



## Made in America Maintains That Green New Deal Will Sink Democrats in 2020

The implosion of Venezuela's government and economy and what it portends for the Democrat's embrace of socialism; the waning support for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her Green New Deal; the perils of Russia's and China's continued support for Venezuela's dictatorial strongman Nicolas Maduro; labor's rejection of the Green New Deal; and the potential rise in deaths resulting from the Green New Deal, 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 by proposing that if we want to see what happens when Socialist Democrats take charge, look no further than the disastrous current socio-economic outcomes in Venezuela, North Korea, and cold war Soviet Russia.

"It's unbelievable that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez refuses to condemn Maduro, even as he brings his country to its knees," proposed Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Fulton Armstrong, senior fellow at American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, who proposed that the strategy to remove President Maduro from power is well under way, but the outcome – and its implications – are still far from clear. It would be naïve to think that, whether National Assembly President Guaidó is installed in the Presidency or not, the country will heal and be stable quickly. It's also naïve to think that bringing down the Maduro government will somehow put Cuba on the death spiral that some seem to want.

"It all has to do with oil. When oil export prices were high, the economy and the government were stable, but when they fell, so did the leaders, with the exception of Maduro. But Russia and China are propping him up because Russia is owed some \$5 billion in loans, and China is out some \$60-\$70 billion, and if he is ousted, they will never get repaid. The U.S. is smart to threaten force to oust Maduro, but that should be the last resort because using force will not sit well with the coalition pushing for his removal. But an invasion would be catastrophic," according to Armstrong.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that an economy based on one major government controlled export usually fails, with the exception of Chile, which was able to successfully export copper and keep prices high.

Armstrong concurred, but noted that copper represented only 10 percent of the Chilean economy while oil accounts for 90 percent of Venezuela's economy.

Neal noted that thousands of Venezuelans have fled their country and have settled in Florida, where they are very supportive of Trump's hard-nosed policies regarding Maduro.

Armstrong warned that the U.S. shouldn't overplay its hand and make Maduro look like the victim. Force could alienate some of Latin America and the coalition built to try and put Guaidó in office.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion of the ill-fated Green New Deal, where Neal noted that America's main labor unions have rejected the Green New Deal because its policies will eliminate millions of American jobs.

"If labor bails on the Democrats, they will be in trouble in 2020," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Jon Miltimore, Managing Editor of FEE.org. His writing/reporting has appeared in TIME magazine, The Wall Street Journal, CNN, Forbes, Fox News, and the Washington Times.

"Unions weren't even consulted on the Green New Deal, especially not the AFL-CIO whose members will lose jobs in the very sectors impacted by the Green New Deal, such as energy, auto manufacturing, airlines and electrical transmission. There's a reason that Congressional members have severe reservations about the Green New Deal which is really not legislation; it's a manifesto," according to Miltimore.

Dr. Roffman noted that a sure sign that the Green New Deal is falling out of favor is that the co-founder of Greenpeace characterized Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as a "pompous little twit."

"The Green New Deal isn't really what the Democrats want as a standard bearer leading to 2020. Mainstream voters will reject it. Only the hard Left supports it. American citizens are realizing that our \$22 trillion debt and the growing cost of entitlements aren't sustainable. And they know that the Green New Deal isn't the remedy," maintained Miltimore.

Neal opined that if the U.S. and China can iron out a trade deal, the economy will soar and even mainstream media will have to credit Trump for the jobs boon. He also maintained that the plan to tax the rich at a rate of 70% or more would not reduce the national debt or create any bump to the economy.

"We can't have an economy of any sort if we eliminate fossil fuels. With no combustible engines or airplanes, shipping will be at standstill. Once you stop the economy, it is nearly impossible to re-start," proposed Dr. Roffman.

"We can't exaggerate how dangerous the Green New Deal. It really will lead to deaths. It's dangerous stuff. People need to wake up," concluded Miltimore.

Dr. Roffman agreed, describing the Green New Deal as an outrageous scenario. Socialism has killed more people than almost anything. "Central planning doesn't work. Look at East Berlin and North Korea. And now Venezuela."

"America will do the right thing and reject Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her cohorts. They'll see through the dangers of socialism and recognize that there's nothing more powerful than a free trade economy. People are working, making money and there's a job for nearly everyone. They're taking notes, and the Democrats are in for a rude awakening if they continue down this path to socialism," maintained Neal.

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