

# 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.

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Authoritarianism**
- 2. The Role of Christian  
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**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*