

Prescott Message #1 Backup

Russell Prescott supports allowing politicians to ban abortion, including without exceptions for rape and incest, and has a 20-year record of voting against a woman's right to choose in New Hampshire.

Russell Prescott Supports Allowing Politicians To Ban Abortion, Including Without Exceptions For Rape And Incest...

September 2023: Prescott Praised The "Recent Approach Of The Supreme Court To Give More Control To The States When It Comes To The Abortion Issue, Whereas That Is Bringing More Power To The People." SEXTON: "What is the case that you are going to make specifically that voters should change to someone else?" PRESCOTT: "Unfortunately, he has turned his back on the ideals of public service in New Hampshire, that is, balanced budgets, making sure that people have more control over their lives, local control. He is having a top-down approach to being in Congress. He is thinking that all of the decisions should be made in Washington, DC, more than they should be made here at a local level. You can point to the recent approach of the Supreme Court to give more control to the states when it comes to the abortion issue, whereas that is bringing more power to the people to decide for themselves what that issue is going to be like here in New Hampshire. Chris Pappas is saying, no, I'll decide for you what that is. And that's not fair. And that's not good for people here in New Hampshire. Turning your back on balanced budgets, turning your back on states' rights, is not a good recipe for reelection, and that's why I'm running." [WMUR, 6:33, 9/10/23] (VIDEO)

• April 2024: Of Trump's Comments On Abortion, Prescott Said, "I Have Been Consistent In Saying That This Issue Is Now One That Is Best Left Up To The States. I Agree With President Trump's Latest Comments." "On Monday, former President Donald Trump released a four-minute video clarifying his abortion policy in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision that returned control of abortion laws to the states. 'My view is now that we have abortion where everybody wanted it from a legal standpoint. The states will determine by vote or legislation, or perhaps both, and whatever they decide must be the law of the land. In this case, the law of the state,' Trump said. [...] Fellow Republican Russell Prescott said, 'While I'm personally pro-life and have the voting record in Concord to prove it, since the overturning of Roe v. Wade, I have been consistent in saying that this issue is now one that is best left up to the states. I agree with President Trump's latest comments and believe it is the right direction our leaders should take on this very personal, but important issue." [NH Journal, 4/8/24]

Overturning Roe Allowed States To Ban Abortion. "The Supreme Court on Friday stripped away women's constitutional protections for abortion, a fundamental and deeply personal change for Americans' lives after nearly a half-century under Roe v. Wade. The court's overturning of the landmark court ruling is likely to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states." [Associated Press, 6/24/22]

• July 2022: The Atlantic: "Conservative States Are Rushing To Eliminate Or Narrow Existing Exceptions" To Abortion Bans Including To Save A Woman's Life. "Even if someone believes that a fetus enjoys the same rights as an adult, abortion could be justified much in the same way that people who are anti-violence can understand the need in certain situations for self-defense. Support for the so-called life-of-the-mother exception seemed unshakable. Not anymore. Anti-abortion-rights groups, like Pro-Life Wisconsin, have described the 'life of the mother' exception as unnecessary and wrong. The Idaho GOP just approved a platform with no lifesaving exception. Republican candidates like Matthew DePerno, the Republican running to be Michigan's attorney general, oppose all exceptions to abortion bans, and that includes to save a mother's life. Conservative states are rushing



to eliminate or narrow existing exceptions to their laws. Powerful groups like Students for Life, Feminists for Life, and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) argue that 'abortion is never medically necessary' and that doctors should always be punished for intentionally taking a fetal life." [The Atlantic, 7/25/22]

• Guttmacher Institute: Trigger Laws In 12 States In The Event Roe Were Overturned Did Not Have Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. "12 states do not include exceptions for rape and incest in their bans that would be triggered if Roe were overturned or bans on abortions up to eight weeks of pregnancy: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas." [Guttmacher Institute, 11/22/21]

...And Has A 20-Year Record Of Voting Against A Woman's Right To Choose In New Hampshire.

Prescott Touted His "Pro-Life Record"

July 2024: Prescott Said He Was "The Only Candidate In This Race With A Pro-Life Record." [Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/31/24]



[Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/31/24]

2003: Prescott Championed Parental Notification Bills And Advocated For Redefining A "Fetus" To "Chip Away At Abortion Rights"

Prescott: "As A State Senator, I Personally Shepherded Through Parental Notification." [Russell



Prescott, Twitter, 7/31/24]



[Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/31/24]

May 2003: Prescott Voted For HB 763. [General Court of New Hampshire, Senate Bill 763, 5/22/03]

• 2003 New Hampshire Parental Notification Law Required Abortion Providers To Notify Parents Of Patients Under 18 Of The Procedure At Least 48 Hours Before It Was Performed. "In 2003, New Hampshire passed a parental notification law that required abortion providers to notify at least one parent 48 hours or more before performing an abortion on a minor. Republicans dominated the House and Senate then as they do now, but the bill only passed the House by six votes and by one vote in the Senate." [Bennington Banner, 6/15/11]

During The Debate Over Parental Notification, Prescott Introduced An Amendment To Redefine A "Fetus" To "Chip Away At Abortion Rights." "New Hampshire's Senate narrowly passed a bill Thursday that would require parental notification before girls under 18 can get abortions, moving a step closer to giving the state its only law regulating abortion. [...] If it becomes law, 'the state of New Hampshire will be mandating how family members interact, and the way young women make what is one the most difficult and personal choices a person ever has to face,' said Rep. Peter Burling, House minority leader. [...] The bill would require minors to notify a parent 48 hours before getting an abortion. Minors could get permission from a judge as an alternative. An amendment offered by Sen. Russell Prescott, R-Kingston, eliminates House language defining 'fetus' as 'any individual human organism from fertilization until birth.' Some legislators suspected the definition was intended to chip away at abortion rights." [AP, 5/22/03]



ACLU: Parental Notification Requirements Increased The Likelihood That Young People Would Delay Their Abortions, Making Them Medically Riskier. "Teens already are more likely than older women to have later abortions, and restricting teens' access to abortion only causes further delays. For example, following enactment of Missouri's parental consent law, the proportion of second-trimester abortions among minors increased by 17%. (AGI calculations based on data from Vicky Howell Pierson, 'Missouri's Parental Consent Law and Teen Pregnancy Outcomes,' 22 Women and Health 47, 53 (1995).) While abortion is safer than childbirth, later abortions entail more medical risks and are more difficult to obtain because they are more expensive and fewer doctors perform them." [ACLU, accessed 9/2/24]

ACLU: Parental Notification Requirements Increase Likelihood That Young People Are Forced To Give Birth And Become Parents. "In addition, because mandating parental involvement in a teen's abortion decision can prevent teens from getting the abortions they want, it can lead to teens suffering the physical, emotional, educational, economic, and social costs of teenage childbearing." [ACLU, accessed 9/2/24]

2003: Prescott Sponsored A Bill That Would Require All New Hampshire Hospitals To Require Death Records For Aborted Fetuses

1/9/2003: Prescott Sponsored House Bill 581 Which Would Require All New Hampshire Hospitals To Require Death Records For Aborted Fetuses. In January, 2003, Prescott sponsored House Bill 581 which read as follows: "290:1-a Fetal Death Records. Whenever a fetal death shall occur, the attending physician shall fill out a fetal death record and shall also record the disposition of remains. This will be solely a statistical report. This section shall apply to aborted fetal deaths." [New Hampshire H.B. 581, 1/9/03]

2/19/03: The House Committee On Health, Human Services And Elderly Affairs On House Bill 581: "Much Too Invasive" And Expressing "Concern For The Safety Of Those In The Medical Profession." The committee report marked the bill as "Inexpedient to legislate" and wrote "The committee felt that fetal death statistics could be collected without the use of a fetal death certificate. Given the information currently asked on a fetal death certificate, the committee felt it was much too invasive. Testimony expressed a concern for the safety of those in the medical profession." [New Hampshire House Report, Bill Number H.B. 581, 2/19/03]

• New Hampshire Government: "A Bill Is Considered Killed When The House Or Senate Votes To Adopt The Committee Report Of 'Inexpedient To Legislate'." "A report is submitted to the Clerk of the Senate or House entitled: Ought to Pass (OTP), Ought to Pass with Amendment (OTPA), Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL), Re-Refer to Committee, or Refer to Interim Study. [...] ITL: A recommendation by the committee indicating that the committee is against the bill. [...] A bill is considered killed when the House or Senate votes to adopt the committee report of 'Inexpedient to legislate,' or when a motion from the floor to 'Indefinitely postpone' is adopted." [New Hampshire State Library, Almanac, accessed 9/2/24]

2014 – 2016: Prescott Repeatedly Voted Against Protecting People Accessing Reproductive Health Facilities From Protestors Or Criminal Interference

May 2014: Prescott Voted Against SB 319. [General Court of New Hampshire, Senate Bill 319, 5/22/14]

• SB 319 Made It A Violation To Remain Within 25 Feet Of A Reproductive Health Facility, In Order To Ensure That "All Women In Our State Have The Ability To Avail Themselves



Of Their Constitutional Right To Control Their Own Bodies By Safely Accessing Reproductive Health Care Clinics." "Earlier this year, the New Hampshire legislature passed and, on June 10, 2014, the Governor approved SB 319. Under SB 319, it will become a violation-level offense for a person to 'knowingly enter or remain on a public way or sidewalk adjacent to a reproductive health care facility within a radius up to 25 feet of any portion of an entrance, exit, or driveway of a reproductive health care facility.' As the U.S. Supreme Court explained in McCullen, Massachusetts' 35-foot buffer zone served that state's legitimate interests in maintaining public safety on streets and sidewalks and in protecting a woman's freedom to seek pregnancy-related services. SB 319 similarly serves New Hampshire's important state interest in ensuring that all women in our state have the ability to avail themselves of their constitutional right to control their own bodies by safely accessing reproductive health care clinics." [ACLU New Hampshire, 6/26/14]

March 2016: Prescott Voted Against Passing SB 542. [General Court of New Hampshire, Senate Bill 542, 3/3/16]

• SB 542 Would Make It A Misdemeanor For Criminal Interference With Health Services When Someone Interferes With Someone Attempting To Obtain Or Provide Reproductive Health Services. "Criminal Interference With Health Services. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for criminal interference with health services when: (a) By force or threat of force or by physical obstruction, he or she intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with, another person because such other person was or is obtaining or providing reproductive health services; (b) By force or threat of force or by physical obstruction, he or she intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate or interfere with, another person in order to discourage such other person or any other person or persons from obtaining or providing reproductive health services; or (c) He or she intentionally damages the property of a health care facility, or attempts to do so, because such facility provides reproductive health services." [New Hampshire Liberty Alliance, accessed 9/2/24]

May 2015: Prescott Voted To Pass House Bill 403. [General Court of New Hampshire, House Bill 403, 5/14/15]

• House Bill 403 Would Repeal A Prohibition On An Individual Remaining Within 25 Feet Of A Reproductive Healthcare Facility. "Vote to pass a bill that repeals the prohibition on an individual being within 25 feet of a reproductive health care facility who is not entering or exiting the facility, a facility or public employee acting within the scope of their employment, or in transit to another destination." [VoteSmart, House Bill 403, introduced 1/8/15]

May 2016: Prescott Voted To Pass House Bill 1570. [General Court of New Hampshire, House Bill 1570, <u>5/5/16</u>]

• House Bill 1570 Would Repeal A Prohibition On An Individual Remaining Within 25 Feet Of A Reproductive Healthcare Facility. "Vote to pass a bill that repeals the prohibition on an individual being within 25 feet of a reproductive health care facility who is not entering or exiting the facility, a facility or public employee acting within the scope of their employment, or in transit to another destination." [VoteSmart, House Bill 1570, introduced 2/11/16]

Prescott Message #2 Backup



Russell Prescott's backers are pushing Project 2025, which if passed into law would make it easier to pay workers less overtime, mandate that the government monitor pregnancies, roll back measures to stop surprise medical billing, ban Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices, and eliminate the Head Start program.

Russell Prescott's Backers Are Pushing Project 2025...

Prescott Was Backed By National Republicans Pushing Trump's Agenda And Allied With The Creators Of Project 2025

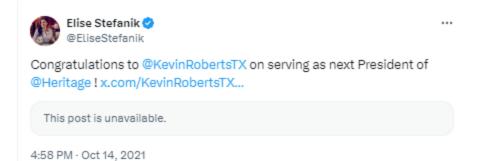
September 2024: Stefanik Endorsed Prescott. [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 9/12/24]



[Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 9/12/24]

- Stefanik Called Herself "Trump's Strongest Ally In The United States Congress," Said She "Stand[s] Up Very Strong [...] For The America First Movement Every Single Day," And Would "Be Honored To Serve In A Future Trump Administration In Any Capacity." "Stefanik is reported to be on former President Donald Trump's short list for vice president. She is the only woman believed to be under consideration. 'I'm honored to have my name in the mix for consideration for vice president. I'm proud to be President Trump's strongest ally in the United States Congress,' Stefanik said. 'I was the first member of Congress to endorse his election in 2024. And I have proven results here. I'm focused as always on doing my job as a representative for New York 21 and the House Republican Conference Chair and really bringing the concerns of my district to the highest level. President Trump understands that. He knows I'm a fighter and that I stand up very strong for my district and for the America First movement every single day. I'd be honored to serve in a future Trump administration in any capacity. I've said that for over a year." [WAMC, 6/21/24]
- 2021: Stefanik Congratulated Kevin Roberts For Becoming President Of The Heritage Foundation. [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 10/14/21]





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• Washington Examiner Called Roberts "The Mastermind Behind Project 2025" As President Of The Heritage Foundation. "The mastermind behind Project 2025 urged GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump to target the 'administrative state' in a recent interview with Tucker Carlson. Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts touched on what he said he believes is the threat from the federal government in the interview, a preview of which was exclusively given to the Washington Examiner. Roberts placed the blame on both Democrats and Republicans for what he called the 'administrative state's' rapid growth." [Washington Examiner, 9/10/24]

August 2024: Prescott Touted An Endorsement From Rand Paul, Praising Paul "As One Of Our Nation's Leading Advocates For Liberty." "Russell Prescott, small business owner, engineer, and former citizen legislator, has released another round of endorsements for his campaign. Prescott's hundreds of endorsements and his continued momentum in the number of leaders endorsing his campaign are unmatched by anybody else in the Republican Primary. Senator Rand Paul (KY) issued the following statement: 'Russell Prescott is an engineer and successful small businessman who stepped up for public service to stop a sales and income tax. From Constitutional Carry to Parental Notification, during his time in Concord, he led the charge on some of the most important conservative victories in the Granite State. Now more than ever, we need fighters like him in Washington who will never shy away from defending our liberties. Russell Prescott has my full support in the race for Congress in New Hampshire's First Congressional District.' Russell Prescott responded: 'Senator Rand Paul has served our country well in the U.S. Senate as one of our nation's leading advocates for liberty. Whether it be in his home state of Kentucky or on Capitol Hill, Senator Paul has fought tooth and nail to protect our freedoms. I'm honored to add Senator Paul's name to our growing list of hundreds of New Hampshire and national leaders who have signed up to support our campaign, far and away the most of anyone in this primary. 'Together, we can and will defeat Chris Pappas and flip this seat in November." [Prescott for Congress, Press Release, 8/19/24]

• Roberts Praised Paul As "One Of The Great Patriots Of Our Generation" When He Appeared On Roberts' Podcast; Paul Said He Had Been "Big Fans Of Heritage For A Long Time" And Had "Been There Many Times." ROBERTS: "Welcome to another bonus episode of The Kevin Roberts Show. Thanks so much for joining us. We have a little bit of time with one of the great patriots of the United States Senate, for that matter, one of the great patriots of our generation in America of our generation, our friend Senator Rand Paul. So I'm going to cut straight to it. Senator Paul, thanks for joining me." PAUL: "Thanks for having me." ROBERTS: "On behalf of the million and a half people who have been members of the Heritage Foundation, the Heritage Enterprise, the two million sentinels in our C4, thanks for everything you do." PAUL: "Well thank you. We have been big fans of Heritage for a long time. We have been over there many times, to both hear speakers, to be a speaker." [The Kevin Roberts Show, Spotify, :19, 6/2/22]



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July 2024: Rep. Kat Cammack Endorsed Prescott, Calling Him "A Conservative Leader Who Has A Track Record To Stand On." [Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/1/24]



[Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/1/24]

• January 2024: Cammack: "President Donald Trump Has My Full And Complete Endorsement For President Of The United States Of America." "Nearly nine months after rumors floated of her presidential endorsement, Rep. Kat Cammack is finally making it official and backing Donald Trump. 'As one of the youngest Members of Congress, I am acutely aware that the decisions of today tremendously impact my generation. As many know, endorsing in the presidential race is something I have not taken lightly,' Cammack posted to X Saturday. 'I have watched all of the candidates, reviewed their records, and studied how they plan to defeat President Joe Biden. While I have asked a lot of questions, one I have never had to ask was whether our country and the world was better off under the leadership of President Donald Trump. It was. That is an indisputable fact,' she continued. 'And despite everything the liberal media throws at him, he has led in the polls, brought in new voters, and has proven to everyone that he has the grit to win in November. I am looking forward to working hard with Team Trump to defeat Biden and getting our country back on the right path once again. President Donald Trump has my full and complete endorsement for President of the United States of America. Let's win this." [Florida Politics, 1/20/24]

July 2024: Prescott Touted An Endorsement From Max Miller, Calling Him "One Of The Rising Young Conservative Leaders In Congress." "Russell Prescott, small business owner, engineer, and former citizen legislator, announces the latest high-profile endorsement of his campaign for US Congress. Congressman Max Miller (OH-07) issued the following statement: 'As we head toward November, it is crucial for us to build a team in Congress that will fight alongside President Trump for



the American people. Russell Prescott, an incredibly successful small businessman and tested conservative, has what it takes to not only win the primary in NH-01 but also win in November. He's beaten Maggie Hassan — twice — and can do the same thing against Chris Pappas. Russell has my full support, and I look forward to working hard to ensure he represents NH-01 in Congress next year.' Russell Prescott responded: 'Congressman Miller of Ohio has served our country well in both Congress and in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. As one of the rising young conservative leaders in Congress, I'm honored to add his name to our growing list of hundreds of New Hampshire leaders who have signed up to support our campaign, far and away the most of anyone in this primary. Together, we can and will defeat Chris Pappas and flip the seat in November.'" [Russell Prescott for New Hampshire, Press Release, 7/29/24]

 March 2024: Miller Thanked Trump For His Endorsement, Adding, "When You're Back In The White House, We Will Secure Our Borders, Unleash Our Domestic Energy & MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN." [Max Miller, Facebook, 3/18/24]



[Max Miller, Facebook, 3/18/24]

• Prior To His Election To Congress, Miller "Worked For Former President Donald Trump As A Close White House Aide" For Four Years. "The 34-year-old Republican comfortably beat his Democratic opponent, Matthew Diemer, by 11 points to win the seat in northeast Ohio. Miller comes to Congress having worked for former President Donald Trump as a close White House aide for four years." [Spectrum News, 12/13/22]

Prescott Endorsed Trump And Vance

3/6/24: Prescott: "I Look Forward To Working With Donald Trump And The Rest Of The Republican Ticket Toward Victory This November." [Russell Prescott, Twitter, 3/6/24]





As a Granite Stater, I take the presidential primary process very seriously. Unifying afterward and working together to fix the serious problems we face as a nation is crucial. I look forward to working with Donald Trump and the rest of the Republican ticket toward victory this November. #nh01 #nhpolitics

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[Russell Prescott, Twitter, <u>3/6/24</u>]

July 2024: Prescott Reportedly Said, "I'm Here To Make Sure We Elect Trump In November" While Posing In Front Of A Car With A Trump Banner. [NH Journal, Twitter, 7/28/24]



On the scene: @Prescott4NH "I'm here to make sure we elect Trump in November."



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[NH Journal, Twitter, 7/28/24]

Prescott Called Vance An "Excellent Choice To Stand Alongside President Trump." [Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/16/24]





As a Marine Corps Veteran, best-selling author, and current Senator of Ohio, JD Vance embodies the experience needed to lead our nation forward with strength and integrity.

His dedication to our American values, coupled with his deep understanding of the issues facing our nation, makes him an excellent choice to stand alongside President Trump. #nh01 #nhpolitics



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[Russell Prescott, Twitter, 7/16/24]

Trump And Vance Pushed A Project 2025 Agenda

Trump's "Closest Allies" Wrote Project 2025 As A "Transition In Waiting," Including A List Of Executive Orders To Be Made On Day One, Should He Win Another Term. "KELLY: Just go straight to the heart of Project 2025. What is this all about? Why is it so controversial? ORDOÑEZ: It's effectively a transition in waiting, run by some of Trump's closest allies from his first presidency. And it really dates back to his disastrous first transition back in 2016. When he took office, he was widely criticized for being unprepared. Trump actually picked former New Jersey governor, Chris Christie, to make the plans. But Trump tossed all that work out when he was elected, and they really had to start from scratch. KELLY: OK. So this is designed to avoid that scenario again - to actually have a plan, should he have a second term? ORDOÑEZ: Exactly. His allies didn't want that to happen again if he wins a second term, so they got to work. And they got to work well before even the primaries, drafting plans for the next, quote, 'conservative president.' And I will note, to be clear, that's exactly what they'll say now. It's for any conservative president. But all along, it was written with Trump in mind. They've told me he was the embodiment of the program or the movement. You know, and they pulled together a huge personnel database. They also compiled a list of executive orders that can be rolled out on Day 1." [NHPR, 9/5/24]

HEADLINE: "Trump Claims Not To Know Who Is Behind Project 2025. A CNN Review Found At Least 140 People Who Worked For Him Are Involved." [CNN, 7/11/24]

J.D. Vance Had Close Ties To The Heritage Foundation, Which Developed Project 2025. "Former President Donald Trump named Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, as his vice presidential candidate Monday—a



pick that could complicate Trump's effort to distance himself from the controversial policy agenda known as Project 2025, as Vance has close associations with the right-wing organization behind the project. [...] Vance, however, openly has close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts, who told reporters Monday the organization was privately 'really rooting' for Vance to be the VP pick and praised him on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday as 'a man who personifies hope for our nation's future.' Vance has been a key champion of Roberts' efforts to turn the Heritage Foundation 'into the de facto institutional home of Trumpism,' Politico reported in a March piece, in which Roberts said the senator 'is absolutely going to be one of the leaders — if not the leader — of our movement.'" [Forbes, 7/16/24]

Vance: "Most Americans Couldn't Care Less About Project 2025. There Are Some Good Ideas In There." [Heartland Signal, Twitter, 7/11/24]



Leading Trump VP contender Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) praises Project 2025:

"Most Americans couldn't care less about Project 2025. There are some good ideas in there."



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[Heartland Signal, Twitter, 7/11/24]

...Which If Passed Into Law Would Make It Easier To Pay Workers Less Overtime...

Project 2025 Pushed For A Trump Era Overtime Threshold. "DOL should maintain an overtime threshold that does not punish businesses in lower-cost regions (e.g., the southeast United States). The Trump-era threshold is high enough to capture most line workers in lower-cost regions. One possibility to consider (likely requiring congressional action) would be to automatically update the thresholds every five years using the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) as an inflation adjustment. This could reduce the likelihood of a future Administration attempting to make significant changes but would also impose more adjustments on businesses as those automatic increases take hold." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 592, accessed 7/23/24]

• The Trump Era Minimum Threshold For Overtime Was \$35,308. "In a much anticipated move,



- the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) last Thursday issued a proposed rule affecting overtime salary thresholds. The DOL intends to set the minimum salary required to qualify for certain 'white collar' exemptions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) at \$35,308 dollars per year—\$679 per week. The proposed rule would also set the minimum salary threshold for the 'highly compensated employee' test at \$147,414 per year." [Winston & Strawn LLP, 3/1/19]
- The Threshold For Overtime In 2024 Was \$43,888. "The US Labor Department's use of Trumpera wage calculations for the first phase of its expansion of federal overtime pay protections creates a potential legal shield for at least part of a policy change destined for court attacks. The Biden administration's newly released rule will first increase the salary threshold for overtime eligibility to \$43,888 on July 1, up from its current \$35,568. That number is scheduled to jump to \$58,656 on Jan. 1, meaning workers making less than that amount are automatically owed time-and-a-half wages." [Bloomberg Law, 4/29/24]

Project 2025 Called For Congress To Allow Employers To Calculate Overtime Over A Longer Number Of Weeks. "Congress should provide flexibility to employers and employees to calculate the overtime period over a longer number of weeks. Specifically, employers and employees should be able to set a two- or four week period over which to calculate overtime. This would give workers greater flexibility to work more hours in one week and fewer hours in the next and would not require the employer to pay them more for that same total number of hours of work during the entire period." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 592, accessed 7/23/24]

• This Law Would Limit When An Employee Would Receive "Overtime Pay – To Only When They Work More Than 80 Hours Over A Two-Week Period, Instead Of The Current System Of Working More Than 40 Hours In One Week." "Project 2025 would shrink many workers' paychecks by calling for a law that limits when they receive overtime pay – to only when they work more than 80 hours over a two-week period, instead of the current system of working more than 40 hours in one week. That means if an employee works 55 hours one week and 25 the next, that worker won't qualify for overtime pay, despite working 55 hours one week." [Guardian, 8/4/24]

Project 2025 Would Allow Workers To Choose Between Receiving Overtime Or Accumulating Time-And-A-Half Paid Time Off. "Allow workers to accumulate paid time off. Lower- and middle-income workers are more likely be in jobs that are subject to overtime laws that require employers to pay time-and-a-half for working more than 40 hours a week. Congress should enact the Working Families Flexibility Act. The Working Families Flexibility Act would allow employees in the private sector the ability to choose between receiving time-and-a-half pay or accumulating time-and-a-half paid time off (a choice that many public sector workers already have). For example, if an individual worked two hours of overtime every week for a year, he or she could accumulate four weeks of paid time off to use for paid family leave, vacation, or any reason." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 587, accessed 7/23/24]

• Workers Advocates Said This Plan Was "A Ploy To Enable Employers To Twist Workers' Arms So That They Take Comp Time Instead Of Time-And-A-Half Pay." "In another proposal that would slice labor costs, Project 2025 says workers who qualify for overtime pay should be able to choose to receive compensatory time rather than time-and-a-half overtime pay. The project says this idea aims to give workers more time with their families, but many worker advocates say it is a ploy to enable employers to twist workers' arms so that they take comp time instead of time-and-a-half pay. Weil, the former wage and hour director, warned that employers might abuse this proposal: 'Unfortunately, in too many work settings, workers would be pressured into taking the accumulated time option and then have trouble using that time when they chose to do so,' he said." [Guardian, 8/4/24]



... Mandate That The Government Monitor Pregnancies...

Project 2025 Called For Expansive Government Tracking Of "Spontaneous Miscarriage; Treatments That Incidentally Result In The Death Of A Child (Such As Chemotherapy); Stillbirths; And Induced Abortion." "The word 'abortion' appears 199 times in Project 2025. The playbook includes an expansive array of suggestions of ways the government should regulate pregnancy and abortion, including: • Removing emergency contraception from the list of preventive services insurers must cover under the Affordable Care Act • Calling on the FDA to rescind its approval of 'chemical abortion drugs' such as mifepristone • Using the Comstock Act to make it illegal to mail abortion medication • Revoking Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions • Prohibiting hospital emergency rooms from providing an abortion in order to save a woman's life • Conducting expansive government tracking of every instance of 'spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion." [Bloomberg, 7/11/24]

Project 2025 Called For All States To Report "How Many Abortions Take Place Within Its Borders, At What Gestational Age Of The Child, For What Reason, The Mother's State Of Residence, And By What Method," Or Lose Federal Funding. "The CDC's abortion surveillance and maternity mortality reporting systems are woefully inadequate. CDC abortion data are reported by states on a voluntary basis, and California, Maryland, and New Hampshire do not submit abortion data at all. Accurate and reliable statistical data about abortion, abortion survivors, and abortion-related maternal deaths are essential to timely, reliable public health and policy analysis. Because liberal states have now become sanctuaries for abortion tourism, HHS should use every available tool, including the cutting of funds, to ensure that every state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother's state of residence, and by what method. It should also ensure that statistics are separated by category: spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion. In addition, CDC should require monitoring and reporting for complications due to abortion and every instance of children being born alive after an abortion. Moreover, abortion should be clearly defined as only those procedures that intentionally end an unborn child's life. Miscarriage management or standard ectopic pregnancy treatments should never be conflated with abortion. Comparisons between live births and abortion should be tracked across various demographic indicators to assess whether certain populations are targeted by — 456 — Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise abortion providers and whether better prenatal physical, mental, and social care improves infant outcomes and decreases abortion rates, especially among those who are most vulnerable." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed 7/23/24]

• Project 2025 Wanted To Enact The Ensuring Accurate And Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act Of 2023 Which Would Have Required States To Report Abortions, In Order To Receive Federal Medicaid Payments. "The Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 20239 would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve the CDC's abortion reporting mechanisms by requiring states, as a condition of federal Medicaid payments for family planning services, to report streamlined variables in a timely manner." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed 7/23/24]

Executive Director Of Planned Parenthood Votes: Project 2025 Would Allow For Government Tracking "In Order To Track And Prosecute People For Their Pregnancy Outcomes." "Donald Trump and his allies want to monitor people's pregnancies in order to track and prosecute people for their pregnancy outcomes,' Jenny Lawson, executive director of Planned Parenthood Votes, told HuffPost. Project 2025 indeed calls for such government tracking — under penalty of loss of federal



health funding for states that don't comply." [HuffPost, 8/1/24]

...Roll Back Measures To Stop Surprise Medical Billing...

Project 2025 Advocated For "Revisit[ing]" The Law That Protects Consumers From Surprise Medical Billing. "Revisit the No Surprises Act on surprise medical billing. The No Surprises Act protected consumers against balance bills, but it also established a deeply flawed system for resolving payment disputes between insurers and providers. This government-mandated dispute resolution process has sown confusion among arbiters and regulators as judges have sought to ascertain its meaning. The No Surprises Act should scrap the dispute resolution process in favor of a truth-in-advertising approach that will protect consumers and free doctors, insurers, and arbiters from confused and conflicting standards for resolving disputes that the disputing parties can best resolve themselves." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 469, accessed 7/23/24]

...Ban Medicare From Negotiating Lower Drug Prices...

Project 2025 Would Repeal Medicare's Ability To Negotiate Drug Prices. "Medicare Part D Reform. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) created a drug price negotiation program in Medicare that replaced the existing private-sector negotiations in Part D with government price controls for prescription drugs. These government price controls will limit access to medications and reduce patient access to new medication. This 'negotiation' program should be repealed, and reforms in Part D that will have meaningful impact for seniors should be pursued. Other reforms should include eliminating the coverage gap in Part D, reducing the government share in the catastrophic tier, and requiring manufacturers to bear a larger share. Until the IRA is repealed, an Administration that is required to implement it must do so in a way that is prudent with its authority, minimizing the harmful effects of the law's policies and avoiding even worse unintended consequences." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 465, accessed 7/23/24]

The IRA Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Reducing Drug Costs For Seniors And Federal Spending. "Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don't play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors." [CNBC, 8/12/22]

...And Eliminate The Head Start Program.

Project 2025 Would Eliminate Head Start. "Eliminate the Head Start program. Head Start, originally established and funded to support low-income families, is fraught with scandal and abuse. With a budget of more than \$11 billion, the program should function to protect and educate minors. Sadly, it has done exactly the opposite. In fact, 'approximately 1 in 4 grant recipients had incidents in which children were abused, left unsupervised, or released to an unauthorized person between October 2015 and May 2020.'68 Research has demonstrated that federal Head Start centers, which provide preschool care to children from low-income families, have little or no long-term academic value for children. Given its unaddressed crisis of rampant abuse and lack of positive outcomes, this program should be eliminated along with the



entire OHS. At the very least, the program's COVID-19 vaccine and mask requirements should be rescinded." [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 482, accessed 7/23/24]

Prescott Message #3 Backup

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- Zero-Based Budgeting Was "A Method Of Budgeting In Which All Expenses Must Be Justified For Each New Period." "Zero-based budgeting (ZBB) is a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period. The process of zero-based budgeting starts from a 'zero base,' and every function within an organization is analyzed for its needs and costs. The budgets are then built around what is needed for the upcoming period, regardless of whether each budget is higher or lower than the previous one." [Investopedia, 4/23/23]
- Senator Johnson Suggested Turning Everything Into Discretionary Spending, Including The Whole U.S. Budget In Annual Negotiations, Including Medicare And Social Security, Which Could Upend The Benefits The Programs Provide. "Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson indicated that Medicare and Social Security should be subjected to annual budget deliberations, a move that could upend guaranteed benefits relied upon by millions of Americans. Johnson, who is running for a third term in November in a race that could shape the balance of power in the Senate, made his comments Tuesday during an interview on the Regular Joe Show, hosted by Joe Giganti. Federal spending is in two baskets discretionary spending which comes in annual appropriations in areas like defense and public works and mandatory spending that is generally governed by statute and includes entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare that provide guaranteed benefits. During the interview, Johnson was asked about the PACT Act aid to veterans who have been exposed to toxic burn pits and a controversy over discretionary vs. mandatory spending. In his answer, Johnson suggested that he seeks to turn everything in the federal budget into discretionary spending including Social Security and Medicare so that programs can be evaluated and fixed." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 8/2/22]
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building roads to paying salaries of federal workers. In contrast, mandatory spending—spending on programs like Social Security, Medicare for the elderly and disabled, and Medicaid for the poor—is not approved by Congress each year. Instead, the government must provide program benefits to anyone who qualifies for them. Congress created these programs and can change them, but it doesn't approve spending for them; they are on autopilot." [Brookings, 7/11/23]

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- AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would "Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts." "AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support." [AARP, Letter, 4/9/18]
- CBPP: Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, "Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, National Defense, And Veterans' Benefits Could Be Cut By An Average Of One-Fifth."

 "Programs such as Social Security, Medicare, national defense, and veterans' benefits could be cut by an average of one-fifth under a constitutional amendment before the House this week to require a balanced budget in every year. If policymakers chose to protect some programs from cuts, the cuts in other programs would be even deeper. If they protected Social Security and Medicare, for example, all other programs would be cut by two-fifths." [CBPP, 4/11/18]
- Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Lead To \$200 Billion In Cuts To Medicare In 2025 If Cuts Were Evenly Distributed Among Programs.

 [Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 4/11/18]
- Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Lead To \$325 Billion In Cuts To Social Security In 2025 If Cuts Were Evenly Distributed Among Programs. [Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 4/11/18]

Prescott Voted To Raise The Retirement Age For New Hampshire Workers, Forcing Hundreds Into Early Retirement...

2011: Prescott Voted To Override A Veto For Senate Bill 3, Entitled "Making Comprehensive Changes To The State Retirement System." Prescott voted Yea on the Bill which was entitled "Making comprehensive changes to the state retirement system" and read "This bill makes various changes to the state retirement system including: I. Increasing retirement ages of group II members for service retirement, disability retirement, vested deferred retirement, and split benefits. II. Changing the definitions of earnable compensation and average final compensation used in calculating retirement benefits. III. Changing the composition of the board of trustees. IV. Transferring remaining funds from the special account into the state annuity accumulation fund. V. Eliminating future increases to medical



benefits premium payments. VI. Increasing member contribution rates. VII. Establishing a committee to study the establishment of a federal tax qualified voluntary defined contribution plan and a committee to study matters related to disability, medical subsidies, and COLAs. VIII. Limiting when the option to become a member of retirement system applies, and defining part-time employment. IX. Changing the eligibility for state employees to receive medical benefits. X. Extending a temporary supplemental allowance for fiscal year 2013 XI. Changing the interest calculation attributed to contributions." [General Court of New Hampshire, SB 3, 9/7/11; LegiScan, NH SB3 Text, accessed 9/2/24]

Senate Bill 3 Increased The Age Of Retirement For New Hampshire Public School Teachers From 60 To 65. "Chapter 224, Laws of 2011 includes many changes to eligibility and pension benefits, primarily for new members and members that are not vested as of January 1, 2012. These changes are intended to reduce the future pension liability and include, but are not limited to: Increasing the retirement age for employees and teachers from 60 to 65." [New Hampshire Department of Treasury, NH Retirement System 2011, 7/15/11]

Senate Bill 3 Increased The Minimum Retirement Age For Police Officers And Firefighters From 45 To 50. "Chapter 224, Laws of 2011 includes many changes to eligibility and pension benefits, primarily for new members and members that are not vested as of January 1, 2012. These changes are intended to reduce the future pension liability and include, but are not limited to: [...] Increasing the minimum retirement age for police and fire from 45 with 20 years of service from to 50 with 25 years of service." [New Hampshire Department of Treasury, NH Retirement System 2011, 7/15/11]

• The Minimum Years Of Service Was Also Increased From 20 Years Of Service To 25. "Chapter 224, Laws of 2011 includes many changes to eligibility and pension benefits, primarily for new members and members that are not vested as of January 1, 2012. These changes are intended to reduce the future pension liability and include, but are not limited to: [...] Increasing the minimum retirement age for police and fire from 45 with 20 years of service from to 50 with 25 years of service." [New Hampshire Department of Treasury, NH Retirement System 2011, 7/15/11]

Hundreds Of Granite Staters Quit Their Jobs Because They Didn't "Want To Risk Losing Pension Benefits." "Susan Lefebvre had planned to keep working 'until it wasn't fun to go to work.' Instead, Lefebvre, a criminalist for the Department of Safety - she analyzes forensic evidence - is retiring. After 38 years, her last day of work is Tuesday. 'It's been a monumental upheaval for me,' she said. Lefebvre is among hundreds of public employees - teachers, police officers, firefighters and state, county and municipal workers - who have submitted paperwork to retire in June. She says she doesn't want to risk losing pension benefits she's counted on for retirement." [Union Leader, 5/29/11]

- Workers Who "Had Planned To Keep Working For Years" Decided To Retire After Finding Out How Much They "Could Lose Under The Proposed Pension Changes." "Heath, 56, had planned to keep working for years. But when she figured out how much she could lose under the proposed pension changes accrued vacation and sick leave that would increase her monthly pension benefit she put in for retirement." [Union Leader, 5/29/11]
- 409 Members Filed For Retirements In June While Retirement Applications For July Jumped By Over 100 In A Week. "Many public employees chose to file retirement paperwork for June because July 1 is the start of a new fiscal year and previous budget versions proposed changes as of the new fiscal year. Under the latest compromise package, however, the changes would not take effect until Jan. 1, 2012. And that has given some members breathing room to make their retirement decisions. As of last Friday, 409 NHRS members have filed for June retirement. Dozens of employees who previously filed June applications withdrew them over the past week. But some may



have simply postponed their paperwork into the next month. Retirement applications for July jumped from 523 to 665 over the past week." [Union Leader, 5/29/11]

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VIDEO: 2022: Prescott Said Of His "Tough Votes On New Hampshire's Retirement System," "I'm Willing To Do That Again In Washington D.C., Tweak Social Security." MODERATOR: "Many Granite Staters view Social Security as a promise that must be kept. If elected how would you protect earned Social Security benefits for the future and how do you view the solvency of Social Security currently?" [...] PRESCOTT: "Twenty-four years I've been saying the same thing, balance the budget and make sure surpluses go where we need and that's Social Security. I also have to tell you that during my time in the Senate, I took tough votes on New Hampshire's retirement system- we had a retirement system that was much, much more lucrative than the private sector and I made sure those things changed. There were minor things we had to do at the end of the years of service to the state of New Hampshire that wouldn't just piggyback on labor after labor of overtime to give that very, very high retirement. We changed that, we spread out that, looked back, and said alright you're going to get a percentage of that but the look back is going to be longer so it was averaged out instead of jumboed [sic] at the end. Those votes were tough. I'm willing to do that again in Washington D.C., tweak Social Security so that the most neediest get what they put in." [New England College, YouTube, 51:31, 9/9/22] (VIDEO)