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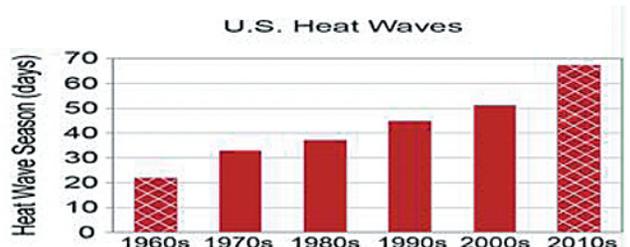
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What Green New Deal?



By Harlan Green / Special to VOICE

THE GREEN NEW DEAL RESOLUTION, introduced in the House by Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) as H. RES. 109, is really a vision of what a fully-realized United States of America could look like, if its social and economic ills were remedied. While it will take at least a generation to accomplish what Markey and Ocasio-Cortez propose, a majority of Americans say they support it, in the best of circumstances.

On the other hand, much of the current voting public doubts that the dire predictions on climate change are true. So, it will take the Ocasio-Cortez's in generations coming of age that want a better future for themselves to realize a more perfect union than is currently the case.

Markey and Ocasio-Cortez want to change more than environmental laws and regulations in order to eliminate greenhouse gases. They want to make democracy work for everyone. H. RES. 109 states, "to promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and repairing historic oppression of indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth (referred to in this resolution as 'frontline and vulnerable communities.'" Have they left anyone out?

Much of the business community will be alarmed by the reversals in pro-corporate policies implemented since the Reagan era that tilted the economic playing field towards Big Business by allowing monopolistic behavior in many business sectors and the weakening of labor laws.

The Green New Deal wants to strengthen labor laws by "(G) ensuring that the Green New Deal mobilization creates high-quality union jobs that pay prevailing wages, hires local workers, offers training and advancement opportunities, and guarantees wage and benefit parity for workers affected by the transition."

Let's first understand where the phrase "Green New Deal" comes from. *NYTimes'* Thomas Friedman declared in a 2017 Op-ed that a Roosevelt, big government New Deal was needed to revive the American economy from its doldrums since the Great Recession, and save Earth from the dire effects of climate change that even the U.S. Pentagon predicts could be catastrophic for world peace.

Friedman summarized its goals as: 1. Zero-net energy buildings: buildings that can produce as much energy as they consume. 2. Zero-waste manufacturing: stimulating manufacturers to design and build products that use fewer raw materials and that are easily disassembled and recycled. 3. A zero-carbon grid: If we can combine renewable power generation at a utility scale with some consumers putting up their own solar panels and windmills that are integrated with the grid, and with large-scale storage batteries, we really could, one day, electrify everything, carbon-free. 4. Zero-emissions transportation: a result of combining electric vehicles and electric public transportation

with a zero-carbon grid. The Green New Deal uses Friedman's suggestions as a blueprint. Their resolution said, "The October 2018 report entitled 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 of Celsius' by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the November 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report found that among other things—a changing climate is causing sea levels to rise and an increase in wildfires, severe storms, droughts, and other extreme weather events that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure."

Isn't that enough damage? Furthermore, it adds, "global warming at or above two degrees Celsius beyond preindustrialized levels will cause— (A) mass migration from the regions most affected by climate change; (B) more than \$500,000,000,000 in lost annual economic output in the United States by the year 2100; (C) wildfires that, by 2050, will annually burn at least twice as much forest area in the western United States than was typically burned by wildfires in the years preceding 2019."

The U.S. Pentagon first raised similar alarms on global warming in a 2015 report to the Senate Appropriations Committee, because of the possibility of global conflicts caused by the struggle for depleted resources.

Climate change "should be elevated beyond a scientific debate to a U.S. national security concern," say the authors Peter Schwartz, CIA consultant and former head of n-planning at Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Doug Randall of the California-based Global Business Network.

"The document predicts that abrupt climate change could bring the planet to the edge of anarchy as countries develop a nuclear threat to defend and secure dwindling food, water, and energy supplies. The threat to global stability vastly eclipses that of terrorism, say the few experts privy to its contents," wrote the *Observer* and *Guardian* newspapers that first broke the story.

The question should be how to achieve those goals, not whether it is desirable. The first step must be to eliminate our reliance on non-renewable, carbon-based fossil fuels that is endangering national and international security, as our planet warms while becoming ever more overcrowded.

The truth is none of it can be achieved without a more perfect union, rather than the conquer and divide mentality of much of our current political and economic elites.

The Green New Deal resolves to revive our democracy so that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from it.

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