



# TRACKING PROJECT 2025: ONE YEAR LATER

## The Impact on Asian & Pacific Islander Communities

In 2024, Stop AAPI Hate published an analysis of Project 2025 to sound the alarm about the harmful implications for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AA/PI) people. Project 2025 is an ultra-authoritarian blueprint to Trump’s second term written by the Heritage Foundation, and since January 2025, the Trump administration has wasted no time in executing on the proposals in Project 2025—with devastating impacts for AA/PI communities.

Project 2025 Proposal	Status
<p><b>Targeting immigrants for arrest, incarceration, and deportation.</b>                      Asian Americans represent the only racial group that is majority foreign-born, and most Asian people living in the U.S. are immigrants. As a result of Trump’s mass deportation operation, the number of Asian people arrested by ICE has more than tripled and Asian immigrants have even died in ICE detention.</p>	
Empower ICE to raid homes, schools, businesses, and houses of worship without a judicial warrant.	Done
Expand immigrant detention, bringing the number of available beds to 100,000 daily.	In Progress
Withhold federal funding from sanctuary jurisdictions nationwide.	In Progress
Limit H-1B visas, which help college graduates remain in the U.S. to work after completing their degrees.	Done
Add a citizenship question to the U.S. Census, discouraging citizens and non-citizens alike from responding.	Pending
End the DACA program, which offers relief from deportation for children (“Dreamers”) who were brought to the U.S. without documentation.	Pending
Ban family-based immigration and other immigration categories that have allowed generations of AA/PI people to immigrate to the U.S.	In Progress
Discontinue visas for Chinese students and researchers.	In Progress

### Hurting workers and working families.

In 2025, AA/PI adults reported that the cost-of-living is the top issue they are concerned about. On top of the current cost-of-living crisis, Trump's actions have already put significant economic strain on small business owners, including Asian people, who own 11% of small businesses and close to 20% of restaurants in the U.S.

Dramatically expand tariffs, blocking out 'Made in China' products.

Done

Drastically cut food assistance and other critical social benefits.

Done

Suspend federally-funded diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programming.

Done

### Undermining U.S. public education.

AA/PI students rely on federal programs and protections to access the affordable, inclusive public education they deserve—including the 20% of all AA/PI K-12 students who are English learners; and the 1 in 3 Asian and 2 in 3 Pacific Islander students enrolled in Title I funded schools.

Eliminate the Department of Education.

In Progress

Defund services for low-income children and students.

In Progress

Ban instruction on systemic racism and gender identity from public schools.

In Progress

Privatize federal student loan programs and eliminate student loan forgiveness programs.

Pending

Revive the China Initiative, a racist and ineffective program designed to prosecute Chinese American professors for alleged economic espionage.

Pending

### Blocking access to reproductive health and gender-affirming care.

Many states with the fastest growing AA/PI populations are also seeing the fastest shrinking access to abortion and gender-affirming care. Within AA/PI communities, gender, sex, and sexual orientation are often stigmatized, making care that is increasingly under political attack even harder to get.

Exclude abortion from health care, and restrict access to abortion and contraception.

In Progress

Undermine access to gender affirming care and sex education.

In Progress

The Trump administration's speed in executing on Project 2025's commitments is alarming. While many of these actions are being challenged in court, lawsuits can take years. On the other hand, implementing the rest of Project 2025 will be slower because many of the remaining proposals require Congressional approval.

That means AA/PI communities still have time to turn the tide before the worst of the damage can be done. As the fastest-growing group of eligible voters in the nation, AA/PIs can wield that power to defend democracy, fight back against authoritarianism, and help create a fairer, more equitable future.

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AAPI  
HATE**

Stop AAPI Hate is a U.S.-based coalition addressing racism and racial injustice across Asian American and Pacific Islander (AA/PI) communities. Started amid the rise of COVID-19-related anti-Asian racism, Stop AAPI Hate has since joined a nationwide movement for a safer, more equitable future—for AA/PIs and for all marginalized communities. You can visit [stopaapihate.org](https://stopaapihate.org) to learn more.

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