

One Year from Now...	Project 2025 (Authoritarian Control)	Project 2026 (Healing Democracy)
Democracy & Governance	Federal agencies reduced, executive power expanded, civil service politicized (Schedule F reinstated). Centralized decision-making with reduced checks and balances.	Government functions with transparency, inclusivity, and trust. Civic engagement is prioritized, and democratic processes are reinforced through trauma-informed leadership and relational governance.
Civic Engagement & Voting	Stricter voting laws with barriers for marginalized communities; more centralized power over elections.	Radical belonging and participatory democracy—universal access to voting, civic education in schools, and community-driven policymaking.
Economy & Workers' Rights	Deregulation of labor laws, corporate tax cuts, increased tariffs leading to potential trade wars and inflation.	Economic policies rooted in equity and human dignity—living wages, workplace well-being, and sustainable economic policies.
Education	Department of Education abolished; curriculum determined by states, leading to increased disparities. More emphasis on private schooling and parental control over content.	Trauma-informed education embedded in national curricula; investment in public education, emotional intelligence, and civic literacy.
Public Health & Social Services	Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and disability programs; more privatization of healthcare. NIH and CDC budgets reduced.	Public health as a human right—equitable access to healthcare, mental health resources, and investment in holistic, preventive care.
Environmental Policies	Rollbacks on climate regulations, increased fossil fuel reliance, relaxed pollution standards.	Ecological justice and sustainability—clean energy investment, environmental protections, regenerative agriculture.
Disaster Response & Crisis Management	FEMA reduced or eliminated, disaster relief left to states, leading to inequitable recovery responses.	National resilience strategy—trauma-informed crisis response, disaster preparedness centered on equity and community well-being.
Social & Civil Rights	Stronger federal enforcement of conservative social policies, potential rollback of LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights.	Equity, anti-bias efforts, and cultural/gender affirmation—human rights embedded in all policies.
Workplace & Federal Employees	Mass layoffs in federal workforce, with loyalty-based hiring and firing under Schedule F.	Trauma-informed, healing-centered leadership—workplaces designed for well-being, collaboration, and meaning.
Justice & Criminal Legal System	Tougher sentencing laws, increased federal policing, potential restrictions on protest rights.	Restorative justice approaches—criminal justice reform rooted in healing, equity, and community rehabilitation.
Global Relations & Peace	”America First” policies; potential strain on international alliances, trade conflicts.	Global interconnectedness and cooperation—diplomacy over isolationism, fostering trauma-informed international policies.