Green New Deal

The **Green New Deal (GND)** is a proposed <u>United States</u> legislation that aims to address <u>climate change</u> and <u>economic inequality</u>. The name refers to the <u>New Deal</u>, a set of <u>social</u> and <u>economic reforms</u> and <u>public works</u> projects undertaken by President <u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> in response to the <u>Great Depression</u>. The Green New Deal combines Roosevelt's economic approach with modern ideas such as renewable energy and resource efficiency. [6][7]

In the <u>116th United States Congress</u>, it is a pair of resolutions, House Resolution 109^[8] and S. Res. 59, sponsored by Rep. <u>Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez</u> (D-NY) and Sen. <u>Ed Markey</u> (D-MA). On March 25, 2019, Markey's resolution failed to advance in the U.S. Senate in a margin of 0–57, with most Senate Democrats voting "<u>present</u>" in protest of an early vote called by Republicans.^[9]

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History

Throughout the 1970s and 1990s an economic policy to move the United States economy away from nonrenewable energy was developed by multiple activists.^[10]

An early use of the phrase "Green New Deal" was by journalist $\underline{\text{Thomas}}$ $\underline{\text{Friedman}}$. He argued in favor of the idea in $\underline{\text{The New York Times}}$ and $\underline{\text{The New York Times}}$ and $\underline{\text{The New York Times}}$ In January 2007, Friedman wrote:

If you have put a windmill in your yard or some solar panels on your roof, bless your heart. But we will only green the world when we change the very nature of the electricity grid – moving it away from dirty coal or oil to clean coal and renewables. And that is a huge industrial project – much bigger than anyone has told you. Finally, like the New Deal, if we undertake the green version, it has the potential to create a whole new clean power industry to spur our economy into the 21st century.^[13]



Sustainable agriculture combined with renewable energy generation

This approach was subsequently taken up in Britain by the <u>Green New Deal Group</u>, which published its eponymous report on July 21, 2008. The concept was further popularized and put on a wider footing when the <u>United Nations Environment Programme</u> (UNEP) began to promote it.

In early 2008, author <u>Jeff Biggers</u> launched a series of challenges for a Green New Deal from the perspective of his writings from coal country in Appalachia. Biggers wrote, "Obama should shatter these artificial racial boundaries by proposing a New "Green" Deal to revamp the region and bridge a growing chasm between bitterly divided Democrats, and call for an end to mountaintop removal policies that have led to impoverishment and ruin in the coal fields."^[16] Biggers followed up with other Green New Deal proposals over the next four years.^[17]

On October 22, 2008, UNEP's Executive Director <u>Achim Steiner</u> unveiled a *Global Green New Deal* initiative that aims to create jobs in "green" industries, thus boosting the world economy and curbing climate change at the same time. The <u>Green Party of the United States</u> and Green Party presidential candidate <u>Jill Stein</u> proposed a "Green New Deal" beginning in <u>2012</u>. [19][20] [21] The Green New Deal remains officially part of the platform of the Green Party of the United States.

In the United States

Early efforts

In 2006, a Green New Deal was created by the Green New Deal Task Force as a plan for one hundred percent clean, renewable energy by 2030 utilizing a <u>carbon tax</u>, a <u>jobs guarantee</u>, free college, <u>single-payer healthcare</u>, and a focus on using public programs. [4][23][24]

Since 2006 the Green New Deal has been included in the platforms of multiple Green Party candidates, such as Howie Hawkins gubernatorial campaigns in 2010, 2014, and 2018, and Jill Stein's 2012 and 2016 presidential campaigns. [23]

Later adoption

A "Green New Deal" wing began to emerge in the Democratic Party after the November 2018 elections. [25][26]

A possible program in 2018 for a "Green New Deal" assembled by the think tank Data for Progress was described as "pairing labor programs with measures to combat the climate crisis." [27][28]

A November 2018 article in <u>Vogue</u> stated, "There isn't just one Green New Deal yet. For now, it's a platform position that some candidates are taking to indicate that they want the American government to devote the country to preparing for climate change as fully as Franklin Delano Roosevelt once did to reinvigorating the economy after the Great Depression."^[29]

A week after the 2018 midterm elections, <u>climate justice</u> group <u>Sunrise Movement</u> organized a protest in <u>Nancy Pelosi</u>'s office calling on Pelosi to support a Green New Deal. On the same day, freshman congresswoman <u>Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez</u> launched a resolution to create a committee on the Green New Deal. Following this, several candidates came out supporting a "Green New Deal", including <u>Deb Haaland</u>, <u>Rashida Tlaib</u>, <u>Ilhan Omar</u>, and <u>Antonio Delgado</u>. They were joined in the following weeks by Reps. John Lewis, Earl Blumenauer, Carolyn Maloney, and José Serrano.

By the end of November, eighteen Democratic members of Congress were co-sponsoring a proposed House Select Committee on a Green New Deal, and incoming representatives <u>Ayanna Pressley</u> and <u>Joe Neguse</u> had announced their support. [33][34] Draft text would task this committee with a "'detailed national, industrial, economic mobilization plan' capable of making the U.S. economy 'carbon neutral' while promoting 'economic and environmental justice and equality,'" to be released in early 2020, with draft legislation for implementation within 90 days. [35][36]

Organizations supporting a Green New Deal initiative included <u>350.org</u>, <u>Greenpeace</u>, <u>Sierra Club</u>, <u>Extinction Rebellion</u> and Friends of the Earth. [37][38]

A <u>Sunrise Movement</u> protest on behalf of a Green New Deal at the Capitol Hill offices of Nancy Pelosi and <u>Steny Hoyer</u> on December 10, 2018 featured <u>Lennox Yearwood</u> and speakers as young as age 7, resulting in 143 arrests.^[39] <u>Euronews</u>, the pan-European news organization, displayed video of youth with signs saying "Green New Deal," "No excuses", and "Do your job" in its "No Comment" section.^[40]

On December 14, 2018, a group of over 300 local elected officials from 40 states issued a letter endorsing a Green New Deal approach. [41][42]

That same day, a poll released by Yale Program on Climate Change Communication indicated that although 82% of registered voters had not heard of the "Green New Deal," it had strong bi-partisan support among voters. A non-partisan description of the general concepts behind a Green New Deal resulted in 40% of respondents saying they "strongly support", and 41% saying they "somewhat support" the idea. [43]

On January 10, 2019 over 600 organizations submitted a letter to Congress declaring support for policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This includes ending fossil fuel extraction and subsidies, transitioning to 100% clean renewable energy by 2035, expanding public transportation, and strict emission reductions rather than reliance on carbon emission trading. [44]

Green New Deal Resolution

Senator Edward Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez released a fourteen-page resolution^[8] for their Green New Deal on February 7, 2019. The approach pushes for transitioning the United States to use 100% renewable, zero-emission energy sources, including investment into electric cars and high-speed rail systems, and implementing the "social cost of carbon" that has been part of Obama administration's plans for addressing climate change within 10 years. Besides increasing state-sponsored jobs, this Green New Deal is also aimed to address poverty by aiming much of the improvements in the "frontline and vulnerable communities" which include the poor and disadvantaged people. To gain additional support, the resolution includes calls for universal health care, increased minimum wages, and preventing monopolies.^[45]

According to *The Washington Post* (February 11, 2019), the resolution calls for a "10-year national mobilization" whose primary goals would be:^[46]

"Guaranteeing a job with a familysustaining wage, adequate family and medical leave, paid vacations, and retirement security to all people of the United States."

"Providing all people of the United States with – (i) high-quality health care; (ii) affordable, safe, and adequate housing; (iii) economic security; and (iv) access to clean water, clean air, healthy and affordable food, and nature."

"Providing resources, training, and highquality education, including higher education, to all people of the United States."

"Meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources."

"Repairing and upgrading the infrastructure in the United States, including . . . by eliminating pollution and greenhouse gas emissions as much as technologically feasible."

"Building or upgrading to energy-efficient, distributed, and 'smart' power grids, and working to ensure affordable access to electricity."

"Upgrading all existing buildings in the United States and building new buildings to achieve maximal energy efficiency, water efficiency, safety, affordability, comfort, and durability, including through electrification."

"Overhauling transportation systems in the United States to eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as much as is technologically feasible, including through investment in – (i) zero-emission vehicle infrastructure and manufacturing; (ii) clean, affordable, and accessible public transportation; and (iii) high-speed rail." "Spurring massive growth in clean manufacturing in the United States and removing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from manufacturing and industry as much as is technologically feasible."

"Working collaboratively with farmers and ranchers in the United States to eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector as much as is technologically feasible." [47]



Ed Markey speaks on a Green New Deal in front of the Capitol Building in February 2019

On March 26, in what Democrats called a "stunt," Republicans called for an early vote on the resolution without allowing discussion or expert testimony. In protest, 42 Democrats and one Independent who <u>caucuses</u> with Democrats voted "present" resulting in a 57–0 defeat on the Senate floor. Three Democrats and one Independent who caucuses with Democrats voted against the bill, while the other votes were along party lines. President Donald Trump has spoken out against the Green New Deal and has referred to climate change as a "hoax." [49]

House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

Various perspectives emerged in late 2018 as to whether to form a committee dedicated to climate, what powers such a committee might be granted, and whether the committee would be specifically tasked with developing a Green New Deal.

Incoming House committee chairs <u>Frank Pallone</u> and <u>Peter DeFazio</u> indicated a preference for handling these matters in the <u>House Energy</u> and Commerce Committee and the <u>House Transportation</u> and <u>Infrastructure Committee</u>. [37][50] (Writing in <u>Gentleman's Quarterly</u>, Jay Willis responded that despite the best efforts of Pallone and De Fazio over many years, "the planet's prognosis has failed to improve," providing "pretty compelling evidence that it is time for legislators to consider taking a different approach.")[36]

In contrast, Representative <u>Ro Khanna</u> thought that creating a Select Committee specifically dedicated to a Green New Deal would be a "very commonsense idea", based on the recent example of the <u>Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global</u> Warming (2007–2011), which had proven effective in developing a 2009 bill for cap-and-trade legislation. [37][50]

Proposals for the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis did not contain "Green New Deal" language and lacked the powers desired by Green New Deal proponents, such as the ability to <u>subpoena</u> documents or depose witnesses.^{[51][52][53]}

Representative Kathy Castor of Florida was appointed to chair the committee. [53][54]

January 2019 letter to Congress from environmental groups

On January 10, 2019, a letter signed by 626 organizations in support of a Green New Deal was sent to all members of Congress. It called for measures such as "an expansion of the <u>Clean Air Act</u>; a ban on <u>crude oil</u> exports; an end to <u>fossil fuel subsidies</u> and fossil fuel leasing; and a phase-out of all gasoline-powered vehicles by 2040." [55][56]

The letter also indicated that signatories would "vigorously oppose" ... "market-based mechanisms and technology options such as carbon and emissions trading and offsets, carbon capture and storage, nuclear power, waste-to-energy and biomass energy." [55]

Six major environmental groups did not sign on to the letter: the <u>Sierra Club</u>, the <u>Natural Resources Defense Council</u>, the Environmental Defense Fund, Mom's Clean Air Force, Environment America, and the Audubon Society. [57]

An article in <u>The Atlantic</u> quoted Greg Carlock, who prepared "a different Green New Deal plan for the left-wing think tank Data for Progress" as responding, "There is no scenario produced by the IPCC or the UN where we hit mid-century <u>decarbonization</u> without some kind of carbon capture." [55]

The <u>MIT Technology Review</u> responded to the letter with an article titled, "Let's Keep the Green New Deal Grounded in Science." The MIT article states that, although the letter refers to the "rapid and aggressive action" needed to prevent the 1.5 °C of warming specified in the UN climate panel's latest report, simply acknowledging the report's recommendation is not sufficient. If the letter's signatories start from a position where the options of carbon pricing, carbon capture for fossil plants, hydropower, and nuclear power, are not even on the table for consideration, there may be no feasible technical means to reach the necessary 1.5 °C climate goal. [58]

A report in <u>Axios</u> suggested that the letter's omission of a <u>carbon tax</u>, which has been supported by moderate Republicans, did not mean that signatories would oppose carbon pricing.^{[59][56]}

The Director of the Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy at George Mason University was quoted as saying, "As long as organizations hold onto a rigid set of ideas about what the solution is, it's going to be hard to make progress ... And that's what worries me." [58]

Criticism

Many who support some goals of the Green New Deal express doubt about feasibility of one or more parts of it. <u>John P. Holdren</u>, former science advisor to Obama, thinks the 2030 goal is too optimistic, saying that 2045 or 2050 would be more realistic. [60]

Many members of the Green party have also attacked the plan due to its cutting of multiple parts of their plan, such as the elimination of nuclear power and jobs guarantee, and the changing of the goal from a one hundred percent clean, renewable energy economy by 2030 to the elimination of the U.S. carbon footprint by 2030.^{[23][24]}

Paul Bledsoe of the <u>Progressive Policy Institute</u>, the think tank affiliated with the conservative <u>Democratic Leadership Council</u>, expressed concern that setting unrealistic "aspirational" goals of 100% renewable energy could undermine "the credibility of the effort" against climate change.^[37]

Economist Edward Barbier, who developed the "Global Green New Deal" proposal for the <u>United Nations Environment Programme</u> in 2009, opposes "a massive federal jobs program," saying "The government would end up doing more and more of what the private sector and industry should be doing." Barbier prefers <u>carbon pricing</u>, such as a <u>carbon tax</u> or <u>cap-and-trade</u> system, in order to "address distortions in the economy that are holding back private sector innovation and investments in clean energy." [61]

When Senator <u>Dianne Feinstein</u> (D-CA) was confronted by youth associated with the <u>Sunrise Movement</u> on why she does not support the Green New Deal, she told them "there's no way to pay for it" and that it could not pass a Republican-controlled Senate. In a tweet following the confrontation, Feinstein said that she remains committed "to enact real, meaningful climate change legislation." [62]

In February 2019, the centre-right American Action Forum, estimated that the plan could cost between \$51–\$93 trillion over the next decade. They estimate its potential cost at \$600,000 per household. The organization estimated the cost for eliminating carbon emissions from the transportation system at \$1.3–2.7 trillion; guaranteeing a job to every American \$6.8–44.6 trillion; universal health care estimated close to \$36 trillion. According to <u>Bloomberg Businessweek</u>, Wall Street is willing to invest significant resources toward GND programs, but not unless Congress commits to moving it forward.

The <u>AFL-CIO</u>, in a letter to Ocasio-Cortez, expressed strong reservations about the GND, saying, "We welcome the call for labor rights and dialogue with labor, but the Green New Deal resolution is far too short on specific solutions that speak to the jobs of our members and the critical sections of our economy." [67]

In an op-ed for *Slate*, Alex Baca criticizes the Green New Deal for failing to address the environmental, economic, and social consequences of <u>urban sprawl</u>. [68] Adam Millsap criticizes the GND's overreliance on public transit to make cities more environmentally friendly, since public transit integrates better in monocentric cities than in polycentric ones. He suggests <u>land use reforms</u> to increase <u>density</u>, <u>congestion pricing</u>, and eliminating <u>parking</u> requirements as measures that can be applied more flexibly to cities with monocentric and polycentric layouts. [69]

Left-wing criticism

Although the Green New Deal is often presented as a left-wing proposal, criticism of it has come from left-wing commentators who have argued that the Green New Deal fails to tackle the real cause of the climate emergency, namely the concept of unending growth and consumption inherent in capitalism, and is instead an attempt to greenwash capitalism.^[70] Left wing critics of the

Green New Deal argue that it is not the monetisation of Green policies and practices within capitalism that are necessary, but an anti-capitalist adoption of policies for de-growth.^[71]

Writing in the socialist journal Counter Punch in 2019, Shamus Cook stated:

A Green New Deal is a fine demand, but ultimately the project is hopeless if it's executed under a capitalist umbrella. Only a socialist Green New Deal can deliver a thorough transformation of society demanded by the situation, coordinating the vast wealth and technology of the country while inviting more nations into the project, since climate change is as global as capitalism.^[72]

Criticism of a draft document

Both Republican politicians and those generally critical of <u>progressivism in the United States</u> have criticized a "Frequently Asked Questions" document once posted to Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's website (later removed but still viewable on the <u>Wayback Machine</u>.)^[73] Many criticisms centred on a line promising economic security to those "unwilling to work". (Green New Deal advisor <u>Robert C. Hockett</u> stated that this line was present only in "doctored" versions of the FAQ, but later said he had been mistaken.^[74]) According to Ocasio-Cortez, the document was a <u>draft</u> and "a staffer that had a really bad day at work" published it.^[75]

Supporters

In September 2019, Naomi Klein published *On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal.* On Fire is a collection of essays focusing on climate change and the urgent actions needed to preserve the planet. Klein relates her meeting with Greta Thunberg in the opening essay in which she discusses the entrance of young people into those speaking out for climate awareness and change. She supports the Green New Deal throughout the book and in the final essay she discusses the 2020 U.S. election saying "The stakes of the election are almost unbearably high. It's why I wrote the book and decided to put it out now and why I'll be doing whatever I can to help push people toward supporting a candidate with the most ambitious Green New Deal platform —so that they win the primaries and then the general." [77] [78][79]

Presidents

Vice Presidents

- Al Gore, 45th Vice President of the United States, Former United States Senator from Tennessee, Former U.S Representative from Tennessee's 6th congressional district and 4th congressional district environmentalist, filmmaker [3]
- Joe Biden, 47th Vice President of the United States, Former United States Senator from Delaware and seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries. [80]

Individuals

- Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel laureate in economics, Professor at Columbia University, and chief economist of the Roosevelt Institute.^[81]
- Jill Stein, former Green party presidential candidate in 2012 and 2016^[4]
- Howie Hawkins, Green party co-founder and first American political candidate to run on the promise of a Green New Deal^[23]
- Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada endorsed a Canadian Green New Deal^[82]
- Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General^[83]

- Mike Gravel, former U.S. Senator from Alaska and candidate in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries^[84]
- Paul Krugman, Nobel laureate in economics, Professor at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, and a columnist for The New York Times. [85]
- Bill Maher, comedian, political commentator, and television host^[86]
- Bria Vinaite recorded a "Green New Deal" video for Vogue Magazine in 2018^[29]
- Marianne Williamson, candidate in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries^[87]
- Andrew Yang, candidate in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries^[88]

Senators

- Ed Markey, U.S Senator from Massachusetts [89]
- Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator from Oregon^[90]
- Bernie Sanders, U.S. Senator from Vermont seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries, Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee^{[91][92]}
- Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator from New York seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries^[93]
- Kamala Harris, U.S. Senator from California seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries^[94]
- <u>Elizabeth Warren</u>, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts seeking the nomination in the <u>2020 Democratic Party</u> presidential primaries^[95]
- Mazie Hirono, U.S. Senator from Hawaii
- Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator from Oregon^[96]
- Richard Blumenthal U.S. Senator from Connecticut^[97]
- Cory Booker, US Senator from New Jersey seeking nomination in the <u>2020 Democratic Party presidential</u> primaries^[98]
- Amy Klobuchar, US Senator from Minnesota seeking nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries [99]
- Chris Murphy, U.S. Senator from Connecticut^[97]
- Chris Van Hollen, U.S. Senator from Maryland^[100]
- Martin Heinrich, U.S Senator from New Mexico.^[101]
- Tom Udall, U.S Senator from New Mexico. [102]

Members of Congress

- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, U.S. Representative from New York's 14th congressional district^[103]
- Alcee Hastings, U.S Representative from Florida's 20th Congressional District. [104]
- Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Representative from Michigan's 13th congressional district. [105]
- Jose Serrano, U.S Representative from New York's 15th congressional district. [106]
- Carolyn Maloney, U.S Representative from New York's 12th congressional district. [107]
- Juan Vargas, U.S Representative from California's 51th congressional district. [108]
- Adriano Espaillat, U.S Representative from New York's 13th congressional district. [109]
- Stephen F. Lynch, U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 8th congressional district. [110]
- Nydia Velázquez, Chair of the House Small Business Committee and U.S Representative from New York's 7th congressional district. [111]
- Earl Blumenauer, U.S. Representative from Oregon's 3rd congressional district. [112]
- Brendan Boyle, U.S. Representative from Pensylvania's 2nd congressional district. [113]
- Joaquin Castro, U.S. Representative from Texas 20th congressional district. [114]
- Yvette Clarke, U.S Representative from New York's 9th congressional district. [115]
- Pramila Jayapal, U.S Representative from Washingtion's 7th congressional district. [116]

- Ro Khanna, U.S Representative from California's 17th congressional district. [117]
- Ted Lieu, U.S Representative from California's 33th congressional district. [118]
- Ayanna Pressley, U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 7th congressional district. [119]
- Peter Welch, U.S. Representative from Vermont At Large. [120]
- <u>Eliot Engel</u>, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and U.S. Representative from New York's 16th congressional discrict.^[121]
- Joe Neguse, U.S. Representative from Colorado's 2nd congressional district. [122]
- Jerry Nadler, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and U.S. Representative from New York's 10th congressional district. [123]
- James McGovern, Chair of the House Rules Committee and U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 2nd congressional district. [124]
- Mark Pocan, Co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and U.S. Representative from Wisconsin's 2nd congressional district. [125]
- Mark Takano, Chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and U.S. Representative from California's 41st congressional district. [126]
- Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the District of Columbia's at-large district. [127]
- Jamie Raskin, U.S. Representative from Maryland 8th congressional district. [128]
- Gerry Connolly, U.S. Representative from Virgina's 10th congressional district. [129]
- Alan Lowenthal, U.S. Representative from California's 47th congressional district. [130]
- Doris Matsui, U.S. Representative from California's 6th congressional district. [131]
- Mike Thompson, U.S. Representative from California's 5th congressional district. [132]
- Mike Levin, U.S. Representative from California's 49th congressional district. [133]
- Chellie Pingree, U.S. Representative from Maine's 1st congressional district. [134]
- Mike Quigley, U.S. Representative from Illinois's 5th congressional district. [135]
- Jared Huffman, U.S. Representative from California's 2nd congressional district. [136]
- Bonnie Watson Coleman, U.S. Representative from New Jersey's 12th congressional district. [137]
- Jesús "Chuy" García, U.S. Representative from Illinois's 4th congressional district. [138]
- Brian Higgins, U.S. Representative from New York's 26th congressional district. [139]
- Deb Haaland, U.S. Representative from New Mexico's 1st congressional district. [140]
- Grace Meng, U.S. Representative from New Yorks's 6th congressional district. [141]
- Salud Carbajal, U.S. Representative from California's 24th congressional district. [142]
- David Cicilline, U.S. Representative from Rhode Island's 1st congressional district. [143]
- Steve Cohen, U.S. Representative from Tennessee's 9th congressional district. [144]
- Katherine Clark, Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 5th congressional district.^[145]
- Judy Chu, U.S. Representative from California's 27th congressional district. [146]
- Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, U.S. Representative from Florida's 26th congressional district. [147]
- Seth Moulton, U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 6th congressional district and former 2020 Presidental candidate. [148]
- Raúl Grijalva, Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and U.S. Representative from Arizona's 3rd congressional district. [149]
- Gregory Meeks, U.S. Representative from New York's 5th congressional district. [150]
- Gregorio Sablan, Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Northern Mariana Islands' at-large district. [151]
- Barbara Lee, U.S. Representative from California's 13th congressional district. [152]
- Suzanne Bonamici, U.S. Representative from Oregons's 1st congressional district. [153]
- Barbara Lee, U.S. Representative for California's 13th congressional district. [154]
- Sean Patrick Maloney, U.S. Representative from New York's 18th congressional district. [155]
- Janice Schakowsky, U.S. Representative from Illnois 9th congressional district. [156]

- Rosa DeLauro, U.S. Representative from Connecticut's 3rd congressional district. [157]
- Andy Levin, U.S. Representative from Michigan's 9th congressional district. [158]
- Betty McCollum, U.S. Representative from Minnesota's 4th congressional district. [159]
- Mark DeSaulnier, U.S. Representative from California's 11th congressional district. [160]
- Joe Courtney, U.S. Representative from Connecituct's 2nd congressional district. [161]
- John Larson, U.S. Representative from Connecituct's 1st congressional district. [162]
- Veronica Escobar, U.S. Representative from Texas 16th congressional district. [163]
- Adam Schiff, Chair of the House Intelligence Committee and U.S. Representative from California's 28th congressional district. [164]
- Bill Keating (politician), U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 9th congressional district. [165]
- Peter DeFazio, Chair of the House Transportation Committee and U.S. Representative from Oregon's 4th congressional district. [166]
- Anna Eshoo, U.S. Representative from California's 18th congressional district. [167]
- Lori Trahan, U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 3rd congressional district. [168]
- Jimmy Gomez, U.S. Representative from California's 34th congressional district. [169]
- Joe Kennedy III, U.S. Representative from Massachusetts's 4th congressional district and 2020 US Senate candidate. [170]
- <u>Maxine Waters</u>, Chair of the House Financial Services Committee and U.S. Representative from California's 43rd congressional district. [171]
- Lacy Clay, U.S. Representative from Missouri's 1st congressional district. [172]
- <u>Nita Lowey</u>, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and U.S. Representative from New York's 17th congressional district.^[173]
- Thomas Suozzi, U.S. Representative from New York's 3rd congressional district. [174]
- <u>Linda Sanchez</u>, Former Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and U.S. Representative from California's 38th congressional district.^[175]
- David Price, U.S. Representative from North Carolina's 4th congressional district. [176]
- John Sarbanes, U.S. Representative from Maryland's 3rd congressional district. [177]
- Karen Bass, U.S. Representative from California's 37th congressional district. [178]
- Eric Swalwell, U.S. Representative from California's 15th congressional district and former 2020 Presidental candidate. [179]
- Jackie Speier, U.S. Representative from California's 14th congressional district. [180]
- Bobby Scott (politician), Chair of the House Education and Labor Committee and U.S. Representative from Virgina's 3rd congressional district. [181]
- Grace Napolitano, U.S. Representative from California's 32nd congressional district. [182]
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- Zoe Lofgren, Chair of the House Administration Committee and U.S. Representative from California's 19th congressional district. [184]
- Jimmy Panetta, U.S. Representative from California's 20th congressional district. [185]
- Nanette Barragan, U.S. Representative from California's 44th congressional district. [186]
- Elijah Cummings, Chair of the House Oversight Committee and U.S. Representative from Maryland's 7th congressional district. [187]
- Danny K. Davis, U.S. Representative from Illinois's 7th congressional district. [188]
- Jahana Hayes, U.S. Representative from Connecticut's 5th congressional district. [189]
- Brad Sherman , U.S. Representative from California's 30th congressional district. [190]
- Alma Adams, U.S. Representative from North Carolina's 12th congressional district. [191]
- Lloyd Doggett, U.S. Representative from Texas 35th congressional district. [192]
- John Garamendi, U.S. Representative from California's 3rd congressional district. [193]
- Dutch Ruppersberger, U.S. Representative from Maryland's 2nd congressional district. [194]
- Bill Pascrell, U.S. Representative from New Jersey's 9th congressional district. [195]

- Pete Aguilar, U.S. Representative from California's 31st congressional district. [196]
- Ben Ray Lujan, Assistant Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Representative from New Mexico's 1st congressional district and 2020 candidate for US Senate. [197]
- Susan Davis, U.S. Representative from California's 53rd congressional district. [198]
- Marcia Fudge, U.S. Representative from Ohio's 11th congressional district. [199]
- Beto O'Rourke, Former U.S Representative From Texas 16th congressional district, 2018 US Senate Nominee in Texas, and seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries. [200]

Governors

- Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York. [201]
- Jay Inslee, Governor of Washingtion and Former 2020 Presidental candidate. [202]
- Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico. [203]
- Janet Mills, Governor of Maine. [204]

Mayors

- Pete Buttigieg, mayor of <u>South Bend</u> seeking the nomination in the <u>2020 Democratic Party presidential</u> primaries^[205]
- Bill De Blasio, Mayor of New York City and former 2020 Presidental candidate. [206]
- Wayne Messam, Mayor of Mirmar seeking the nomination in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries. [207]

Organizations

- The Climate Mobilization, which advocates a "World War II-scale economic mobilization to restore a safe climate "
- The <u>Democracy in Europe Movement 2025</u> (DieM25), a pan-european political activist group of over 100.000 members for progressive EU and global economics policy, founded by Yanis Varoufakis ^[208]
- The European Green Party and The Greens—European Free Alliance campaigned on the Green New Deal in the 2009 European Parliament election and maintain an ongoing European "Green New Deal" campaign
- The Global Greens support a Global Green New Deal. [209]
- Green Party of the United States has endorsed the Green New Deal in its party platform. [210]
- The Heinrich Böll Foundation published proposals for a Green New Deal in Germany, the European Union, as well as North America, [211] Israel, [212] and Ukraine. [213]
- The League of Conservation Voters is an American advocacy group for environmental issues^[214]
- The New Economics Foundation and The Green New Deal Group (United Kingdom)^[215]
- openDemocracy^[216]
- Sierra Club Living Economy Program^[38]
- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, who developed the Low Carbon Green Growth Roadmap for Asia and the Pacific (http://www.unescap.org/esd/environment/lcgg/index.asp)
- The <u>United Nations Environment Programme</u> launched a Green Economy Initiative known as the "Global Green New Deal". [217]
- The Global Marshall Plan Initiative advocates for a sustainable global economy^[218]

Detractors

Individuals

• On February 9, 2019, United States President <u>Donald Trump</u> voiced his opposition using sarcasm via <u>Twitter</u> as follows: "I think it is very important for the Democrats to press forward with their Green New Deal. It would be

- great for the so-called "Carbon Footprint" to permanently eliminate all Planes, Cars, Cows, Oil, Gas & the Military even if no other country would do the same. Brilliant!"^[219]
- Democratic Senator <u>Dianne Feinstein</u> objected to the plan saying "there's no way to pay for it" and is drafting her own narrowed down version. <u>Democratic Senator Joe Manchin criticized</u> the plan as a "dream" adding that 'it would hurt regions dependent on reliable, affordable energy."
- Republican White House aide <u>Sebastian Gorka</u> has referred to the deal as "what Stalin dreamed about but never achieved" and that "they [proponents of the deal] want to take your pickup truck. They want to rebuild your home. They want to take away your hamburgers." The comments about hamburgers are a common criticism of the deal by conservatives, who have gone on to criticize Representative Ocasio-Cortez for allowing her Chief of Staff to eat a hamburger with her at a Washington restaurant. [221]
- On February 13, 2019, Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC) released a parody video on his verified Twitter account comparing the Green New Deal to the failed Fyre Festival, using the hashtag #GNDisFyre. [222][223]
- On March 14, 2019, Rep. Rob Bishop, a Republican representing <u>Utah's 1st congressional district</u>, said that the legislation was "tantamount to <u>genocide</u>," adding shortly afterward that his comment was "maybe an overstatement, but not by a lot." [224]

In Australia

The <u>Australian Greens</u> have advocated for a "Green Plan", similar to the Green New Deal, since 2009.^[225] Deputy Leader <u>Christine Milne</u> discussed the idea on the <u>ABC</u>'s panel discussion program <u>Q&A</u> on February 19, 2009,^[226] and it was the subject of a major national conference of the Australian Greens in 2009.^[227]

After their 2019 federal election defeat, Australian Labor Party shadow environment minister Tony Burke signalled his support for a suite of regulation and stimulus policies similar to a Green New Deal. [228]

In the UK

In the UK, the Green New Deal Group (https://www.greennewdealgroup.org) and the New Economics Foundation (https://newconomics.org) produced the <u>A Green New Deal</u> report asking for a Green New Deal as a way out of the Global Financial Crisis back in 2008, demanding a reform of the financial and tax sectors and a revolution of the energy sector in the country.

Also, Green MP for Brighton Pavilion, Caroline Lucas, raised the idea during an economic debate in 2008. [229]

In March 2019, an activist group known as <u>Extinction Rebellion</u> called on the <u>Labour party</u> to commit to taking radical steps to decarbonise the UK economy within a decade. A group spokesperson said they are calling the proposed movement "Labour for a Green New Deal" because, "Climate change is fundamentally about class, because it means chaos for the many while the few profit." They are calling for expansion of public ownership and democratic control of industry, a region-specific guarantee of green jobs, and substantial investments in public infrastructure.

The group states that they got their inspiration from the <u>Sunrise Movement</u> and the work that congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has done in the US. Group members have met with <u>Zack Exley</u>, co-founder of the progressive group <u>Justice Democrats</u>, to learn from the experiences that he and Ocasio-Cortez have had in working for the Green New Deal campaign in the US.^[230]

On April 30, former Labour Party leader <u>Ed Miliband</u> joined Caroline Lucas and former <u>South Thanet</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>MP Laura Sandys</u> in calling for a Green New Deal in the UK.^[231] The left-wing campaigning group <u>Momentum</u> also wish to influence the Labour Party's manifesto to include a Green New Deal.^[232]

In Canada

In early May 2019, with rising concerns about the need for urgent global environmental action to reduce potentially catastrophic effects of climate change, a non-partisan coalition of nearly 70 groups launched the <u>Pact for a Green New Deal (https://greennew dealcanada.ca/)</u> (*New Deal vert au Canada* in French). [233] With press conferences in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, the

coalition called for fossil fuel emissions reduction in half by 2030.^{[234][235]} On May 16, 2019 the Green Party released a 5-page summary of their plan entitled "Mission: Possible: The Green Climate Action Plan".^[236]

Canadian author Naomi Klein will release her seventh book, entitled "On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal", in September 2019.^[237]

See also

- Adaptation to global warming
- Climate change mitigation
- Economics of global warming
- Green growth
- Politics of global warming
- Prosperity Without Growth
- Sunrise Movement
- Energy transition
- Green Economy

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