

## **What Supporters are Saying about the Congressional Task Force to Stop Project 2025**

**Accountable.US President Caroline Ciccone:** “Project 2025 threatens to undermine American democracy by dismantling institutions, abolishing many checks and balances, and consolidating power within the executive branch to carry out radical policies that are not supported by everyday Americans. Thankfully, we have progressive leaders stepping up to stop this authoritarian power grab threatening our rights and freedoms. We’re grateful for Rep. Huffman and the other founding members of the Stop Project 2025 Task Force for their efforts to prevent Project 2025 from becoming a reality and protect democracy as we know it.”

**Karen Stone, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, Planned Parenthood Action Fund:** “As Project 2025 makes clear, abortion opponents will not stop until abortion is banned and out of reach in all 50 states. They are committed to unilaterally leveraging every tool and government agency to decimate reproductive freedom nationwide by trying to enforce an incorrect application of the 1873 Comstock Act to ban medication abortion and threaten access across the board, and more. Eliminating abortion access is a key part of the first ‘promise’ in the text’s foreword and the word ‘abortion’ is mentioned a whopping 199 times throughout its 887 pages. And their attacks don’t stop with abortion. They’re also planning to restrict funding for birth control and other preventive care and attacking gender-affirming care and sex education. We applaud reproductive rights champions in Congress for launching this critical task force — and sounding the alarm on this unprecedented attack to strip everyone of their bodily autonomy.”

**Patrick Gaspard, President of the Center for American Progress:** “Project 2025 is an authoritarian playbook that threatens the system of checks and balances that has fortified American democracy for nearly 250 years. This project of state capture would give far-right politicians, extremist judges, and corporations governing control over our lives. We are grateful to Rep. Huffman and all members of the taskforce for their critical work to expose these insidious policies and to block this power grab that would devastate the middle class.

**Christina Gagnier, founder of the non-profit Our Schools USA and a former School Board President:** “Project 2025’s dense 45-page chapter on ‘Improving Education’ doesn’t mention anything about ‘teacher pay,’ ‘school safety,’ or ‘gun violence,’” and advocates for eliminating the very programs used to attract and retain high quality education educators in the first place. Project 2025, the massive one-size-fits-all solution to problems the extremist authors believe to be ailing our nation, will, by design, ruin public education in our country.”

**Skye Perryman, President and CEO of Democracy Forward:** “From dismantling quality education to cutting wages for workers to compromising our national security and making it harder for Americans to make ends meet, Project 2025 is the far-right’s playbook that threatens the wellbeing of the American people and undermines our democratic values and institutions. Project 2025 seeks to thwart the ability of the government to work for all people and presents threats to the basic protections millions of people rely on every day. We’re grateful for the leadership of Representative Huffman in creating the Stop Project 2025 Task force to bring awareness to these threats and commit to confronting them.”

**Virginia Kase Solomón, President & CEO of Common Cause:** “Project 2025 presents a dangerous vision of a dystopian government where dissent would be squashed and authoritarianism would flourish. It is imperative to uncover the radical agenda outlined in ‘Project 2025’ and to educate all Americans about the plans to dismantle critical infrastructure included therein. We thank Representatives Huffman and his colleagues for forming this task force to provide transparency and shine a spotlight on this extreme proposal.”

**MoveOn Political Action Executive Director Rahna Epting:** “Project 2025 is the MAGA authoritarian playbook to take away our rights and fundamental freedoms and destroy our democracy. Donald Trump and his MAGA enablers are planning to use power to monitor pregnancies and further restrict reproductive freedom, unlawfully use local law enforcement to detain migrants and gut policies designed to fight climate change and we have to get to work right now to stop them in their tracks. MoveOn applauds these Democratic members of this Congressional Task Force for doing the work to call out these dangerous plans that Trump and his MAGA extremists cronies are pushing, and we will continue educating and mobilizing our members to fight back.”

**Wendy Via, GPAHE President and CEO:** "The Global Project Against Hate and Extremism (GPAHE) extends profound gratitude to Representatives Huffman, Raskin, Jayapal, Barragan, Lieu, DeGette, Pocan, and others for their courageous recognition of the grave threat Project 2025 poses to fundamental human rights and American democracy. We commend their decisive action in forming this special task force to counter this dangerous shift toward authoritarianism. GPAHE is honored to collaborate with the task force in our shared mission to protect the core values of our democracy."

**Freedom From Religion Foundation Co-President Annie Laurie Gaylor:** "The unabashedly theocratic recommendations in Project 2025 haven't received the media attention they deserve and we cannot thank Rep. Huffman enough for sounding the alarm. This undemocratic and autocratic playbook was conjured up by the Heritage Foundation, an extremist Christian-nationalist group. Americans who value our secular Constitution and its foundational principle of separation between state and church must take heed."

**James Goodwin, Policy Director, Center for Progressive Reform:** “As a radical attempt to enshrine minority rule for decades to come, Project 2025 presents one of the gravest threats that U.S. democracy has ever faced. But it is also an important opportunity to show that this nation remains as committed to the principle of government “by the people” as ever. We are delighted to see the Stop Project 2025 Task Force put this principle into action by meeting this threat head on.”

**chromatic black™ CEO, Abeni Bloodworth:** "Education and awareness are crucial in the battle against Project 2025. It is our duty to inform others about the detrimental effects it could have on our communities and rally for change. On Election Day, we hold the ultimate power to fight back against this tyranny and defend our fragile democracy. Let us honor the legacy of those who fought tirelessly for equality by standing up against Project 2025.”

**Scott MacConomy, The Secular Coalition for America:** "The Congressional Task Force on Project 2025 will be a critical part of the fight to maintain the separation of church and state should Donald Trump return to the White House. His allies are giving us the blueprint. The Task Force will ensure that we are ready to oppose every misguided and malicious proposal they come up with."

**Alex Aronson, Executive Director of Court Accountability:** "We applaud Congressman Huffman for forming the Stop Project 2025 Task Force to bring necessary attention to the movement to usher in regressive, authoritarian rule. Americans deserve to know more about this sweeping program being prepared by MAGA extremists who seek to reshape our government and democratic institutions as we know it. The Stop Project 2025 Task Force will bring much-needed focus to this real and looming threat."

**Nicole Carr, Interim Executive Director, American Humanist Association:** "The American Humanist Association is very pleased that Congress, through the leadership of Rep. Jared Huffman and the Task Force, is taking action to preserve democracy and put a stop to the very serious threat that Project 2025 poses to the American people. Project 2025 is an extremist playbook for how to dismantle democracy, codify Christian nationalism, and weaponize our institutions. We welcome this critical new task force and look forward to working together on decisive congressional action to stop this dangerous agenda from coming to fruition."

**Nick Fish, President of American Atheists:** "The White Christian Nationalist agenda is crystal clear: universal bans on abortion and contraception, dehumanizing attacks on LGBTQ people, and the destruction of the foundations of our pluralistic secular democracy. All of us, regardless of our religious beliefs, must stand united in opposing this roadmap to extremism that puts the rights and lives of countless Americans at risk."

**Azhar Majeed, Director of Government Affairs, Center for Inquiry:** "The Center for Inquiry salutes members of Congress working to prevent a Project 2025 takeover. CFI views Christian nationalism as an existential threat to American democracy, secular rights and policy, the separation of church and state, and the rule of law -- as witnessed at both federal and state levels over the past several years. Project 2025 is an effort to Christianize the United States. It must be stopped for the health of the republic, and we stand with those members of Congress who will do this important work."

**Analilia Mejia and DaMareo Cooper, Executive Directors for the Center for Popular Democracy:** "Right-wing organizations have written a playbook on how to quickly drive our country into authoritarianism. Maya Angelou said when people tell you who they are, believe them. You better believe that anyone elected who supports these policies will try to tear apart our democracy piece by piece. They will try to take away our housing, education, our planet, bodily autonomy, and our basic human rights. And this isn't hyperbole. The threat is real. The Stop Project 2025 Caucus in Congress is a smart strategy to take immediate action to save our democracy and our country. The 51 affiliates of the Center for Popular Democracy are proud to work with these freedom fighters in Congress."