

FACT SHEET: Exposing How Project 2025 is Already Underway in the Courts

Far-right extremists are already working to impose some of the most unpopular proposals in Project 2025 through court cases across the country. If a far-right president was empowered to politicize the Department of Justice (DOJ), it could refuse to defend the freedoms, protections, and programs under attack in the cases below, ensuring that these aspects of Project 2025 are enshrined into law.

Here are just some of the Project 2025 goals that right-wing extremists are pushing to achieve in courtrooms across the country, providing a glide path to implementing their dangerous playbook:

- Restrict Access To Medication Abortion Nationwide: Even though the U.S. Supreme Court ruled this
 term that the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (AHM) does not have standing in their case against the
 Federal Drug Administration (FDA), access to mifepristone remains at risk as the case, FDA v. AHM*,
 continues before Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, and anti-abortion attorneys general in Idaho, Missouri, and
 Kansas continue to pursue this same case against the safe, effective medication. (Aligns with Mandate
 for Leadership (MFL) page 458, and others.)
- Take Away Overtime Pay: There is currently a <u>lawsuit</u>* underway in which corporations and lobbying
 groups are requesting a federal court get rid of a U.S. Department of Labor rule which expands overtime
 pay for <u>4.3 million workers</u>. (MFL page 592.)
- Stop Medicare From Negotiating Lower Drug Prices: Medicare now has the authority to negotiate the
 price of some of the most expensive prescription drugs thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
 However, drugmakers and lobbyists have <u>filed</u> a number of pending lawsuits* across the country in an
 attempt to block the cost-lowering program. (MFL page 465.)
- Restrict Access To Birth Control: In March 2024, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals <u>upheld</u>* a Texas law
 that requires parental consent for minors to obtain contraception, even though federal law allows teens
 to confidentially obtain birth control through Title X. Texas filed a similar, <u>follow-up lawsuit</u> in late July
 2024. (MFL pages 483 484)
- End Student Debt Repayment Plans: The Biden administration's latest student loan repayment plan is being <u>challenged</u> by attorneys general from right-wing states who have filed suit, arguing that the plan is an example of federal overreach. (MFL pages 353-354)
- Cut Access To Affordable Health Care: In *Braidwood Management Inc. v. Becerra*,* challengers <u>allege</u> that portions of the Affordable Care Act that require insurance companies to cover preventive services without a copay are illegal, in an action that could affect over 150 million people in the U.S.—especially women and women of color. The issue has been sent back to the district court, but the federal government has indicated it will seek review now in the Supreme Court. (*MFL pages 483 484*)

*Democracy Forward represents clients in the matter (e.g. medical experts defending Medicare negotiations).

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