

Dismantling Public Education and Undermining Students

Dismantle the Department of Education

Project 2025, describing the Department of Education as an institution serving the “woke education cartel” that indoctrinates children, describes the goal of shuttering the department:

The Department of Education is a creation of the Jimmy Carter Administration. The department is a convenient one-stop shop for the woke education cartel, which—as the COVID era showed—is not particularly concerned with children’s education. Schools should be responsive to parents, rather than to leftist advocates intent on indoctrination—and the more the federal government is involved in education, the less responsive to parents the public schools will be. This department is an example of federal intrusion into a traditionally state and local realm. For the sake of American children, Congress should shutter it and return control of education to the states. [[Project 2025 - Mandate for Leadership](#), Page 285]

Attacks on Educational Freedom

Project 2025 expresses vehement concerns about critical race theory, falsely portraying it as a disruptive force against America's founding ideals. The proposal demands legislation to curb the theory's dissemination and shield individuals from discriminatory practices based on skin color. Additionally, it underscores the need for transparency in education by mandating schools to publicly disclose classroom materials online.

- *As such, lawmakers should design legislation that prevents the theory from spreading discrimination.*
- *For K–12 systems under their jurisdiction, federal lawmakers should adopt proposals that say no individual should receive punishment or benefits based on the color of their skin.*
- *Furthermore, school officials should not require students or teachers to believe that individuals are guilty or responsible for the actions of others based on race or ethnicity.*
- *Again, specifically for K–12 systems under federal authority, Congress and the next Administration should support existing state and federal civil rights laws and add to such laws a prohibition on compelled speech. [[Project 2025 - Mandate for Leadership](#), Page 343]*

Attack Low-Income Students by Kneecapping Title I

According to the Center for American Progress, “Project 2025 eliminates the U.S. Department of Education, including Title I, which provides funds to ensure schools serving low-income students have additional resources to deliver a high-quality education beyond that which can be supported by local property tax revenue. Ending Title I would lead to the loss of:

-4,295 teaching positions, which serve 97,931 students, in Arizona

-5,357 teaching positions, which serve 89,466 students, in Michigan

-1,970 teaching positions, which serve 41,368 students, in Nevada

-6,417 teaching positions, which serve 98,823 students, in North Carolina

-6,943 teaching positions, which serve 92,341 students, in Pennsylvania”

[Center for American Progress, [8/1/2024](#)]