

## Trump 2.0: How Project 2025 Could Reshape America's Rights and Policies

As President-elect Donald Trump prepares to assume office on January 20, 2025, his administration is poised to implement Project 2025, a comprehensive conservative agenda with significant implications for reproductive rights and civil liberties across the United States. Project 2025, developed by The Heritage Foundation, outlines a series of policy shifts aimed at reshaping federal government operations and societal norms.

Central to this initiative is the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which the project envisions transforming into the "Department of Life." This rebranding reflects a commitment to policies that "explicitly reject the notion that abortion is health care," promoting the well-being of all Americans "from conception to natural death."

A key component of Project 2025 is the enforcement of the Comstock Act, a 19th-century law that prohibits the mailing of materials related to abortion. By reviving this act, the administration aims to restrict the distribution of abortion pills and medical equipment used in surgical abortions, effectively limiting access to reproductive health services nationwide.

In anticipation of these changes, thousands of activists have mobilized across the country. On January 18, 2025, the "People's March" in Washington, D.C., drew significant crowds advocating for women's rights, racial justice, and other causes they believe are under threat from the incoming administration.

Despite being smaller than the 2017 protest, the march anticipated around 25,000 to 50,000 participants, with over 300 other marches planned nationwide. The potential impact of Project 2025 extends beyond reproductive rights.

The initiative proposes dismantling the Department of Education, transferring its programs to other agencies or terminating them altogether. It also seeks to reduce environmental and climate change regulations in favor of fossil fuels, reflecting a significant shift in federal policy direction.

Critics argue that Project 2025 represents an authoritarian shift, undermining the separation of powers and civil liberties. Legal experts have expressed concern that the plan could erode the rule of law and blur the lines between church and state, given its infusion of conservative Christian values into government policies.

As the nation stands on the cusp of these transformative changes, the coming months will reveal the full extent of Project 2025's impact on American society. The administration's actions will likely face legal challenges and public opposition, setting the stage for a contentious period in the nation's political landscape.