Project 2025 On Vetting Trump Loyalists

**Highlights:**

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  + Project 2025 was put together by the Heritage Foundation.
  + Project 2025 wanted to build an administration ready for the next Republican president.
* For Project 2025 to meet their goals, they screened applicants for their loyalty to Trump.
  + The Heritage Foundation’s leader, Kevin Roberts, said he wanted to institutionalize “Trumpism.”
  + Project 2025 advertised that they wanted to “properly” vet the personnel for the next administration.
    - Politico reported that Project 2025 was scouring records and social media accounts for applicants.
    - Project 2025 asked applicants to fill out a questionnaire as part of their application process.
      * The questions appeared centered on the applicant’s political philosophy and ideology.
      * A Trump White House alumnus shared that the questionnaire was focused on finding out an applicant’s political leaning to determine MAGA loyalty.

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**The Week: “Project 2025 Is The Brainchild Of A Conservative Think Tank Called The Heritage Foundation.”** According to the Week, “While the plan has not gained significant amounts of traction in the national news media, Project 2025 is the brainchild of a conservative think tank called the Heritage Foundation. The foundation is collaborating with at least 80 other conservative groups to spearhead an effort to ‘rescue the country from the grip of the radical left,’ with a ‘governing agenda and the right people in place, ready to carry this agenda out on day one of the next conservative administration,’ according to the Project 2025 website.” [Week, [2/26/24](https://theweek.com/politics/heritage-foundation-2025-donald-trump)]

### Project 2025 Wanted To Build An Administration Ready For The Next Republican President

**Project 2025 Wanted To Have An Aggressive, Ambitious, And Audacious Administration Ready For The Next President.** According to Axios, “Details: The Heritage Foundation told us Project 2025 officials have collected more than 5,000 applications — months before a Republican nominee is locked in. Heritage president Kevin Roberts said recently that Project 2025's mission is to get the next conservative president ‘ready to govern in the most aggressive, ambitious, audacious way to destroy the Deep State and devolve power back to the individual Americans.’” [Axios, [12/1/23](https://www.axios.com/2023/12/01/trump-government-job-applications-2025)]

* **Trump Was Officially The Republican Nominee For The 2024 Presidential Election.** According to Politico, “Former President Donald Trump, at last, is the Republican Party’s presumptive presidential nominee, after notching a majority of the delegates to the GOP’s July convention. Trump crossed the threshold of 1,215 delegates on Tuesday night, according to The Associated Press, as he won elections in Georgia, Mississippi, Hawaii and Washington, following a near-sweep of Super Tuesday states a week before.” [Politico, [3/12/24](https://www.politico.com/news/2024/03/12/donald-trump-clinches-republican-presidential-nomination-00146675)]

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### The Heritage Foundation’s Leader, Kevin Roberts, Said He Wanted To institutionalize “Trumpism”

**Roberts Said He Saw Project 2025’s Role As “Institutionalizing Trumpism.”** According to the New York Times, “Since taking over the Heritage Foundation in 2021, Kevin D. Roberts has been making his mark on an institution that came to prominence during the Reagan years and has long been seen as an incubator of conservative policy and thought. […] Roberts told me that he views Heritage’s role today as ‘institutionalizing Trumpism.’ This includes leading Project 2025, a transition blueprint that outlines a plan to consolidate power in the executive branch, dismantle federal agencies and recruit and vet government employees to free the next Republican president from a system that Roberts views as stacked against conservative power.” [New York Times, [1/21/24](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/21/magazine/heritage-foundation-kevin-roberts.html)]

### Project 2025 Advertised That They Wanted To “Properly” Vet The Personnel For The Next Administration

**Project 2025 Wanted The Administration They Put Together To Be Full Of “Properly Vetted And Trained Personnel.”** According to Project 2025’s site, “Project 2025 is the effort of a massive coalition of conservative organizations that have come together to ensure a successful Administration begins in January 2025. With the right conservative policy recommendations and properly vetted and trained personnel to implement them, we will take back our government. Project 2025 is being organized by The Heritage Foundation.” [Project 2025 website, accessed [5/9/24](https://www.project2025.org/personnel/)]

#### Politico Reported That The Project 2025 Team Was Scouring Records And Social Media Accounts For Applicants

**Politico Reported That Project 2025 Was Effectively Administering Loyalty Tests By Screening Applicant’s Social Media Accounts And Records.** According to Politico, “The Project 2025 team is scouring records and social media accounts to rule out heretics — effectively administering loyalty tests — and launching a so-called Presidential Administration Academy that tutors future MAGA bureaucrats with video classes in ‘Conservative Governance 101.’” [Politico, [9/19/23](https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2023/09/19/project-2025-trump-reagan-00115811)]

#### Project 2025 Asked Applicants To Fill Out A Questionnaire As Part Of Their Application Process

**Project 2025’s Application Said Asked Applicants To “Fill Out The Questionnaire Below” If They Wanted “To Be Considered For Positions In A Presidential Administration.”** According to Project 2025’s site, “Please fill out the questionnaire below and upload your resume for inclusion in the Presidential Personnel Database if you would like to be considered for positions in a presidential Administration.” [Project 2025 website, accessed [5/9/24](https://www.project2025.org/personnel/)]

##### The Questions Appeared Centered On The Applicant’s Political Philosophy And Ideology

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