

# "Our movement": In resurfaced speech, Trump endorses Heritage Foundation's Project 2025

Donald Trump's remarks prove he knows exactly who's behind the far-right plan to use his office to reshape America

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Former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally at the Trump National Doral Golf Club on July 09, 2024, in Doral, Florida. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

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**D**onald Trump's backtracking on Project 2025 didn't seem to fool many – aside from a few hard-line loyalists who **expressed betrayal** – but apparent proof of his knowledge and endorsement of the far-reaching plan further weakens his claim that he knows “nothing.”

In an April 2022 speech before the Heritage Foundation – the ultra-right group behind the 922-page policy manifesto – Trump acknowledged exactly the kind of work they're doing and applauded them for “lay[ing] the groundwork” for his next administration.

“They’re going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do,” Trump said of the Heritage Foundation and their efforts to – as they describe on the Project 2025 website – “pave the way” for Trump’s next administration.

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Trump, in April '22, keynoted a Heritage dinner as it began work on Project 2025:

"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."

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Despite the document being drafted and **developed by hundreds** of Trump's campaign alumni and employees, the former president **scurried** to deny any connection to the proposal as it picked up mainstream attention.

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“I know nothing about Project 2025,” Donald Trump wrote in a Truth Social post earlier this month. “I have no idea who is behind it,” he added, despite speaking numerous times at Heritage Foundation events.

While loyal Salon readers may remember [dire warnings](#) on Project 2025 from last year, interest around the policy package has spiked, growing tenfold since mid-June of this year.

Searches for Project 2025 have [overtaken](#) terms like “Taylor Swift” and “NFL” on Google, per the company’s trend-tracking program, as Americans learn more about the deluge of [unpopular](#) and unusual proposals for the next Trump administration.

The Biden campaign has capitalized on the newfound attention towards the proposal, publishing over a dozen posts to X referencing Project 2025 on Thursday, bringing attention to details concerning [abortion monitoring](#), [civil servant purges](#), and [social security cuts](#).

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