoliticizing appointments, and reversing any "deep state" purges or politicization of personnel.)

Section Two: The Common Defense

4. Department of Defense

(Placeholder for Chapter 4 content on aligning defense policy with democratic values and ensuring strong civilian control of the military. This chapter will address reversing any extremist influences and reaffirm the apolitical nature of the armed forces.)

5. Department of Homeland Security

(Placeholder for Chapter 5 content on homeland security reforms that emphasize protection against threats while upholding civil liberties, improving oversight of agencies like ICE and CBP, and depoliticizing domestic security functions.)

6. Department of State

(Placeholder for Chapter 6 content on restoring diplomatic leadership, rebuilding alliances, rejoining international agreements, and prioritizing democracy and human rights in foreign policy.)

7. Intelligence Community

(Placeholder for Chapter 7 content on intelligence agencies with strengthened congressional oversight, apolitical analysis, and strict adherence to the rule of law, ensuring intelligence is never weaponized against domestic democratic processes.)

8. Media and Public Information Agencies

(Placeholder for Chapter 8 content on reforming government media and public broadcasting to ensure information integrity, combat misinformation, and promote democratic ideals.)

U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)

(Placeholder for content on ensuring truthful, independent international broadcasting that counters propaganda and supports free press globally.)

Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

(Placeholder for content on strengthening public media independence, expanding educational programming, and promoting civic education content for the public.)

9. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

(Placeholder for Chapter 9 content on foreign aid strategy centered on supporting democratic institutions abroad, anti-corruption initiatives, humanitarian aid, and climate resilience, reversing any isolationist or politically-driven aid policies.)

Section Three: The General Welfare

10. Department of Agriculture

(Placeholder for Chapter 10 content on agricultural policy focusing on sustainability and food security, supporting small farmers, promoting climate-smart agriculture, and reversing deregulation that harmed environmental and labor standards in the agricultural sector.)

11. Department of Education

(Placeholder for Chapter 11 content on expanding and modernizing the education system to strengthen democracy. Key initiatives include improved civic literacy programs, enhanced critical thinking and media literacy curricula, and the promotion of democratic values and social equality in schools.)

12. Department of Energy (and Related Commissions)

(Placeholder for Chapter 12 content on accelerating clean energy expansion, improving energy infrastructure, and bolstering climate resilience. This will include reversing any rollbacks on environmental standards and ensuring energy regulatory commissions (e.g., FERC and NRC) align with sustainability goals.)

13. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

(Placeholder for Chapter 13 content on restoring environmental regulations, re-empowering scientific advisory processes, taking aggressive action on climate change, and undoing Project 2025 deregulatory actions to protect air, water, and public lands.)

14. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

(Placeholder for Chapter 14 content on strengthening public health infrastructure and healthcare access, depoliticizing agencies like the CDC and FDA, rebuilding trust in health institutions, and ensuring pandemic preparedness is guided by science and equity.)

15. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

(Placeholder for Chapter 15 content on advancing fair housing policies, expanding affordable housing programs, investing in community development, and reversing policies that undermined housing equity or civil rights in housing.)

16. Department of the Interior

(Placeholder for Chapter 16 content on protecting public lands and natural resources, honoring Indigenous rights and tribal sovereignty, restoring national monuments and conservation initiatives, and ensuring resource extraction is balanced with environmental and cultural stewardship.)

17. Department of Justice

(Placeholder for Chapter 17 content on overhauling the Justice Department's leadership and culture: enforcing strict ethical standards, safeguarding DOJ's independence from political interference, aggressively defending voting rights, and reversing any politicized law enforcement directives from the Project 2025 era.)

18. Department of Labor (and Related Agencies)

(Placeholder for Chapter 18 content on protecting workers' rights and benefits, strengthening labor standards and enforcement, empowering unions, and revitalizing related agencies like OSHA and the NLRB to ensure workplace safety and fair labor practices.)

19. Department of Transportation

(Placeholder for Chapter 19 content on modernizing infrastructure with an emphasis on public transit and green transportation, ensuring equitable investment in communities, and tightening oversight to prevent waste and political favoritism in infrastructure projects.)

20. Department of Veterans Affairs

(Placeholder for Chapter 20 content on improving veterans' services and healthcare, increasing funding for mental health and rehabilitation, streamlining benefits, and restoring integrity and accountability in VA management to better serve veterans.)

Section Four: The Economy

21. Department of Commerce

(Placeholder for Chapter 21 content on commerce policy that fosters innovation and competition while advancing labor and consumer protections. This includes investing in technology and manufacturing, enforcing antitrust measures, and undoing any favoritism towards politically connected corporations.)

22. Department of the Treasury

(Placeholder for Chapter 22 content on responsible fiscal policy and financial oversight: reversing regressive tax cuts from Project 2025, ensuring tax fairness, combating illicit finance and corruption, and strengthening the Treasury's role in safeguarding economic stability for all citizens.)

23. Export-Import Bank

(Placeholder for Chapter 23 content on the role of the Export-Import Bank, including potential reforms or expansion to support domestic industries, green technology exports, and development in line with democratic values, as opposed to calls for abolishment.)

24. Federal Reserve

(Placeholder for Chapter 24 content on preserving the Federal Reserve's independence while encouraging policies that promote full employment and stable prices. This chapter might outline expectations for Fed transparency, diversity in leadership, and coordination with fiscal policy in crises.)

25. Small Business Administration (SBA)

(Placeholder for Chapter 25 content on bolstering support for small businesses and entrepreneurs through expanded access to capital, technical assistance, and reducing barriers to entry. This will include reversing any policies that favored large corporations over small businesses.)

26. Trade Policy

(Placeholder for Chapter 26 content on a trade strategy that balances free trade with fair trade principles. This chapter will emphasize protecting workers' rights and environmental standards in trade agreements, re-engaging with international trade partners through multilateral frameworks, and moving beyond the internal debates of the Project 2025 era.)

Section Five: Independent Regulatory Agencies

27. Financial Regulatory Agencies

(Placeholder for Chapter 27 content on the overall approach to financial regulation, emphasizing coordination among regulators and reversing deregulation that led to market abuses or instability.)

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Related Agencies

(Placeholder for content on reinforcing oversight of financial markets, holding corporations accountable, updating stock market and banking regulations, and ensuring agencies like the SEC, CFTC, and others collaborate to prevent fraud and protect investors.)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

(Placeholder for content on strengthening the CFPB's authority and resources to protect consumers in financial markets, reversing any efforts to weaken the bureau, and expanding its oversight to prevent predatory lending and financial discrimination.)

Section Six: Safeguarding Democracy and Accountability

28. Legal Accountability for Subversion of Democracy

(Placeholder for Chapter 28 content on investigating and prosecuting individuals who subverted democratic processes or institutions. This chapter will outline applicable crimes (e.g., seditious conspiracy, election interference, obstruction of justice) and review historical precedents for accountability, while ensuring due process and non-partisanship in prosecutions.)

29. Structural Safeguards to Prevent Future Democratic Subversion

(Placeholder for Chapter 29 content on implementing structural reforms to protect democracy from future authoritarian threats. Proposed safeguards include stronger electoral protections and voting rights guarantees, stricter checks on executive emergency powers, enhanced whistleblower and inspector general protections, more robust ethics and conflict-of-interest rules, and bipartisan oversight mechanisms to prevent any recurrence of democratic subversion.)

<!-- Optionally, a concluding chapter or afterword (e.g., "Onward to a Renewed Democracy") can be added in a full document expansion to summarize the vision and rally support. -->
