

Project 2025 is Becoming Reality

Take Action to Fight Back!



As Co-Directors Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko outlined in a [webinar](#) in October 2024, the objectives of Project 2025 directly counter the Public Policy Priorities of AAUW California. **With federal policy pronouncements and changes taking place at a head spinning pace** since January 20, 2025, it is clear that there is a concerted effort by a number of coalitions in the federal government to make Project 2025 become reality. For example:

- The Executive Order declaring that there are “only two genders, male and female”.
- The Executive Order eliminating federal funds for schools that recognize transgender identities or teach about structural racism, white privilege, and unconscious bias.
- The Executive Order directing federal agencies to look for ways to expand access to private school vouchers.
- The Executive Order rescinding a dozen Biden-era executive actions supporting racial equity and combating discrimination against gay and transgender people.
- The Office of Management and Budget order freezing all federal financial assistance (since rescinded but with a standing order for agencies to restrict DEI programming and “woke gender ideology”).
- The Executive Order withdrawing the United States from the 2015 Paris agreement which seeks to avoid the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

While this may seem overwhelming, note that there are already individuals and coalitions who are pushing back in a number of ways, from [direct refusal to comply](#), to [spamming federal surveillance accounts](#), to direct [legal challenges](#).



AAUW California is building out our own action-items database, which will go live for you this spring. **In the interim, we will provide a short list and ask you to take action by choosing one self-focused, one other-focused, and one political-focused item from the list below.**



Self-Focused: Education

- rewatch the AAUW Project 2025 [webinar](#) from the fall, as needed, to get a sense of what Project 2025 is/does and/or read the [document](#) itself.
- read the articles linked above to better understand how some individuals and organizations are working to fight back.



Other-Focused: Education & Connection

- whatever you take away from your homework in self-education--be sure to tell one friend about what you learned. You can do this over lunch.



Politically-Focused: Outreach to Senators

- sign the [petition](#) opposing the confirmation of Linda McMahon. Text “SIGN PTGHEX” to 50409.
- reach out to potential swing Senators from outside of CA to voice your opposition to confirmation/s:

Lisa Murkowski, Alaska. 202-224-6665. Contact [form](#)
Susan Collins, Maine. 202-224-2523. Contact [form](#)
Thom Tillis, North Carolina. 202-224-6342. Contact [form](#)
Rand Paul, Kentucky. 202-224-4343. Contact [form](#)
Mitch McConnell, Kentucky. 202-224-2541. Contact [form](#)
John Curtis, Utah. 202-224-5251. Contact [form](#)
Bill Cassidy, Louisiana. 202-224-5824. Contact [form](#)
Joni Ernst, Iowa. 202-224-3254. Contact [form](#)
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