

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Jordan,

As the Ranking Member of the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, I recognize my responsibility to bring to your attention topics which warrant hearings and staff investigation of individuals and especially agencies and whole administrations which seek to weaponize our federal government against the people of this country. In the past, I have suggested an examination of the Internal Revenue Service's history of audits which disproportionately target minority communities; neither you nor your staff have even responded to that suggestion. I want to formally request at this time that the select subcommittee examine a clear and present danger to our federal system - what is known as the Presidential Transition Plan or more commonly, Project 2025. This plan's architects wish to impose a dictatorial revolution on the American People through the Project. This is an explicit plan by some of the closest policymakers and advisors to former President Donald J. Trump to organize an oppressive authoritarian state upon the re-election of Donald Trump to office in January 2025. Project 2025 is a plan to weaponize the federal government and I request that this select subcommittee hold a hearing to take its threats seriously.

Project 2025's articulated plans to subjugate the Department of Justice, dismantle the Federal Bureau of Investigations and eliminate the Departments of Education and Commerce will make our nation less safe, less smart and less wealthy. By any measure, it is a playbook to consciously weaken our nation. Project 2025 outlines the elimination of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the agency that tracks hurricanes. Clearly even basic weather forecasts are a threat to some extreme ideology.

Under a doctrine of unitary executive theory, Project 2025's plan for the next Trump presidency would place the Department of Justice under direct presidential authority and control.¹

Throughout the history of our great nation, the United States of America has undoubtedly been made stronger by diversity of people and perspective. Just as one example, we know from centuries of intelligence operations that successful intelligence is fundamentally about

¹ New York Times - "What I Learned When I Read 887 Pages of Plans for Trump's Second Term" February 29, 2024

understanding people, cultures and areas of the world that are different from our own, yet Project 2025 openly advocates for overturning decades of hiring practices, which look, along with other criteria, for diverse individuals in our civil, military and intelligence services which are necessary to keep our law enforcement, military and intelligence services at the peak of performance.² Project 2025 also lays out a structure of strict personal loyalty to President Trump tests for civil servants.³ The ability to keep politics out of the career civil service cadre of employees has been essential to continuity, impartiality and a willing workforce . These plans are shameful, they are dangerous, and they will make our nation tangibly weaker by design.

These proposals are extreme because the people who wrote them are extreme. Self-described Christian nationalists, science deniers, white nationalists and worse, whose ideas are folded neatly into a 900-page Heritage Foundation handbook.

Project 2025 is a movement whose members joke about wanting a white homeland.⁴ All of this to support the political whims of a man who happily calls his fellow Americans of other ethnicities “vermin.”

I simply cannot imagine a more imposing and restrictive set of edicts, nor can I imagine a set of published plans which more resemble a brutally weaponized federal government. I propose that the subcommittee request a hearing and call as witnesses the authors of the Presidential Transition Plan. As this report has been published, such potential witnesses should welcome the opportunity to discuss with Congress their plans for the “reform” of the federal government should Donald Trump be re-elected in the upcoming November presidential election. If you are at all serious about protecting the fundamental freedoms of every American or the legitimacy of this select subcommittee, we must have a hearing on Project 2025’s plans for a weaponized federal government.

Sincerely,



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² Media Matters - “A guide to Project 2025” March 20, 2024

³ Axios - “Behind the Curtain: Trump allies pre-screen loyalists for unprecedented power grab” November 13, 2023

⁴ TikTok - @daterightstuff <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZPRErPm8C/>