



Understanding the Threat: Black Women's Reproductive Justice in the Face of Project 2025

With less than 20 days until Election Day, our Week 2 discussion centered on the urgent threat to Reproductive Justice posed by Project 2025. We were honored to welcome **Edwith Theogene**, Director of Racial Equity and Justice at the Center for American Progress Action Fund; **Bridgette Jackson**, Director of Policy at In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda; and **Camille Kidd**, Senior Manager of Federal Policy at In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, to engage in a conversation around Project 2025 and its implications for Black women's reproductive futures. Our discussion underscored the impending threat posed by Project 2025, and the importance of collective action to protect our rights in this critical moment.

Key Definitions

- **Reproductive Justice:** A framework that goes beyond the limited focus on abortion rights, and encompasses the human right to control our sexuality, our gender, our work, and our reproduction. Reproductive Justice can only be achieved when all women and girls have the complete economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our bodies, our families, and our communities in all areas of our lives. At the core of Reproductive Justice is the belief that all women have: the right to have children; the right to not have children; the right to nurture the children we have in a safe and healthy environment.
- **Project 2025:** The Heritage Foundation's 920-page playbook for the next Republican administration if elected into office. Project 2025 includes plans to abolish the Department of Education; reinstitute the Comstock Act of 1973 to prosecute those sending or receiving contraceptives and abortion pills; cut funding for Medicare and Medicaid; terminate diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and affirmative action; eliminate coverage for emergency contraception; and replace federal civil service workers with conservative loyalists.

Talking Points for Friends and Family

- **Project 2025 represents an existential threat to our communities.** This playbook threatens our access to healthcare, education, economic opportunity, and political power. Discuss how plans to eliminate the Department of Education, cut funding for Medicare and Medicaid, and abolish affirmative action will disproportionately harm Black communities.

- **Project 2025 directly harms Black women.** At a time when Black women already face perpetual attacks on our civil and human rights, Project 2025 will deepen these inequalities— eliminating access to care for Black women who already bear the brunt of reproductive injustice. Discuss how eliminating coverage for contraception and reinstating the Comstock Act will impact Black women’s ability to control our reproductive futures.
- **We need candidates who prioritize Reproductive Justice for Black Women.** Project 2025 demonstrates the urgent need to elect candidates committed to passing proactive policies that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of Black women, girls, and gender-expansive people. Discuss how candidates and policymakers impact our ability to secure a Reproductive Justice agenda.
- **Mobilizing for change is essential.** Mobilizing our communities against Project 2025 and in support of Reproductive Justice champions is vital. Discuss strategies for raising awareness and fostering collective action to safeguard our rights and futures in this critical moment.

Remember:

- Reproductive Justice is a human right, not a privilege.
- Project 2025 is an existing threat—it’s borne from the same long-standing attempts to restrict our rights and limit our access to care.

Call to Action

- Vote for candidates committed to securing Reproductive Justice for all Black women, girls, and gender-expansive people.
- Don’t stop at the ballot box—urge your representatives to oppose Project 2025 and to support a Reproductive Justice policy agenda.
- Continue the conversation with your friends, family, and community members. Together, we can build a more equitable future for all.