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Omar: Seize Hospitals for “Duration of the Virus.” Only the Duration?”

Democrat Representative Ilhan Omar, a radical leftist [who supports](#) socialist Bernie Sanders for president, sent out a tweet yesterday calling for the nationalization of every hospital in the country until the Chinese Virus pandemic ends.



The Tweet

Omar offered this idea to stop the insidious Asiatic pathogen:

“Here is maybe a radical idea to deal with some of the pressures our healthcare system is facing,” [she wrote](#). “All private hospitals should be made public for the duration of the virus.”

Omar didn’t explain what “duration of the virus” means, likely because she has no idea, and in any event the virus will have no “duration.” Once introduced into the population, a virus is there forever.

That raises the question of whether the tweet disingenuously suggested that Omar would be prepared to return private hospitals to private control once the pandemic had ended.

Answer: Probably not, given the [Muslim radical’s support](#) for Medicare for All, the crackpot plan for the federal government to control healthcare that would, in the end, wipe out private insurance.

“Ilhan will fight for Medicare for All, a single-payer healthcare system that guarantees quality care for every American,” [her campaign website avers](#).

That includes, by the way, “access to contraception at no cost” and “abortion coverage and care regardless of income or insurance.”

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Twitter Answers Omar

After Omar proposed a federal takeover of hospitals, hilarity ensued.

“How about this: all illegal immigrants shipped back to their homeland to burden their own hospitals?” [one follower wrote](#).

“Here is another radical idea, @IlhanMN,” [another tweeted](#). “Let’s admit that communism doesn’t work and that it caused the #ChineseVirus.”

[Asked another](#), “So you can run them into the ground?”

“Based on how things go in Congress there will be an abundance of ventilators in the closet because none of them will make it to patients,” a [fourth wrote](#).

Also chiming in were the fanatical supporters of socialism and communism in general and “free” government healthcare in particular, who for all their admiration of collectivism, likely don’t have



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experience with it and apparently don't have plans for a move to China or Venezuela.

"You didn't need to say for the duration of the virus," [one wrote](#).

"Nationalize them," [another tweeted](#).

"And every factory that could be making medical equipment," [a third added](#).

Omar's Other Daft Ideas

Omar's grasp of economics is as tenuous as her grasp of healthcare, as her website makes very clear. Like many Democrats, Omar would raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, another of the proposals that [Sanders supports](#).

Thus does Comrade Omar support "a federal jobs guarantee would provide meaningful work to anybody who wants it" that would, [she avers](#), "lift millions of working families out of poverty." The "guarantee" would "provide a workforce for much needed investments to our nation's infrastructure and help create a just transition to clean energy."

The beturbanned congresswoman [also supports](#) "environmental justice," which travels under the name "Green New Deal," another of the daffy socialist policies that [Sanders supports](#). The elderly socialist believes it will "transform our energy system to 100 percent renewable energy and create 20 million jobs needed to solve the climate crisis."

[A refugee brought](#) to the United States on the taxpayers' dime, [Omar thinks](#) "our immigration system is fundamentally unjust" because it treats "immigrants as criminals."

Omar falsely says Immigration and Customs Enforcement is "militarized, brutal, and unaccountable." So she would abolish it. She also wants to "protect sanctuary cities" and "hold the Administration accountable for its reckless abuse of power."

Don't Believe Her

[Omar recently married](#) a Democrat political consultant after falsely denying the two [were involved](#) while [he was married](#) to another woman.

The homewrecker [also denies](#) that she married her own brother to commit immigration and student-loan fraud. The [FBI is investigating](#) those credible allegations.

Given that record of prevarication, one has no reason to believe Omar would support the federal government's relinquishing control of private hospitals after the "duration of the virus."

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