Project 2026

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Executive Summary

Project 2026 is a comprehensive plan to integrate trauma-informed, science-driven, and justice-oriented principles into governance, healthcare, education, and public life. It is a counter-framework to policies rooted in authoritarianism, oppression, and corporate greed. We recognize that **governance must be relational, not transactional**, and that sustainable social change must be healing-centered, equity-driven, and evidence-based.

This document provides a **strategic roadmap** for implementing these principles across the following sectors:

1. **Democratic Governance & Civic Renewal**
2. **Justice & Public Safety**
3. **Healthcare, Mental Health & Trauma-Informed Systems**
4. **Education & Civic Literacy**
5. **Economic Justice & Workplace Reform**
6. **Environmental Justice & Climate Action**
7. **Global Cooperation & Human Rights**

Each section includes policy recommendations, legislative priorities, and executive actions to achieve systemic change.

I. Democratic Governance & Civic Renewal

Objective: Restore trust in democratic institutions, expand civic participation, and uphold constitutional norms.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Voting Rights & Democratic Access:**
  - Pass comprehensive voter protections (John Lewis Voting Rights Act) to counter voter suppression.
  - Implement automatic voter registration and Election Day as a federal holiday.
  - End partisan gerrymandering and establish independent redistricting commissions.
- **Campaign Finance Reform:**
  - Overturn Citizens United to eliminate dark money in politics.
  - Introduce publicly funded elections to level the playing field.
- **Executive & Judicial Accountability:**
  - Implement ethics reforms for Supreme Court justices and federal judges.
  - Strengthen whistleblower protections to expose corruption.
- **Civic Engagement & Education:**
  - Require civic literacy programs in K-12 and higher education.
  - Invest in local community-building initiatives that foster dialogue and social cohesion.

II. Justice & Public Safety

Objective: Transform the justice system from punitive to restorative, addressing root causes of crime and systemic harm.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Restorative Justice Over Mass Incarceration:**
    - End mandatory minimums and cash bail for nonviolent offenses.
    - Expand restorative justice programs in schools and communities.
    - Decriminalize poverty (end criminalization of homelessness, mental illness, and addiction).

- **Law Enforcement Reform:**
    - Establish national accountability standards for police misconduct.
    - Require de-escalation and trauma-informed training for all law enforcement.
    - Redirect funding from militarization to community-based violence prevention.

- **Judicial Reform:**
    - Expand funding for public defenders and legal aid.
    - Implement racial and economic impact assessments for sentencing guidelines.

III. Healthcare, Mental Health & Trauma-Informed Systems

Objective: Ensure universal access to healthcare with a focus on prevention, equity, and trauma-informed care.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Universal Healthcare Access:**
    - Implement a Medicare for All system or a strong public option.
    - Fully fund maternal and infant health initiatives, especially in marginalized communities.
    - Require trauma-informed care training for all healthcare providers.

- **Mental Health & Well-being:**
    - Expand mental health coverage in all insurance plans.
    - Integrate social and emotional learning (SEL) in schools.
    - Fund community-based trauma recovery centers to support individuals impacted by violence.

- **End-of-Life & Palliative Care:**
    - Establish dignity-focused elder care policies that prioritize autonomy, consent, and compassionate caregiving.

IV. Education & Civic Literacy

Objective: Rebuild public education to center critical thinking, civic engagement, and holistic well-being.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Equitable School Funding & Teacher Pay:**
  - Increase federal funding for low-income and marginalized schools.
  - Raise teacher salaries and eliminate student loan debt for educators.

- **Civic & Media Literacy:**
  - Integrate civic engagement and media literacy into school curriculums.
  - Require historical truth-telling in education, including teaching about systemic racism, Indigenous histories, and global justice movements.

- **Holistic & Trauma-Informed Learning Environments:**
  - Implement restorative justice programs in schools.
  - Train educators in trauma-informed, social-emotional learning strategies.

V. Economic Justice & Workplace Reform

Objective: Shift from extractive capitalism to a just, worker-centered economy.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Workers' Rights & Fair Wages:**
    - Raise the federal minimum wage to a living wage.
    - Implement universal paid family leave and sick leave.
    - Strengthen union protections and collective bargaining rights.

- **Wealth Redistribution & Tax Reform:**
    - Establish a wealth tax on billionaires.
    - End corporate loopholes that allow tax avoidance.

- **Cooperative Business Models:**
    - Provide incentives for worker-owned cooperatives and employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs).

VI. Environmental Justice & Climate Action

Objective: Prioritize climate resilience, environmental justice, and regenerative economies.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Renewable Energy Transition:**
  - Invest in 100% renewable energy by 2040.
  - End fossil fuel subsidies and reinvest in green jobs.

- **Environmental Justice for Marginalized Communities:**
  - Hold polluters accountable for environmental racism.
  - Implement climate resilience strategies in frontline communities.

- **Regenerative Agriculture & Food Security:**
  - Fund local, sustainable food systems to end food deserts.

VII. Global Cooperation & Human Rights

Objective: Strengthen diplomacy, protect human rights, and build a peaceful, interdependent world.

Key Policy Priorities:

- **Human Rights & Refugee Protections:**
  - Expand protections for asylum seekers and climate refugees.
  - Hold corporations accountable for human rights violations abroad.

- **Demilitarization & Peacebuilding:**
  - Reduce military spending and reinvest in conflict resolution and diplomacy.
  - End arms sales to regimes that violate human rights.

- **Global Health & Equity:**
  - Expand U.S. support for global public health initiatives and pandemic preparedness.

Conclusion: The Path Forward

Project 2026 is more than a policy document; it is a **cultural movement**. It is about shifting from a politics of domination to a politics of care. It is about **recognizing our interdependence** and reimagining systems that **foster justice, healing, and belonging**.

This is a **blueprint** for a world that **values people over profit, care over control, and love over fear.**

A better future is possible—if we choose to build it together.

Will you join us?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

◆ **Q: Is Project 2026 a political movement or a policy proposal?**
A: Project 2026 is not about partisan politics—it is about principles. While it offers a framework for governance, leadership, and civic engagement, it does not align with any specific political party. Instead, it provides a **values-based approach to democracy, justice, and belonging that can be adapted across different systems.**

◆ **Q: How is this different from past movements for democracy reform?**
A: Project 2026 **integrates trauma-informed care, relational governance, and healing-centered leadership**—which have historically been missing from traditional political reform efforts. This is **not just about structural change—it's about cultural and emotional transformation** in how we lead, govern, and belong.

◆ **Q: What kind of policies would align with the Project 2026 vision?**
A: Policies that:

- **Center care over control** (i.e., justice systems that prioritize restoration over punishment).
- **Uphold radical belonging** (ensuring all people, regardless of identity or status, have a voice).
- **Are trauma-informed and evidence-based** (applying relational, healing-centered leadership to governance and public services).
- **Promote equity and human dignity** in economic, environmental, and healthcare policies.

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◆ **Q: Who can use Project 2026? Is it just for government leaders?**

A: Absolutely not! Project 2026 is for **anyone** working to create trauma-informed, people-powered systems of care and governance. Whether you're a **community organizer, educator, nonprofit leader, corporate executive, or policymaker**, these principles can be applied in **any leadership role**.

◆ **Q: Can I host a conversation about Project 2026 in my community?**

A: Yes! Project 2026 is designed to **be a living movement** that grows through conversation, reflection, and action. The blueprint can be used in **workshops, community meetings, and organizational leadership discussions.**

◆ **Q: What's next for Project 2026? How will it evolve?**

A: This is just the beginning. Project 2026 is **a living framework that will continue to evolve as people engage with it**. As more individuals, communities, and organizations contribute insights, reflections, and applications, this blueprint will grow into a **collective roadmap for the future.**

📢 **Want to share your reflections? [Submit your ideas here](#)**

A Future at a Crossroads:
Project 2025 vs. Project 2026

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.

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