

Questions Submitted at Green New Deal Event

Presented to speaker during discussion:

- What role do you see carbon capture playing in our ability to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050?
- Do you think people will consider the Green New Deal as an example of the “tragedy of the commons?” As they assume other countries will continue to pollute? If so, how do you persuade people to have faith in the Green New Deal?
- As of December 2018, 34 states have submitted Climate Action Plans and 29 states have RPS portfolios (Renewables Portfolio Standard—added by editor). If a new president were to be elected, do you think the momentum from climate action at the state levels will get us back into the Paris Agreement?
- If the federal government fails to move ahead, can cities, countries and individual states coordinate policy to create a sub-national version of the Green New Deal? What would the path be and what would that world look like?

Additional Questions Collected (GND=Green New Deal):

- Would Americans ever resort to the rioting like the Gilets Jaunes? (editor’s note-- The yellow vests movement or yellow jackets movement, in French: Mouvement des gilets jaunes). If not, why would Republican senators vote for the GND?
- Assuming that the bull market will end soon, as the experts say, will the Green New Deal help reshape the economy similar to the Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal?
- With “Fox News uniting the right,” against the GND, how do we push through the fake news (wind power causes cancer, planes will be banned, cows will be banned, etc) to make progress with policy and with peoples’ opinions?
- What do you think will happen to oil companies and US shale resources?
- How do you see carbon pricing, carbon fee-and-dividend fitting into the GND?
- How can we cut through the rhetoric of Fox News and appeal to conservatives on the positive factors of the GND? If a democrat wins the next presidential elections, do you think its feasible to get a GND passed?
- What would it take to remove the filibuster? How will a GND framework be passed in a divided congress? How can you get republicans to come around and agree on the GND? How would AI

help or hurt the GND?

- To implement a GND, given the need to make all those guarantees of security in healthcare and employment—name the candidates in the democratic primary who are prepared to make that happen?
- While ensuring healthcare and jobs during the GND sounds good, it also sounds expensive. How would the US government pay for it without more taxes? Given we will continue to have more natural disasters requiring FEMA, wouldn't the GND bankrupt us?
- Is there a way to catalyze the right to harness the environmental movement? Do you believe in human innovation to solve our situation? Refrigeration and buildings account for a lot of emissions; what is your take on solving these issues? (Also important—women's' education and reproductive rights)
- Is there any evidence that any other country can make more headway than the US? If so, who/where/what political structure might succeed in meeting the goals and make it more possible for us to follow? (Will it be Canada or China?)
- What possible developments are being considered or worked on to replace flight with non-fossil fuel means of doing it?
- California has a citizen's initiative process. If the progressives in CA could work together, do you think CA could pass a set of initiatives under the umbrella of the Green New Deal? (Initiatives like no new oil wells, high carbon tax, environmental restoration, etc?)