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How will 25 affect veteran's benefits?	This is outside of the scope of AAUW's public policy priorities, but this article may be helpful: https://www.americanprogress.org/article/project-2025s-plan-to-gut-checks-and-balances-harms-veterans/
How quickly can Project 2025 be implemented? What part(s) of Project 2025 fall into Executive Orders vs congressional bills sent to the President?	We don't know exactly how things will play out, and much will depend on the makeup of Congress after the election as to what might actually be able to be moved through. A conservative administration will certainly try to do as much as possible with executive orders. We can expect that many lawsuits will be brought, and these cases will be decided in a court system that has been stacked with conservative judges for years.
It appears that states are being used as a testing ground for Project 2025. How much of it has been implemented at the state level?	This depends on the state; some states have more of this kind of test legislation and the testing of packing the courts with certain kinds of judges. For instance, certain states will advance a piece of legislation, such as Save Women's Sports Bill, which moved really quickly in a couple of states. Then it became a model, both for the creation of the legislation and the way it moves, and it got picked up by a number of other states.
This proposal is #9 from the Heritage Foundation. Have previous proposals been enacted?	Heritage Foundation has been incredibly influential for a very long time, and it works in concert with other organizations to influence policy. They create test cases, move them through the court systems, and challenge legislation that exists. So this is a long-term, multi-pronged strategy. Previous Mandates for Leadership were adopted extensively, most notably by the Reagan and Trump administrations, and also by the Clinton administration.
So basically, Project 2025 takes us back to 1900 except that women can still vote. Right?	It actually takes us back to 1873 because that's when the Comstock Act was passed.
if Project 2025 is implemented on any level does the legislative branch have any options to counter some of the aspects?	Yes, and we can push back like we normally do here in California, by advancing legislation where we can. Getting out to vote, making sure that we vote down ballot, making sure we get other folks out to vote in other states and vote down ballot. It's not just the federal level that we need to be focused on to counter what is happening. We need to be vigilant, up and down the ballot, all the way down to school boards.
Who are the "big players" writing/orchestrating the Heritage Foundation and Project 2-25	The authors and advising organizations are listed in the Mandate for Leadership. These resources provide some insight to who some of these people and entities are: https://www.newsweek.com/project-2025-full-list-organizations-proposals-1923240 https://www.newsweek.com/project-2025-ex-trump-contributors-republicans-election-1922933 https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/10/22/us/politics/project-2025-trump-heritage-foundation.html
What organizations are doing something to counter Project 2025? And are there efforts to counter the way the courts are being stacked?	Liberal legislative advocacy organizations have been pushing back on certain aspects of these different iterations of Mandate for Leadership since even before 1980, especially along the lines of gender equity. ACLU has taken this on very strongly. The National Women's Law Center, and also state level organizations that are taking this on from the legislative side of things.
Project 2025 is not a one time proposal just for this election. Unless other safeguards are enacted by Congress, would you assume that future Administrations would also take on this dark pathway?	The short answer is yes. Please vote up and down the ballot, and get good people to run for office. This is an ongoing effort.

<p>I'm frustrated and a bit angry, I must admit. Why are we just now finding out about Project 2025? Both nationally and in AAUW. I feel if I had known about this even two months ago, we could have had information out and available to our members. Now, ballots are out and many already returned, and I feel it's very late to inform our members whereas two months ago we could have been more effective in informing them. Not a criticism but next time let's get our info out earlier.</p>	<p>This came on the radar close to the election. A lot of organizations have been trying to push out as much information about Project 2025 as they can, and much has come out very recently.</p>
<p>Has the Heritage Society in Project 2025 stated it wants a theocracy. MAugustine Humboldt Branch</p>	<p>They have not stated that they want a theocracy, but there has been a significant push since 1998 towards the expansion of religious liberty at the federal level, beginning with DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act. Since then, there has been a concerted effort to position religious liberty as a fundamental right that counters other civil rights. While not stated as a theocracy, religious liberty is its core tenet.</p>
<p>Do you know how much of this has been adopted by the Republican platform?</p>	<p>The Republican platform adopts the Project 2025 proposals to eliminate the Dept of Ed and reverse the new Title IX regulations.</p>
<p>Hopefully it doesn't come about, but which chamber would you say is most critical for stopping Project 2025?</p>	<p>The further down ballot you install people, the more you're able to actually create local level meaningful legislation; think of it as a bottom and a top approach, like a sandwich - we want a lot of people at both the top and the bottom in order to stop Project 2025, because even if there's federal legislation, that doesn't mean that every state follows it. We need to make sure we have state level protections to fight back against federal legislations. As far as Congress - the Senate is where the filibuster can protect against the most extreme proposals.</p>
<p>Can the Supreme Court provide support for some of the 2025 Project recommendations using their Shadow Docket where they can make decisions behind closed doors with no Judge having to put his or her name on decisions and no judicial precedents need to be cited for decisions.</p>	<p>We cannot protect ourselves from the shadow docket because we don't have a lot of ethics rules or other rules that are guiding the Supreme Court. (For those who don't know, the shadow docket means you don't hear the cases in open court, but the court makes decisions behind closed doors and then puts the decisions out. It used to be used for procedural rules, but is now being used for more substantial cases and that has been increasing under the Roberts Court.) The move towards hearing more substantial cases under the shadow docket is indicative of the new Supreme Court with justices that have been selected in part as part of this longer term project. The way we can protect ourselves from that is to get someone in there who can do ethics rules and term limits on Supreme Court justices.</p>
<p>Would Project 2025 overrule particular State laws & State Constitutions?</p>	<p>It depends on how Project 2025 is implemented. Federal legislation supercedes state legislation; however, states sometimes push back against federal legislation (and in those instances only sometimes does the federal government enforce the law--e.g. federal drug laws and marijuana in CA).</p>
<p>If one hasn't read Project 2025 yet, is there a summary you can recommend?</p>	<p>This report from National Women's Law Center is very good: https://nwlrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Project-2025-Full-Report.pdf ACLU https://www.aclu.org/project-2025-explained Legal podcasts Amicus https://slate.com/podcasts/amicus and Strict Scrutiny https://crooked.com/podcast-series/strict-scrutiny/ Red Wine & Blue https://redwine.blue/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/project_2025_member_slides.pdf</p>
<p>What happened to separation of church and state? Who chose what religion is the "chosen one?"</p>	<p>There has been a recent resurgence of Christian Nationalism. These efforts are happening in different states, with use of religious liberty being used as a weapon.</p>
<p>What solutions, in addition to voting, might be suggested or recommended?</p>	<p>Voting is critically important so help with turnout. You can also donate to legal advocacy organizations who will fight in the courts (e.g. ACLU) and raise awareness: learn more about Project 2025 and tell others.</p>

<p>Is elimination of the filibuster part of Project 2025. The GOP has used it effectively block progressive action, but they way want to prevent it's use for this.</p>	<p>Project 2025 does not mention the filibuster. It is very possible that the Senate fillbuster will be an important means to stop some of the extreme objectives in Project 2025.</p>
<p>There is a big article in today's New York Times naming and discussing the people who put Project 25 together.</p>	<p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/10/22/us/politics/project-2025-trump-heritage-foundation.html</p>
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<p>Great presentation. Thank you!</p>	
<p>Thank you, I've already vote but this wss very informative.</p>	