

Is the Green New Deal A Sign of Hope?

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Yes and no.

Yes: It is hopeful that US politicians have turned a focused eye on issues such as climate change and wealth inequity.

No: The infighting which has resulted from the Green New Deal is evidence that once again those in elected office still think with a limited perspective. This narrow view of things renders our representatives not only unable to see where the problem really is but also incapable of setting aside their personal interests sufficiently to come together for the benefit of all citizens.

Those pushing for the Green New Deal can fairly be labeled naive in their belief that all that is required to make it happen is the power of the elected majority. The realities of the national and global economy which are irrefutably linked are being totally ignored. Nationally the immediate question is: where is the money to fund this plan? Even if a satisfactory answer to that one magically appeared, what about the much larger threat of the risk to the US's global competitive position?

The national changes required to implement the Green New Deal will leave the US economy competitively vulnerable in the wider global market. Nations without a Green New Deal of their own will seize the opportunity to promote their economic gain on the back of the weakened US economy. The global economic playing field is far from sympathetic; every country for itself is more often the rule.

The Simpol Solution (Prometheus Books 2018) proposes that there is a malignant global economic force at work within our economies. Authors, John Bunzl, *International Simultaneous Policy Organization* founder, and psycho-historian Nick Duffell, write that "*Destructive Global Competition*" (DGC) is the real global power. Listen up Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and your fellows - DGC makes it impossible for a single nation to implement a successful Green New Deal on its own. Try it, and as regulations and costs soar, jobs disappear and the economy plummets, voter reaction will be ugly. AOC and her peers must first expose this insidious economic force and then they must wrestle for the power which has been lost to an unseen phenomenon. DGC isn't a person or a country. It's an impersonal global dynamic – the water in which we all sadly swim. Until it is seen and challenged US politicians will continue to offer solutions which are many sizes too small for the problems that we face.

Bunzl began the *Simpol* (Simultaneous Policy) campaign as a call to global citizens. Since 2000 *Simpol* has been quietly inviting voters around the world to begin their own journey towards global cooperation instead of just waiting for their politicians to get their heads out of the sand. First, *Simpol* presents an alternative perspective on the modern day human community. Then *Simpol* reminds citizens of the power of their vote. The *Simpol* plan facilitates the use of that

power to encourage elected officials to take the *Simpol* pledge or risk losing votes to their competitors. Once pledged, politicians begin to seek right size solutions for today's global problems beyond the restrictions of national borders and party politics.

Issues like climate change, immigration and wealth equity will never be solved by any strategy which is contained within one border because today these are problems which know no border restrictions. These are global diseases and we will need to turn to each other across the globe, each as equal partners in thinking and acting, to stop the crises. The solutions lie in cooperative effort. Bridges are needed, not walls!

The *Simpol* Solution and the Simultaneous Policy (*Simpol*) campaign, now active in 22 countries, provide the insight needed for common sense governing in this century.

So to the Green New Deal supporters: Thank you for acknowledging that change is needed now and that our situation is fast approaching, if not already at, a crisis level. But please, back to the drawing board! One more time in the history of mankind the answer to our dilemma will require much wider and deeper thinking than the thinking which got us in this mess in the first place.

The time for *Simpol* thinking has come, us.simpol.org where real hope lives.