



Made in America Panel Proposes that Environmental Infighting is Moving Democrats Farther to the Left

The new estimate that the Green New Deal will initially cost anywhere from \$4.5 trillion to \$13 trillion; the unrealistic expectations that solar and wind energy can fuel the electric grid and replace fossil fuels; why the infighting among Democrats over energy will derail their election chances; why this is a great time for entrepreneurs and why Texas is a great place to invest capital; the danger of progressive voters relocating to red states and turning them purple or blue; and the market keeps chugging along despite no progress on Chinese trade negotiations, 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 discussing the hypocrisy of billionaire hedge fund manager, environmental activist and now a presidential candidate Tom Steyer extolling the virtues of green energy while he is a major investor in Chinese coal mining operations that are polluting not only China but most of Asia.

"Here's another rich white guy running for the presidency on a green energy agenda while he makes millions on dirty Chinese coal, poisoning the Earth using 1950s technology that creates a yellow toxic haze throughout China," according to Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, proposing that Steyer is playing both sides of the environmental coin.

The first guest on Made in America was James Taylor, a senior fellow for environment and energy policy at The Heartland Institute, who remarked about the \$4.5 trillion figure that is being bandied about as the cost of the Green New Deal if it comes to fruition.

"I actually think that figure is closer to \$13 trillion which will cost every American household \$1,000,000. It takes into account getting rid of airplanes, building high speed rail and replacing all fossil fuels with green technologies," according to Taylor.

Dr. Roffman noted that "it's taken us 100 years to upgrade our country's energy resources to the point that we are energy independent and can even export energy overseas. To think that we can replace it all in 12 years is fantasy. It takes 300 square miles of wind plants to supply the energy of one power plant."

"The political Left has hijacked the discussion about energy, promoting green energy while conveniently ignoring the 1.5 million birds and

bats killed by wind turbines. The Green Dream is dragging Democrats into the far Left. Even Nancy Pelosi is pushing back. This discussion is creating a rift within the Democratic party, pushing many members reluctantly into socialism," maintained Taylor.

"You can't pretend you're middle-of-the-road if you advocate what the Leftist candidates are spewing. It's a Catch-22 for Democrats. They want to be considered centrists but they have to move toward the Left if they want to win," according to Dr. Roffman.

"The UN global commission noted that solar energy went down 11 percent last year, a sign that its future is not guaranteed. No country in the world has converted all of its energy to solar and wind," noted Taylor.

The next guest on Made in America was James Quintero, from the Texas Public Policy Foundation, who agreed with Neal that it's a great time to start a business. And he naturally proposed that Texas is the best place for American entrepreneurs.

"There is no better state to start a business than in Texas. We have the best environment for small business. It's a place where if you roll up your sleeves, and invest your capital, you will succeed. CNBC voted Texas the best state for business in 2018. We have low taxes, light regulations and a small government. Our lawmakers are pro-business, passing a \$5.1 billion tax relief program, with limited rise of future taxes," noted Quintero.

Quintero referenced a study by WalletHub that compared the 50 states across 26 key indicators of startup success to determine the most fertile grounds in which to launch and grow an enterprise. Texas ranked first; Utah ranked second; Georgia ranked third; North Dakota ranked fourth; Oklahoma ranked fifth; and Florida ranked sixth.

Neal wondered how a state like California, with so many problems could be ranked eighth. It appears that the criteria played in California's favor.

Dr. Roffman was sure that right-to-work states ranked high due to their economic policies.

Neal and Dr. Roffman were concerned that as an influx of progressive voters from California have moved into Texas, there is a real potential to turn it from red to purple or blue.

"There are so many wealthy Texans, but many live in Houston and Dallas, which has more progressives. Ted Cruz barely beat Beto O'Rourke. If Republicans really want to win Texas they have to allow horses to vote. The "Horse Vote" could

swing the state clearly to the Republican's corner," quipped Dr. Roffman.

Turning back to the Green New Deal, Dr. Roffman conjectured that if the Green New Deal becomes a reality and energy is rationed, people will begin pilfering electricity the way people once pilfered cable TV.

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