



Made in America Panel Maintains that the Green New Deal will Create Chaos within the Nation's Electric Grid

More Democrats signing on to the ill-conceived Green New Deal, which could destroy America's energy grid and economy; the irrational folly of equating the Green New Deal with FDR's New Deal of the 1930s; why the energy grid would fail if America depends solely on wind and solar power; the marked improvement in the medical care options provided to veterans by the VA and government; the perils of healthcare rationing; and the out-of-control urge to adopt PC to the point that the movie Mary Poppins is considered racist, were among the topics tackled by co-host Dr. Rich Roffman (who stood-in for regular host Neal Asbury, who was traveling), and a panel of experts on the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates and the Armed Forces Network).

Dr. Roffman began the show with the notion that old ideas are coming back as new ideas, as people are romanticizing that FDR's New Deal is like the Progressive's Green New Deal; but forgetting that the New Deal did not accomplish most of its goals.

The first guest on Made in America was Myron Ebell, director of the Center for Energy and Environment for the Competitive Enterprise Institute, who challenges the renewable energy mandate of the Green New Deal, which is being pushed in the House by left-leaning freshmen such as Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York. He is warning that the U.S. and other countries would face an energy crisis if lawmakers move forward with proposals like the progressive-backed "Green New Deal" that would restrict access to fossil fuels and thus raise the cost of living.

"While Ocasio-Cortez and her group are advocating their Green New Deal, and promising to promote economic equality, they are actually going to turn the economy upside down and wind up hurting the poor people; the very group they are promising to help who will be unable to afford the renewable energy mandates Ocasio-Cortez is promoting. A greater percentage of the income for those less well-off goes to energy than people earning more money," according to Ebell, who has entitled the Green New Deal as the "Back to the Dark Ages Manifesto."

Dr. Roffman is concerned that despite the ill-conceived tenets of the Green New Deal, Ocasio-Cortez has become a media darling, even as the media have ignored the feasibility of the Deal.

"The Green Party gained some traction in the 2016 election and those ideas have percolated since then, which has given rise to the Green New

Deal. Even some senior Democrats have signed onto the Deal. They are proposing that we're facing a Global Energy Crisis, which would be true if the Green New Deal is enacted," maintained Ebell.

Ebell notes that wind farms sound promising, but the wind farms proposed for New England have been hung up for ten years trying to get permitted. "If we try to convert all our energy to renewable energies like solar or wind, we would have to pre-empt all environmental regulations, which means millions of birds will be put at risk."

Ebell does not think that the Green New Deal will ever get enacted, because by eliminating fossil fuels, it would put the power grid at risk. Wind and solar only can generate intermittent electricity, which would cause brownouts and blackouts across the country," noted Ebell.

The next guest on Made in America was Hadley Heath Manning, Policy Director for the Independent Women's Voice, who is pleased that the Administration is offering greater healthcare freedom with new proposed rules that would allow veterans to seek private options outside of VA facilities. This is a commonsense reform that would honor veterans with more responsive options for their care.

"Think about it: The VA is the most restrictive healthcare program in the United States, and over the years has received poor marks from veterans and their families. Previously, veterans have only been allowed outside of VA facilities if their closest VA was more than 40 miles away or could not offer an appointment within 30 days.

An attempt was made in 2014 to offer greater options when the Obama administration passed a choice program entitled the Access, Choice, and Accountability Act. It came about after VA facilities in many parts of the country were found to be falsifying records and taking way too long to process claims and offer health services to veterans. Why should veterans have to live under such restrictive regulations when Medicare and Medicaid patients are free to seek care with any willing provider? It's only our veterans who are restricted to care offered only at the VA," according to Manning.

"Veterans should have access to the best and timeliest care. They should be free to go anywhere for help after the sacrifices they made for this country. If there's a line for care, they should be placed at the front," maintained Dr. Roffman. Manning and Dr. Roffman are skeptical that a government-run healthcare system would start to

look like Canada, where care can take months or even years. Healthcare rationing is never a viable option for America.

Dr. Roffman played an excerpt from the soundtrack of the film Mary Poppins, to introduce a short segment of a cautionary tale of PC gone amok when a noted academic accused Mary Poppins of being a "racist" film because in a well-known scene Mary Poppins and some chimney sweeps appear to have blackened faces.

"This isn't racism. It's reality that if you climb down a chimney you are going to come out covered in soot. That's not people putting on black face; it's the result of hard work. It's just intellectual blackface," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman returned to a discussion of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her Green New Deal, and hopes that people will see through her plan and stop taking it seriously.

"She only won election in Queens by 16,000 votes. I don't think she had anything to do with the writing of the Green New Deal and has no idea of the harm that could be done if the country phases out fossil fuels over ten years. Her contention that bullet trains will eliminate the need for airplanes is ludicrous. And her faith in electric cars is not based on reality since it ignores the fact that fossil fuels are required to build and operate electric cars, and that AAA notes that in cold weather, the range of electric cars is cut by 40 percent," opined Dr. Roffman, who added that before supposing that the entire American energy industry can be transformed from fossil fuels to renewable energy a reputable study should be completed to validate the claims being made.

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