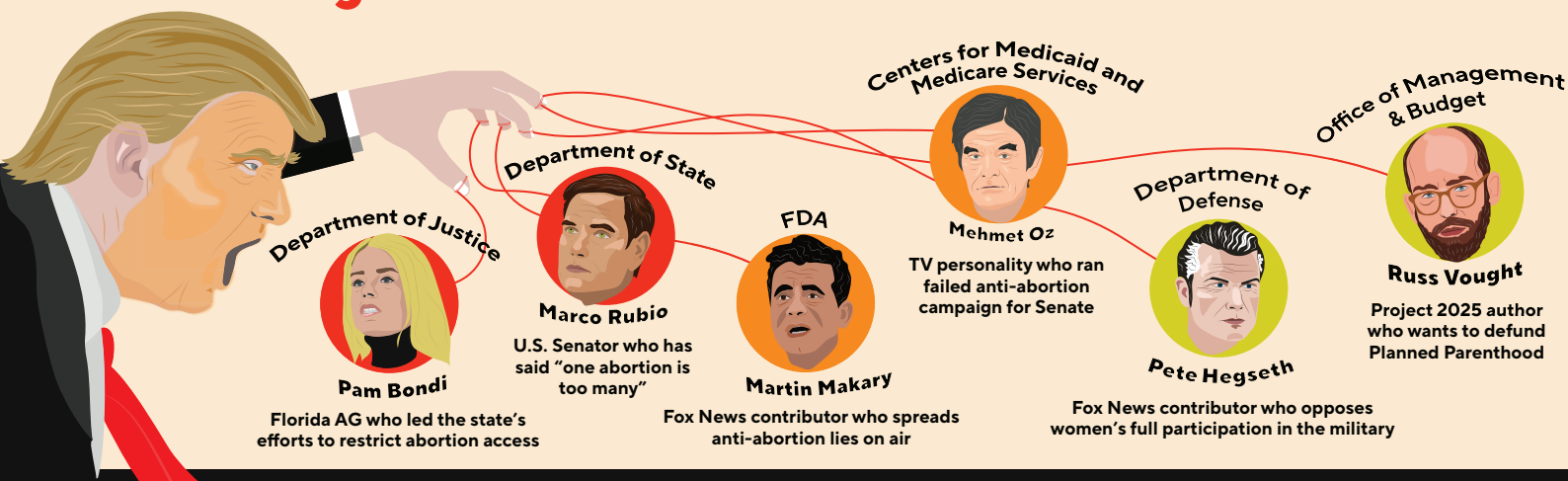


Trump is pulling the strings to ban abortion nationwide, starting with his cabinet of anti-abortion extremists.



Abortion Bans While in Office

Hailing from Florida, Bondi and Rubio have successfully fought against abortion rights in office.

Pam Bondi,

U.S. Attorney General Nominee

What she's done: As Florida's attorney general, Bondi defended the state's abortion ban. She also had a record of opposing LGBTQ+ rights and gender justice, and supporting anti-immigrant policies.

What she'll do: Bondi would be responsible for enforcing federal laws, including those with a direct impact on reproductive and civil rights. If Bondi becomes US Attorney General, she could direct the DOJ to misinterpret and misuse the Comstock Act to effectively ban medication abortion.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State Nominee

What he's done: Long-time anti-abortion extremist Rubio has a record of restricting global sexual and reproductive rights, including supporting the harmful global gag rule, an anti-abortion policy that denies foreign aid to overseas health centers unless they agree not to use their own, non-U.S. funds for abortion services, counseling, or even to take a public position in support of reproductive freedom. Rubio has also voted in favor of effectively defunding UNFPA, the United Nations reproductive health agency.

What he'll do: The first Trump administration greatly expanded the Global Gag Rule, and as Secretary of State, Rubio is certain to continue to promote anti-abortion extremism as foreign policy.

Propaganda Doctors

Makary and Oz are scam doctors with a history of spreading anti-abortion disinformation.

Martin Makary,

FDA Commissioner Nominee

What he's done: Makary is a Fox News contributor who has pushed anti-abortion disinformation on air.

What he'll do: Exploiting the FDA is one of the avenues Trump could use to effectively ban medication abortion, the most common method of abortion care, nationwide without going through Congress. Makary could instruct the FDA to reverse its approval or severely restrict medication abortion — and he could also influence the availability and affordability of contraceptives, including the first over-the-counter birth control pill that was recently approved.

Mehmet Oz,

Administrator for the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Nominee

What he's done: Oz is a celebrity personality who ran a failed Senate campaign on an anti-abortion platform.

What he'll do: Oz would oversee one of the largest federal agencies that administers vital health care programs to over 160 million Americans — and he would likely refuse to require that state Medicaid programs include or expand coverage for family planning services. The CMS administrator is also responsible for launching investigations into whether hospitals provide emergency abortion care under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) — but Oz's anti-abortion record leaves little hope that he'll look into alleged violations.

Backed by Project 2025

Vought and Hegseth have ties to the think tank behind Project 2025 — the organization even pledged a million dollars to help get Hegseth confirmed.

Pete Hegseth,

Secretary of Defense Nominee

What he's done: Hegseth has spread anti-abortion disinformation as a contributor on Fox News and has numerous allegations of sexual assault.

What he'll do: Hegseth has publicly criticized a policy that covers travel and transportation costs for service members to access abortion care — and as Secretary of Defense, he'll be able to rescind it. Service members and veterans already face barriers to accessing abortion care — and Hegseth will likely make the situation worse.

Russ Vought,

Office of Management and Budget Director Nominee

What he's done: Vought is an anti-abortion extremist and key architect of Project 2025 who is on record saying that he wants to strip funding from Planned Parenthood.

What he'll do: Vought will undoubtedly try to implement Project 2025. Among the many policies in Project 2025 that attack reproductive freedom are plans to effectively ban abortion nationwide, restrict access to birth control, and adopt "personhood" ideology into federal law, which would have the effect of not only banning abortion, but IVF and other forms of contraception.

Each of these cabinet picks are endorsed or celebrated by anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. Many have deep ties to Project 2025 — including Pam Bondi, who is chair of the legal group America First Policy Institute, an organization helping implement Project 2025.

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RE: Trump's Nominees Foreshadow Attacks on Access to Abortion and Contraception

DATE: December 18, 2024

During his first term in office, Trump deployed federal agencies to decimate access to reproductive health care—and **Project 2025 outlines his plan to do it again alongside a new slate of loyalist nominees.**

Trump's nominations for his second administration are anti-abortion ideologues whose litmus test is if they will be loyal to Trump. Marco Rubio, Pam Bondi, RFK Jr., Mehmet Oz, Martin Makary, and Russ Vought are key cabinet nominees who, if confirmed, will put Trump's agenda ahead of the country. These extremist nominees show that Trump is clearing the pathway to implement his Project 2025 agenda to attack abortion access and contraception across multiple federal agencies and to further restrict access to reproductive health care nationwide.



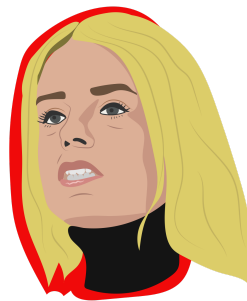
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)

If confirmed as HHS secretary, RFK Jr. will oversee key agencies, grants, and policies that can restrict reproductive care, managing essential public health programs like Medicaid and Title X Family Planning Program, in addition to handling all complaints and investigations of emergency abortion care denials under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

We already know that Trump sees HHS as a key component of his work to decimate reproductive freedom. During Trump's first term, his administration leveraged the agency to roll back access to reproductive health care, including abortion and contraception.

Now, Project 2025 outlines how the agency – with an anti-abortion advocate at the helm – can systematically decimate access to abortion care and contraception, including by: no longer accepting complaints about denials of emergency abortion care required by federal law, not investigating hospitals that unlawfully refuse to provide emergency abortion care, targeting the Title X family planning network by forcing many health care providers that provide abortion and contraception care out of the program, cutting family planning funding, allowing employers to deny birth control coverage, and more.

And there is [every reason to think RFK Jr. will follow through with it](#). During his campaign for president, he was on the record [supporting a national abortion ban](#). **He has repeatedly voiced his hostility toward abortion by saying “every abortion is a tragedy” and that he “is not happy about abortions.” He also previously referred to himself as “pro-life.”**



Pam Bondi for U.S. Attorney General

Pam Bondi is [Trump’s nominee for U.S. attorney general](#). If confirmed, she would lead the Department of Justice (DOJ) and make key decisions about how to enforce federal law, including which litigation efforts to pursue, as well as representing and defending federal agencies and federal officials. As attorney general, Bondi would be responsible for enforcing federal laws, including those with a direct impact on reproductive and civil rights—such as **the DOJ’s interpretation and enforcement of the Comstock Act and prosecuting violations of federal emergency abortion care protections.**

Project 2025 outlines how Bondi, in her role as attorney general, will do exactly that. It calls on the administration and federal agencies to effectively ban abortion in all 50 states—with or without the support of Congress.

Bondi has a proven track record of providing harmful, burdensome, and unnecessary barriers to abortion providers limiting access to care, including [joining an amicus brief in the landmark Supreme Court case *Whole Women’s Health v. Hellerstadt* where she argued in support of allowing harmful, unnecessary restrictions on abortion care to continue.](#) She also defended Florida’s [mandatory delay period](#) for people seeking abortion care and joined other anti-reproductive freedom states in challenging the groundbreaking contraception coverage provision in the Affordable Care Act.



Martin Makary for FDA Commissioner

Martin Makary, [Trump's nominee for FDA Commissioner](#), has no prior experience in government roles but if confirmed, he would have the ability to exploit the FDA to effectively ban medication abortion by reversing its approval or severely restricting the availability of the medications used in abortion care. **Makary is a Fox News contributor and Trump loyalist who has already [pushed anti-abortion disinformation](#) on air.**

The FDA plays a critical role in reproductive health care by regulating access to safe and effective medications, including contraception and medication abortion. **Exploiting the FDA is one of the avenues Trump could use to effectively ban medication abortion – the most common method of abortion care – nationwide without going through Congress.**

Project 2025 outlines plans to have the FDA reverse its approval or severely restrict the availability of mifepristone – a safe and effective medication used in abortion care and miscarriage management. **The FDA can also impact the availability and affordability of contraceptives, including the groundbreaking recent approval of the first over-the-counter birth control pill.**



Mehmet Oz for Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Administrator

Mehmet Oz is [Trump's nominee for CMS administrator](#), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. If confirmed, he would lead one of the largest and most influential federal agencies overseeing Americans' health care.

Oz has a record of [hostility towards abortion](#), praising the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and open the door for abortion bans, saying during his failed run for U.S. Senate that he "looked forward to supporting" anti-abortion policies. He also believes in **the so-called "[personhood](#)" ideology which could underpin bans on abortion, IVF, and some forms of contraception. He has also said that [he believes](#) abortion is "murder."**

CMS processes complaints and conducts investigations into alleged violations of federal law that require hospitals to provide emergency abortion care under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). The CMS administrator is key to determining whether state Medicaid programs include and expand coverage for family planning services for people with no or low incomes who would otherwise not have coverage.

Project 2025 calls for the administration to stop enforcing the federal law that protects access to emergency abortion care. This would force countless more people to endure the tragic and life-threatening situations we've already heard so many [horror stories](#) about.



Russ Vought for Director of the U.S. Management and Budget

Russ Vought is a key architect of Project 2025, and [Trump's nominee for the director of Office and Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#). Project 2025 propagates the belief that life begins at conception. This so-called "personhood" language could ban abortion, some forms of birth control, and assisted fertility treatments like IVF.

Vought is an anti-abortion extremist who has spoken about how his organization is seeking to [block access to Planned Parenthood](#). [Donald Trump](#) has also chosen Ed Martin as chief of staff for OMB. **Martin not only supports a national abortion ban but has called for abortion seekers and doctors who provide care to face criminal penalties including imprisonment—and now he will hold a position that directly impacts how programs related to reproductive health and rights are funded.**



Marco Rubio for Secretary of State

[Secretary of State nominee Marco Rubio](#) has an extensive record of making it [harder for Floridians and all Americans to access reproductive health care](#)—and of [opposing](#) global sexual and reproductive health and rights, including his longtime support of the harmful global gag rule. He also voted to defund UNFPA, the United Nations reproductive health agency, and is on the record [supporting abortion bans](#).

During Trump's first term, his administration not only reinstated the anti-abortion global gag rule but expanded it. Previous Republican presidents have applied the policy, but Trump's administration greatly expanded it to apply to organizations receiving any U.S. global health assistance. **Project 2025 proposes reinstating and expanding the global gag rule to greatly restrict and hamstring our ability to send foreign aid for abortion care and counseling.**

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For over 50 years, Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America) has fought to protect and advance reproductive freedom at the federal and state levels—including access to abortion care, birth control, pregnancy and post-partum care, and paid family leave—for everybody. Reproductive Freedom for All is powered by its more than 4 million members from every state and congressional district in the country, representing the 8 in 10 Americans who support legal abortion.