

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM & PROJECT 2025: THREATS TO OUR DEMOCRACY

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**Christian nationalism is
the single biggest threat
to both democracy and
the church today.**

**Christian Nationalism,
White Christian Nationalism,
White Supremacy, Racism,
Return to Jim Crow,
white power only,
*Christofascism: new term being
used in writings***

Patriotism is love of country

**Religious nationalism:
fusion of religions and national
identities and goals for the
country**

**Christian nationalism:
a political ideology and
cultural framework that seeks
to merge American and
Christian identities...to the
exclusion of all other religions;**

**real Americans has to be
Christian; fundamentalists
religious believers think God
has a special place for them in
the United States and God
ordained the country to be
Christian**

**based on mythical thinking
that America is an exception
and that the country was
founded on Christianity;
blessed by God, God's people**

**White Christian Nationalism:
overlaps and provides
coverage for white supremacy
and racial subjugation.**

**Essentially: white, male,
Protestant, Christian property
owners...
Idolatry is a theological word
for this**

**KKK was/is white Christian
nationalism with violence; God
favored slavery; God ordained
the US to be Christian**

Constitution: Amendment I.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Constitution: Article VI:

“The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.”

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

**312 CE (AD) Roman emperor Constantine's
Conversion to Christianity..state religions**

1096 Christian Crusades began until 1291 CE

**1493 (Doctrine of Discovery (Manifest
Destiny)**

1492- 1880 *between 2 and 5.5 million Native Americans were enslaved in the Americas*

1619 20-30 enslaved Africans landed at Point Comfort, (Fort Monroe) in Hampton, VA
12.5 million African slaves in total until
(@1880)

1808 importation of people from Africa ceased after the passing of the [Act Prohibiting the Importation of Slaves.](#)

1814 Major General Andrew Jackson forced upon the Indians a treaty whereby they surrendered to the United States over twenty-million acres of their traditional land—about one-half of present day Alabama and one-fifth of Georgia.

**1830 Congress: Indian Removal Act
(Trail of Tears) done 1820-1850**

**1865 June 19 (Juneteenth) Galveston,
TX believed to be the last place to
receive news of Emancipation
Proclamation**

1870 Fifteenth Amendment: extended voting rights to men of all ages: BUT it didn't work b/o of state laws; poll taxes, etc.

1883 Case

Justice John Marshall's opinion:

divested Indians from land

ownership federal government to be

the sole body capable of legislating

over Indians

**1920 Women's right to vote given
Constitutionally**

**1924 Indigenous people recognized as
citizens of US by law**

**1964 Twenty-fourth Amendment:
voting poll taxes illegal**

1965 Voting Right Acts
all adult citizens of all races and
genders in the form of federal laws
that enforced the amendments.

1973 Heritage Foundation

The first “Mandate for Leadership” was released in January 1981, containing policy proposals of reform that would make government more efficient and effective (Republican document)

President Ronald Reagan distributed Heritage's book at his first Cabinet meeting. "Mandate for Leadership," which has been highly influential for presidential administrations since the Reagan era.

2016-2020

Former President Trump implemented numerous goals of the “Manifest for Leadership” as designed by The Heritage Foundation during his tenure.

**2019-2020 Former President Trump, while running for re-election touted phrases: ‘it will be a stolen election if I don’t win.’
Planting fears of election fraud, mishandling, etc.**

2019-present: Former President Trump has yet to concede he lost the 2020 election. Intentional plans to create a 'coup' for January 6 were set in motion as early as summer of 2019; framing a 'what if we lose' scenario.

**January 6, 2021 ‘Insurrection
move on electoral voting’
played out as founded by
“January 6 Insurrection
Committee” interviews and
testimonies.**

PROJECT 2025

2022: HF set goals to restructure government. Now known: Project 2025 and as the “Presidential Transition Project of the US Conservative Party,” an electoral playbook for a GOP 2025 victory

Four Pillars of “Project 2025,”

an **[887-page policy agenda](#),**

a **[presidential personnel database](#) of vetted conservatives,**

a **[Presidential Administration Academy](#) to train these people to achieve the Project 2025 policy agenda, and**

a **[180-day playbook](#), which is what they hope to achieve in the first 180 days if Trump takes office in January 2025.**

PROJECT 2025: Table Of Contents

- 1. Project 2025: A Blueprint for
Authoritarianism**
- 2. The Role of Christian
Nationalism**
- 3. Gutting the Civil Service**

4. Ending Racial Equity Efforts

**5. Eviscerating LGBTQ+ Rights and
Equality**

**6. Restricting Sexual and
Reproductive Health and Rights**

7. Hardline Immigration Policies

**8. Ending Climate Change Efforts
and Restricting Environment
Policies**

9. Ending “Woke” Military Policies

10. “Reforming” Public Education

**11. Restricting Human Rights and
Exiting International Bodies**

**12. Profiles of Project 2025
Organizational Supporters**

**13. Full List of Project 2025
Organizational Supporters**

SIX WARNING SIGNS OF
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM
IN US POLITICS

Sojourners Mag 2023

**1. Does the candidate
perpetuate the Big Lie
that the 2020 election
was stolen from Trump?**

2. Does the candidate stoke fear through “us-versus them” rhetoric or by demonizing anyone deemed “other”?

**3. Does the candidate
proclaim a revisionist
history account of the
U.S. being “a Christian
nation”?**

4. Does the candidate talk about America's "chosenness" and greatness without acknowledging the way our nation has continually fallen short of its founding principles?

5. Does the candidate only talk about faith or “biblical values” when it comes to hostility to LGBTQ+ rights and opposing abortion?

**6. Does the candidate
demonize racial justice
commitments or dismiss
them as being “woke”?**

- Taylor, Adam Russell (Aug 24, 2023). Sojourner's Magazine. "6 Warning Signs of Christian Nationalism in US Politics".

YOU CAN TAKE ACTION AGAINST CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Sojourner's Magazine August 2023

Use your voice as a pulpit: repudiate false theories like

“replacement theory”

Promote online safety and media literacy. Check out the Center for Media Literacy and the U.K.'s Centre for Digital Technology

Hold tech and social media companies accountable

Follow the Center for Countering Digital Hate

Protest youth from extremist disinformation Southern

Poverty Law Center has good resources to help

Defend and promote inclusive and truthful education

Read “Walking Away From Hate” by J & L Manning

“What you choose to do today to confront white Christian nationalism—in your own life, in the lives of those around you, or the systems of which we are all a part—matters. We can commit now to consistently making these choices, hoping that the seeds planted, however small, will someday grow and provide shade to the entire garden—where we all can flourish.”

– Andrew L. Whitehead, *American
Idolatry: How Christian
Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and
Threatens the Church*