

Suppressing the Right to Vote and Local Election Control

Project 2025 represents a major threat to Americans' exercise of their fundamental right to choose who represents them in government. By removing safeguards that protect local election officials, Project 2025 will undermine efforts for secure and accountable state elections. Its goal is to make it harder to vote and disenfranchise voters of color across the United States.

Amplify Attacks on Local Election Officials

According to the Brennan Center, "Project 2025 threatens to reverse progress made over the last four years by stripping crucial federal resources from election officials and weaponizing the Department of Justice against officials who make decisions the administration disagrees with. Local election officials have strengthened important partnerships with federal agencies in recent years to address emerging threats and keep elections safe and secure... Project 2025 does not simply propose to withhold federal support that many election jurisdictions benefit from, however. If fully adopted, it could lead to the outright weaponization of federal power to retaliate against election officials for decisions that federal officials don't like." [The Brennan Center, [8/16/2024](#)]

Dismantle efforts to curb and defend misinformation campaigns by hostile foreign governments

According to Democracy Docket, "Within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), there's an agency that plays a crucial role in protecting federal and state elections from a host of existential threats like foreign-backed disinformation and AI threats. Over the past few election cycles, states across the country have come to depend on — and praised — the resources and guidance the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) devotes to securing elections. Under proposed changes described in Project 2025, not only would CISA immediately cease its "counter-mis/disinformation efforts," but the agency would be completely dismantled, with its core functions moved entirely from DHS to the Department of Transportation. " [Democracy Docket, [7/12/2024](#)]

According to the Brennan Center, over the past few years, MAGA Extremists in 21 state legislatures passed new highly restrictive measures voters have never encountered before in a presidential or midterm election. Those states include: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Since 2020, MAGA Extremists in many of the same states have also passed laws that open the door to election interference. At least 13 states will have an election interference law in place this year that was not in place for the 2020 election. Those states include: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. [Brennan Center, [5/17/2024](#)]