

Project 2025 Threatens to Undermine Democracy By Gutting Checks and Balances



While Project 2025 leaders are gathering in [Milwaukee today](#) to discuss their vision for America, their MAGA blueprint, [led and organized by RNC sponsor The Heritage Foundation](#), would gut federal checks and balances, consolidating power in the Oval Office, and enabling the government to exert unprecedented control over Americans' lives.

Here's how Project 2025 intends to undermine democracy by gutting [checks](#) and [balances](#) and stripping Americans of their rights:

- Replace subject matter experts in the federal government with political appointees whose main qualifications are extreme loyalty to a conservative president
- Threaten to turn troops on Americans by invoking the Insurrection Act to suppress protests
- Radically weaken the FBI by demoting it within the DOJ and allowing political appointees to terminate “major active FBI investigations”
- Ban abortion, severely restrict access to birth control and IVF, and roll back decades of hard-won progress by LGBTQ+ Americans

Two Project 2025 architects, Kevin Roberts and Russ Vought, are leading the charge.

As president of the Heritage Foundation, **Kevin Roberts** leads Project 2025 and wrote the manifesto's foreword. Roberts:

- Said the country is in the midst of the “[second American Revolution](#), which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be” and that Project 2025's mission is to “[destroy](#)” the administrative state, which would strip power from experts and undermine protections for Americans
- Called the Unitary Executive Theory, which claims the president has power over all executive action, the “[proper constitutional understanding of our government](#)” (former Labor Sec. Robert Reich has called the theory a “[thinly disguised justification for authoritarianism](#)”)
- Claimed that Black Lives Matter protests were “[far worse than Jan. 6](#)” and [denies](#) the result of the 2020 presidential election
- Encouraged the Supreme Court to “[tear out, root and branch](#),” its decision in Obergefell, which codified the federal right to same-sex marriage

Russ Vought, Trump's former Office of Management and Budget (OMB) director, wrote Project 2025's plans for the Executive Office of the President. Vought:

- Suggests that OMB use every possible tool to impose so-called fiscal discipline, reinstating Trump's extreme political control over agencies, challenges to legal precedents, and use of federal contracts to resist “woke” corporate America
- Recommends the National Security Council increase control over national security policy and review of policies and personnel to undermine focus on climate change, critical race theory, and so-called “[manufactured extremism](#)”
- Encourages abolishing President Biden's White House Gender Policy Council — which Vought claims promotes “[the new woke gender ideology](#)”