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Key Vote NO on the “Green New Deal” Resolution, S.J.Res. 8

On behalf of FreedomWorks’ activist community, I urge you to contact your senators and ask them to vote NO on the “Green New Deal” resolution, S.J.Res. 8. The joint resolution reflects the text of S.Res. 59, which was introduced by Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.). The “Green New Deal” resolution seeks to transition America’s mostly free market economy into a socialist economy, bordering on full-fledged communism.

The so-called “Green New Deal” is not grounded in any sense of reality. By one unofficial estimate, the resolution’s goals of government-run healthcare, a complete transition to renewable energy, “free” college for all, and universal basic income would cost \$6.6 trillion annually,¹ or 31 percent of projected gross domestic product (GDP) for 2019. To put this into perspective, the Congressional Budget Office projects that federal spending in 2019 will total \$4.4 trillion, or 20.8 percent of GDP.

This unofficial estimate does not include retrofitting or rebuilding every single building in the United States, a high-speed rail system that promises to make air travel unnecessary while ignoring the existence of oceans (sorry, Hawaii), increased subsidies for electric vehicles -- which currently draw their power from a grid fueled predominantly by a combination of coal, natural gas, and oil-fired electric power plants -- to replace all of the gas-fueled vehicles currently on the road, or any of the other unicorns promised to come down this socialist rainbow.

Oh, and let’s not forget the cost of providing year-round doses of Gas-X for all 94.3 million cattle in the United States that we probably wouldn’t be allowed to eat. Addressing bovine flatulence is undoubtedly a critical component of the “Green New Deal,” as one would hope to mitigate the smell of so much B.S.

¹ Noah Smith, “The Green New Deal Would Spend the U.S. Into Oblivion,” Bloomberg, February 8, 2019
<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-02-08/alexandria-ocasio-cortez-s-green-new-deal-is-unaffordable>

The cost of all these promises is not the only concern. It remains a mystery who will actually do the work required since the “Green New Deal” guarantees pay for Americans who are simply “unwilling to work.”

The “Green New Deal” is, by far, one of the most ridiculous, thoughtless pieces of legislation to be introduced in Congress. Put simply, the “Green New Deal” resolution doesn’t represent serious public policy. It is, however, an indictment of the Democratic Party, which is increasingly dominated by so-called “democratic socialists” who haven’t bothered to look at what’s happening in Venezuela or who will sheepishly claim, “That’s, like, not real socialism.”

Obviously, FreedomWorks will count the vote on S.J.Res. 8 when calculating our Scorecard for 2019 and reserves the right to weight any votes. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Brandon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Adam Brandon
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