

# Project 2029 - Progressive Grassroots Version

A Progressive Vision for America

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**Part I**

**Foreword**

# **Foreword: Project 2029**

There is no path to a better world that does not begin with the firm commitment to respect the dignity of every human being on the earth.

## **A Progressive Vision for America after Trump**

What we outline here is a vision for what the world could be, and what the collected contributors to this vision want it to be. Our intention is to push for this vision, and to elect candidates who support it.

**Part II**

**Healthcare and Public Health**

# Chapter 1

## Healthcare

The physical care and well-being of our loved ones should be an unquestionable goal for our country. We should be guided by the following basic ideas:

- That every person deserves health care
- That the United States can achieve the goal of providing health care to every person
- That our health care system should be the best in the world

## Chapter 2

# Public Health

Alongside the Healthcare system, the United States needs a robust system for ensuring public health. This can include the food system (which we treat separately), but it more centrally involves:

- Research into treatments and diseases by public and private entities
- Maintaining readiness to respond to public health challenges
- Ensuring effective communication to the public of any health risks

Two critical parts of this are:

- Funding robust public health research, via the National Institutes of Health and universities
- Ensuring public trust in the communications produced during normal times and in times of public health challenges

## Chapter 3

# The Food System

The United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world. Every American should have access to healthy food, and the food in our country should be the healthiest in the world.

### 3.1 The GRAS Loophole

See the essay by Julia Belluz.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Belluz, “Opinion | What Kennedy Gets Right About the Chemicals in Our Food.”

**Part III**

**Trade, Foreign Policy, and the  
Military**

## **Chapter 4**

# **Trade**

## **Chapter 5**

# **Foreign Policy**

## **Chapter 6**

# **America's Military**

### **6.1 Civilian control of the Military**

### **6.2 Threat focus**

### **6.3 Contracting**

See: McCarthy's essay<sup>1</sup>

### **6.4 Inventory and Auditing**

### **6.5 Supporting Veterans**

### **6.6 Recruiting**

### **6.7 The Military and Space**

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<sup>1</sup>McCarthy, "Opinion | The U.S. Army Is Finally Pivoting Toward Future Threats."

**Part IV**

**Education and Media**

## **Chapter 7**

# **Education and Universities**

## **Chapter 8**

# **Media and the Press**

**Part V**

**Infrastructure and Jobs**

## **Chapter 9**

# **Jobs, Training, and Employment**

## **Chapter 10**

# **Infrastructure**

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### **10.3 Transportation**

### **10.4 Communication**

#### **10.4.1 Broadband Availability & Starlink**

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## **Elections**

### **11.1 Mail-in and absentee ballots**

#### **11.1.1 Action: Revise the Democratic Primary schedule**

#### **11.1.2 Action: Condense Primary Elections to a single night for the nation**

### **11.2 Voter registration**

### **11.3 Mail-in voting**

### **11.4 The Electoral College**

### **11.5 Election Night**

### **11.6 Ranked Choice Voting**

## **Chapter 12**

# **The Federal Budget and the Deficit**

**12.1 The (relative) importance of the Deficit**

**12.2 Timing and Procedures for Passing a Budget**

## **Chapter 13**

# **Ethics and Conflicts of Interest**

### **13.1 Profiting from the Presidency**

#### **13.1.1 Cryptocurrency**

#### **13.1.2 Marketing and ‘Merch’**

### **13.2 Congressional Representatives**

#### **13.2.1 Stocks and Trading**

## **Chapter 14**

# **Redistricting**

## **Chapter 15**

# **Immigration**

**Part VII**

**Special Topics**



# Special Topics

## **15.1 Birthright Citizenship**

## **15.2 Presidential Immunity from Prosecution**

## **15.3 Right-to-Repair**

## **15.4 The Media (and the government)**

## **15.5 Territories, Extraterritories, Representation, and Statehood**

### **15.5.1 Washington, D.C.**

### **15.5.2 Puerto Rico**

### **15.5.3 US Virgin Islands**

### **15.5.4 Guam**

### **15.5.5 Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands**

### **15.5.6 Guantanamo Bay**

## **15.6 Cultural Heritage and Patrimony**

## **15.7 Artificial Intelligence, including Copyright Issues**

## **15.8 Privacy**

### **15.8.1 Corporate data on individuals**

### **15.8.2 Government data on individuals**

## **15.9 Public Lands**

## **15.10 Congressional Power**

Over time, and influenced by the theory of the Unitary Executive, Congress has ceded its power to the President. This may not, in itself, be a bad thing: The President is

elected and answerable to the public, and it is fitting that Congress delegate some of its power to the executive and defer in some cases to executive authority. But the balance of powers was established to ensure that power was not unduly concentrated in one branch, and, more threateningly, in one person. As Congress has become less effective, more power has been gathered by (and given to) the President. This should be redressed.

### 15.10.1 Impeachment

#### Notes:

- Paulsen<sup>1</sup> argues that Congress's impeachment power is absolute; while the language of the Constitution treats all impeachments as akin to trials (via terms such as 'convict' and the use of the phrase 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors'), it structurally permits Congress to determine how this should be interpreted, with the result that the only procedural constraint on impeachment is the numerical requirements of 50% in the House and 2/3 in the Senate. This allows Congress to be deliberate and act like a jury trial (for, say, removal of a Circuit Judge accused of drunkenness) but would also allow speed in removing a dangerous executive (as could, in theory, have happened in the hours after the January 6th insurrection).

### 15.10.2 National Emergencies

#### Notes:

- The Brennan Center for Justice maintains a list<sup>2</sup> of the powers given to the President in national emergencies of different kinds.
- The Brennan Center for Justice also maintains a list<sup>3</sup> of all national emergencies declared (89) and those currently/still in effect today (51).
- In early 2025 House Republicans declared that the rest of the first year of the 119th Congress would not count as calendar days to avoid Democrats forcing a vote.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Paulsen, "The President's Pardon Power Is Absolute."

<sup>2</sup>Brennan Center for Justice, "A Guide to Emergency Powers and Their Use."

<sup>3</sup>Brennan Center for Justice, "Declared National Emergencies Under the National Emergencies Act."

<sup>4</sup>Brooks, "House Republicans Block Democrats from Forcing Vote on Repealing Trump Tariffs."

# **Part VIII**

# **Conclusions**

# **Forward: Project 2029**

And, for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

**Part IX**

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