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Major Job Losses and Danger to Consumer Safety Among Project 2025's Impacts

New Report Highlights GOP Plan to Gut Workforce and Economy

A new critical report on the conservative movement's electoral vision to remake America, Project 2025, is being released today; it reveals the project's unprecedented potential negative impact on the federal workforce and federal unions, and broader US and global economy. Media articles have reported on mass layoffs of apolitical federal employees that are anticipated if the next GOP president resurrects Schedule F, to be replaced with an "army" of Christian loyalists who would step into power to implement Project 2025. The new report documents much more. The plan represents "a massive degree of politicization" and "the most fundamental change to the civil service system since 1883," according to Brookings Institution.

The new report echoes a warning voiced by US economists and union leaders about the danger of hollowing out the federal workforce, replacing experienced professionals with partisan appointees with limited experience, and gutting federal agencies who will lose a skilled workforce required to adequately staff consumer safety agencies or other critical programs. It also highlights the potential corruption that could follow if the President is given unprecedented power – a key Project 2025 goal – along with a corps of loyalist cronies.

"Project 2025 is a blueprint to establish a network of organized crime through political operatives working within the Executive Branch, designed to circumnavigate Congress, the courts, and the law," states Steve Lenkart, Executive Director of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), which is mobilizing to fight Schedule F's resurrection, along with National Treasury Employees Union leaders and others. "Because Project 2025 focuses on exploiting gray areas of the law, Congress must act now to close the loopholes that are so carefully articulated in Project 2025 before an onslaught of corruption and greed impacts every corner of daily life."

The new report follows a recent financial investigation of Project 2025 by journalist Anne-christine d'Adesky for the Stop The Coup 2025 campaign. She found that GOP kingmaker Leonard Leo has channeled dark money to 60 of 80 of Project 2025's initial advisory groups, including a number led by close GOP associates, some linked to Opus Dei, the Catholic sect.

Both reports are available at www.stopthecoup2025.org

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