



## Made in America Panel Predicts that the Move toward Socialism will Sink the Democratic Party in 2020

Democrats realizing that the embrace of socialism will kill their party; the growing push back on the Green New Deal; the folly of eliminating fossil fuels; the growing sense of optimism for a U.S./China agreement that will truly benefit America; Trump has every right to criticize the Federal Reserve's flawed policies; the danger of socialism in full display in Venezuela; and the promise of the USMCA, were among the topics tackled by host Neal Asbury, co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, 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).

Neal and Dr. Roffman began the show with the news that moderate Democrats are starting to run away from the socialist policies espoused by the new breed of young Democratic leaders.

"It's gotten so bad that after New York lost the Amazon deal due to meddling by Democrats, the large electronic screen in Times Square took Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to task for helping to lose thousands of good paying jobs and billions of dollars to New York's economy," according to Dr. Roffman.

Neal added that Cortez's Green New Deal is also becoming unpopular after news leaked that the plan to replace all fossil fuels would cost \$32 trillion.

The first guest on Made in America was Daniel Turner, Executive Director for Power the Future, whose work is dedicated to the men and women who "power the future" through their hard work, sweat, determination and grit.

"Every time we turn on a light or start up our car, whether consciously or not, we are acknowledging the work of our energy workers. So it's difficult to see that these high paying jobs—most paying six-figures—will disappear if fossil fuel is replaced by renewable energy, as outlined in the ill-conceived Green New Deal. We simply cannot replace fossil fuel with renewable energy; it simply cannot meet the nation's energy demand. People point to solar energy as a cheap power source, ignoring the fact that it is government subsidized. It's simply dangerous. The prime minister of Australia tried to phase out fossil fuels, but after ongoing brown outs, he was booted out of office," maintained Turner.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that we don't have the technology yet to replace fossil fuels, and if we did, it would represent a major paradigm shift in the American way of life.

Neal compared the green movement to Cap and Trade, which Democrats introduced when they held both the House and Senate. But it still didn't get enacted.

"The Green New Deal is so flawed that Democratic leaders don't even want to bring it to a floor vote," added Neal.

"You have a member of Congress who won her seat by only 15,000 votes and suddenly she is an expert on energy. She completely ignored the fact that we would be eliminating petrochemicals, the main component in plastics and technology. How are we going to replace those?" asked Turner.

Neal and Dr. Roffman turned the discussion to the upcoming China-U.S. trade negotiations, where both believe that the U.S. will make great inroads in reducing IP theft and tariffs. "It will be an amazing achievement if Trump can pull this off. It will not only impact the U.S. but the rest of the world," noted Dr. Roffman.

Neal segued to the imminent collapse of Venezuela due to a failed socialist government that has squandered the nation's wealth, and led to a call for the ouster of President Nicolás Maduro, who has ravaged the country and its people.

"Many nations—with the exception of most of Europe—has called for Maduro to step down in favor of opposition leader, Juan Guaidó. It's an object lesson in the perils of socialism," opined Neal.

The next guest on Made in America was Steve Forbes, an iconic American publishing executive, who was twice a candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for President of the United States, and today is the Editor-in-Chief of Forbes magazine.

"The Green New Deal cannot work. Are we really going to get rid of planes and autos, build a bridge to Europe, a tunnel from the U.S. to Hawaii, and get rid of cows? Even many Democrats are walking away from this plan, and are deeply concerned that socialism is pulling the energy from the Democratic Party. The call for Medicare for all is not workable unless you like rationing of healthcare services, which is what is occurring in Europe and Canada," proposed Forbes.

Forbes noted that when people point to the failed socialist government in Venezuela, Democrats counter with the argument that it's not our type of socialism. Kids in school aren't learning about the dangers of socialism—they think anything with the word 'social' in it, is good. They need to understand that socialism is evil," suggested Forbes.

One more positive note, Forbes believes that Congress will ratify the United States Mexico and Canada Agreement, or USMCA, (replacing NAFTA). He also believes that the U.S. will prevail in talks with China, and put them on notice that America won't tolerate trade violations, or unfair tariffs, which essentially are sales taxes on products. These are

hurting China more than the U.S., especially as America puts sanctions on Chinese companies that violate business practices, which hurts these Chinese companies badly, and which catches the attention of the Chinese government.

Forbes also believes that China will ramp up imports of U.S. oil and gas, which will not make Russia happy.

Forbes gives a lot of credit to Trump for taking the Federal Reserve to task for some poor decisions they have made that negatively impacted the economy.

"We seem to forget that the Federal Reserve is not a branch of the government. They can be held accountable for their decisions. They have to leave the economy alone and stop treating it like a machine that needs fine tuning. Trump and his advisor are doing a good job reining in the Fed," according to Forbes.

The discussion turned to the burgeoning U.S. debt, which has hit a record high of \$1.4 trillion; something that began before Trump took office.

"It doesn't make the GOP look good, since they are the Party that tries to keep spending in check. But to Trump's credit, he added to the debt for a very good reason: to make sure the military had the money they needed to defend the country. But people aren't crediting him for this important decision," noted Dr. Roffman.

Neal concluded the show by putting the debt level in perspective. "Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal will cost \$32 trillion to implement. Good luck getting that through Congress."

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