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## Inside Track

### Green New Deal Will Cost \$93 Trillion, Says Think Tank

The Green New Deal (GND) being pushed by far-left Democrats such as New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez could cost the country as much as \$93 trillion — that's \$653,000 per household — over a decade, according to a new report released February 25 from the American Action Forum (AAF).

The GND's goal of transitioning to a power system with net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions in 10 years is quite daunting. Even using very conservative assumptions such as maintaining only four hours' worth of power storage and not constructing new transmission assets, AAF forecasts that attaining the GND's objective would require \$5.4 trillion of capital investment by 2029, not to mention an additional \$387 billion in "annual operation, maintenance, and capital-recovery costs." All of this will, the group estimates, increase the cost of generating electricity by at least 22 percent, costing the average family an additional \$295 per year.

Another of the GND's grandiose schemes is to guarantee all Americans "a job with a family-sustaining wage, adequate family and medical leave, [and] paid vacations." AAF predicts that this program will cost at least \$6.8 trillion and, if all those who can be expected to take advantage of the program do so, up to \$44.6 trillion. The chumps still working in the private sector will, of course, be subjected to confiscatory taxation to provide these jobs — not to mention "economic security" for those "unwilling to work."

Such cost estimates, plus the GND's massive social engineering, have led even the climate-alarmist *Washington Post* to condemn the GND. In a February 24 editorial, the paper called the net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions objective "impossible." An expert it consulted estimated this part of the GND alone would cost \$27 trillion, or nine percent of the Gross Domestic Product — "more spent every three years than the total amount the country spent on World War II." Moreover, the editors wrote, "The plan's proposal to retrofit all existing buildings is also astonishing in its implied scale, and its promises to invest in known fiascos such as high-speed rail reveal deep insensitivity to the lessons of recent government waste."

By Michael Tennant

### Could Hispanics Be Drifting Away From the Democrats?



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President Trump tweeted in January that he now had a 50-percent approval rating among Hispanics. “Wow, just heard that my poll numbers with Hispanics has gone up 19 percent to 50 percent. That is because they know the Border issue better than anyone, and they want Security, which can only be gotten with a Wall.”

It is true that a January 17 Marist Institute for Public Opinion poll taken for National Public Radio (hardly a bastion of conservative politics) indicated a strong surge in approval for Trump among America’s Hispanic voters. Not surprisingly, Marist rushed to caution that there was a high margin of error in the poll, and perhaps they had over-sampled Republicans.

However, a February 4 POLITICO/Morning Consult poll seemed to confirm the Hispanic surge for Trump, pegging him at 42 percent among Hispanics. If Trump were to get anywhere in the neighborhood of the 40 percent of the Hispanic vote won by George W. Bush in 2004, his reelection would be all but assured.

Two-thirds of the Hispanic electorate is now native-born. These native-born Hispanics are more likely to approve of Trump than recently naturalized immigrants, according to Pew Research. As Democrats continue their leftward surge, they risk losing more and more Hispanics. The increasingly extreme pro-abortion positions taken by Democrats can be expected to further alienate Hispanics, who tend to be more pro-life than the average voter.

According to Census Bureau data, the median income for Hispanics grew by 3.7 percent, adjusted for inflation, in 2017. Median weekly earnings for Hispanics working full-time has increased by 4.3 percent, adjusted for inflation, for the past two years.

Hispanics tend to start their own businesses, more so than other Americans, and Trump has implemented policies that include reducing the regulatory burden on business owners.

As the 2020 presidential and congressional elections loom, Hispanic voters, and indeed all American voters, will have to ask themselves if they are willing to kill the goose that laid the golden egg in exchange for unconstitutional gun control, job-killing environmental regulations, and abortion-on-demand up to birth.

By Steve Byas



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## **FDA Boss to States: Eliminate Vaccine Exemptions, or Else**

Food and Drug Administration boss Scott Gottlieb wants to force states to vaccinate children, even if it goes against the religion or conscience of the parents.

Speaking to CNN on February 20, the FDA commissioner tried to make his case for federal intervention. "Some states are engaging in such wide exemptions that they're creating the opportunity for outbreaks on a scale that is going to have national implications," he claimed this week, adding that if "states continue down the path that they're on, I think they're going to force the hand of the federal health agencies."

No specifics were provided, with Gottlieb saying only, "You could mandate certain rules about what is and isn't permissible when it comes to allowing people to have exemptions." Right now, only three states do not allow non-medical exemptions. But Gottlieb said he is "deeply skeptical" of those exemptions.

Gottlieb's comments come amid a broader global war on informed consent, religious freedom, and parental rights in vaccination. Citing the United Nations World Health Organization, the *New York Times* in a January 19 article called for state and federal authorities to crack down on vaccine skeptics. In the editorial, headlined "How to Inoculate Against Anti-Vaxxers," the *Times* called on states to emulate California, where Big Pharma-funded lawmakers eliminated personal-belief exemptions in 2015.

But critics are fighting back. President Barbara Loe Fisher of the National Vaccine Information Center, which opposes vaccination mandates, slammed the exploitation of a few measles cases to push draconian policies. "It is highly inappropriate for federal officials, particularly the commissioner of the FDA who is legally responsible for regulating vaccines, to threaten state legislators with federal action if they do not tighten exemption laws," she told *The New American* in a phone interview, adding that vaccine laws have always been a state issue, dating back to a 1905 Supreme Court case. "It is our position that the federal government should not be interfering in what is clearly a state issue."

As well, if vaccinations really provide immunity, only those who are not vaccinated should experience illness.

By Alex Newman

## **CBO: National Debt to Nearly Double by 2029**



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The national debt clock just clicked over \$22 trillion. But according to the latest report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), published in January, wait 'til 2029! That clock will be approaching \$36 trillion.

The CBO adds details, clarifying who has loaned the \$22 trillion to the federal government. Seventy-three percent has been loaned by private investors, bond mutual funds, and pension plans seeking “safety and security.” The rest was loaned to the U.S. Treasury by agencies of the federal government — they’re called intra-governmental loans — such as spending the FICA payroll taxes that come into Social Security in exchange for special government bonds. Today the public owns \$16.1 trillion of the federal government’s \$22 trillion debt. By fiscal year 2029, 11 years from now, the public will have loaned the government nearly \$29 trillion, an increase of more than 80 percent.

The authors of the report issued the usual warnings: “Such a high and rising debt would have significant consequences, both for the economy and for the federal budget.... As interest rates continue to rise toward more typical levels, federal spending on interest payments would increase substantially. Because federal borrowing reduces national savings over time, the nation’s capital stock ultimately would be smaller, and productivity and total wages would be lower.” There’s also the increasing risk that the “public” might not be so willing to loan money to the government unless they received much more than “typical” interest rates.

The usual suspects are blamed for the skyrocketing deficits, adding to the national debt: the aging of the population (and its demand for entitlements), the rising costs of healthcare for the elderly, and rising interest payments.

Under the assumption that “existing laws governing taxes and spending generally remain unchanged,” the CBO concludes that the extraction of capital from the private market will slow the economy drastically. It forecasts annual growth rates of less than two percent a year as the debt burden on the economy continues to grow.

By Bob Adelman





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## At “World Government Summit,” Globalists Push UN Agenda 2030



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Thousands of leading globalists, communists, Islamists, and others from around the world converged on the Arabian Peninsula February 10-12 for the World Government Summit. Their goal: promote technocratic globalism and plot the future of what they often call their “New World Order.” Senior officials from the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the European Union, Communist China, central banks, and even the Trump administration showed up to mingle with heads of state and advocates of Islamic Sharia law from across the region. Even Pope Francis delivered a message. As usual, despite top U.S. media outlets partnering with the summit, the establishment press in the United States largely failed to inform Americans about it.

One of the key goals of the summit was advancing the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, often referred to as UN Agenda 2030. UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed opened the summit by demanding that the radical UN scheme be implemented to avoid “life-threatening consequences for billions of people.” UN “High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda” Cristina Gallach echoed the hysteria. And throughout the summit, more than a few speakers touted the controversial UN agenda as if it were the key to saving humanity from every problem under the sun.

The UN goals, as this magazine has documented, include national and global wealth redistribution, government control over the economy, globalist indoctrination of all children, surrendering more sovereignty to global institutions, and much more. They are essentially a “master plan for humanity,” as UN bosses put it, to build a global technocratic government that would dominate every facet of human existence.

And the line-up of speakers was universally supportive of the agenda. In an address delivered to the World Government Summit after signing a controversial agreement with a top Sunni Muslim imam, Pope Francis, a fervent advocate of UN Agenda 2030, offered his “best wishes” for the work of summit attendees. Urging cooperation to address the “problems of each person in the global village,” the pope called for more environmentalism while using leftist rhetoric to drive a wedge between “people” and “capital and economic interests.”



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Globalists were everywhere at the event. IMF boss Christine Lagarde, who suggested the IMF might be moved from Washington to Beijing, was a key speaker. Other leading globalist managers speaking at the summit included the scandal-plagued chief of the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Francis Gurry, who has come under fire for retaliating against whistleblowers and trying to have a reporter prosecuted. UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization chief Audrey Azoulay, a socialist working to standardize the indoctrination of children worldwide, spoke as well. UN Development Program boss Achim Steiner, UNICEF boss Henrietta Fore, UN General Assembly President Maria Espinoza, World Food Programme chief David Beasley, totalitarian-minded UN Sustainable Development Goals peddler Jeffery Sachs, World Economic Forum boss Klaus Schwab, and numerous other globalist leaders spoke there, too.

Among the prominent “media partners” of the World Government Summit listed on the website were the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, Bloomberg, CNBC, the kingpins at CNN, Sky News (owned by the owner of Fox News), and many others. It was not clear how they were expected to maintain impartiality about the agenda while also sponsoring the summit. Arianna Huffington of the left-wing website Huffington Post and CNN International anchor Becky Anderson even spoke there, along with other media personalities. But as usual, there was very little coverage of the event in American media, perhaps because top globalists tend to openly promote globalism in a way that would alarm the U.S. public and jeopardize the agenda.

Aside from the major media outlets, Big Business partnered with the World Government Summit. Companies included Mastercard; KPMG; Deloitte, McKinsey & Company, and many other Big Business affiliates. A broad array of “global governance” institutions partnered with the world government peddlers, too, including the UN, the IMF, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Trade Organization, WIPO, and more.

While the establishment media keep Americans divided and distracted with deception and frivolity, globalists are dropping the mask and coming out of the closet for all to see. It seems everyone is welcome in the emerging New World Order except patriotic Americans and Christian conservatives. Liberty-loving Americans must expose the subversive globalist agenda before it snuffs out liberty, prosperity, and Western Christian civilization worldwide.

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