



# Liberal Environmentalist Says Green New Deal Will Fail and Renewables Can't Save the Planet

Michael Shellenberger is a Time Magazine "Hero of the Environment" and global warming believer, who says that wind and solar renewable energy is unreliable because the sun shines and wind blows for only 10% to 40% of the year. Renewable energy is expensive, wind and solar farms require huge amounts of land, and there is no efficient way to store huge amounts of energy in batteries.

Shellenberger makes the case for nuclear energy and its decreased impact on the environment as there is no air pollution from smoke because they produce energy without fire and have lower carbon emissions. He wrote that nuclear energy is unpopular because it has been the target of a smear campaign although fewer than 200 people died from the radiation from the worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl, and zero will die from radiation that escaped from Fukushima. He says that the fossil fuel industry funnels millions into the promotion of wind and solar renewables because they understand that unreliable solar and wind will need to be supplemented by another source of energy such as natural gas.

When I was a boy, my parents would sometimes take my sister and me camping in the desert. A lot of people think deserts are empty, but my parents taught us to see the wildlife all around us, including hawks, eagles, and tortoises.

After college, I moved to California to work on environmental campaigns. I helped save the state's last ancient redwood forest and blocked a proposed radioactive waste repository set for the desert.

In 2002, shortly after I turned 30, I decided I wanted to dedicate myself to addressing climate change. I was worried that global warming would end up destroying many of the natural environments that people had worked so hard to protect.

I thought the solutions were pretty straightforward: solar panels on every roof, electric cars in every driveway, etc. The main obstacles, I believed, were political. And so I helped organize a coalition of America's largest labor unions and environmental groups. Our proposal was for a \$300 billion dollar investment in renewables. We would not only prevent climate change but also create millions of new jobs in a fast-growing high-tech sector.

Our efforts paid off in 2007 when

then-presidential candidate Barack Obama embraced our vision. Between 2009–15, the U.S. invested \$150 billion dollars in renewables and other forms of clean tech. But right away we ran into trouble.

The first was around land use.

Electricity from solar roofs costs about twice as much as electricity

from solar farms, but solar and wind farms require huge amounts of land.

That, along with the fact that solar and wind farms require long new

transmissions lines, and are opposed by local communities and conservationists trying to preserve wildlife, particularly birds.

Another challenge was the intermittent

nature of solar and wind energies. When the sun stops shining and the

wind stops blowing, you have to quickly be able to ramp up another

source of energy.

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# Canadian Court Rules Parents Can't Stop 14-Year Old from Taking Transgender Hormones

The Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada ordered that a 14-year-old girl receive testosterone injections without parental consent. The court also declared that if either of her parents referred to her using female pronouns or addressed her by her birth name, they would be considered guilty of family violence. The young girl was encouraged by her school counselor to identify as a boy while in seventh grade and a doctor decided that she should begin taking testosterone injections at the age of 13. Her father suspected that mental health issues could be the cause rather than the effect of his daughter's gender dysphoria and he wanted her to wait until she was older to begin irreversible hormone treatment.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada ordered that a 14-year-old girl receive testosterone injections without parental consent. The court also declared that if either of her parents referred to her using female pronouns or addressed her by her birth name, they would be considered guilty of family violence.

As previously reported, Maxine\* was encouraged by her school counselor in BC's Delta School District to identify as a boy while in seventh grade. When Maxine was 13 years old, Dr. Brenden Hursh and his colleagues at BC Children's Hospital decided that Maxine should begin taking testosterone injections in order to develop a more masculine appearance.

Although Maxine's mother was ultimately willing to support hormone injections, her father Clark\* was concerned about the permanent ramifications of cross-sex hormones. Suspecting that his daughter's mental health issues might be more the cause than the effect of her gender dysphoria, he ultimately decided that it would be better for her to wait until she was older before she embarked on any irreversible course of treatment.

At that point, Hursh informed Clark that he would begin testosterone injections on the basis of Maxine's consent alone, claiming that he had a right to do so under the BC Infants Act. Clark promptly sought an injunction to prevent this. On Wednesday, however, a judge deemed Maxine "exclusively entitled to consent to medical treatment for gender dysphoria," regardless of the opinions of either of her parents.

Further, the court stated that  
“Attempting to persuade [Maxine] to abandon treatment for gender  
dysphoria; addressing [Maxine] by his birth name; referring to  
[Maxine]  
as a girl or with female pronouns whether to him directly or  
to third  
parties; shall be considered to be family violence under s. 38  
of the *Family Law Act*.”

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## **Mandatory Student University Fees Are Funneled to Left- Wing Lobbyist ‘Public Interest Research Groups’ (PIRG)**

Ralph Nader inspired Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs)

on college campuses to promote left-wing policies concerning the environment, housing, and public utility prices, using lawyers to coerce government agencies. It was Nader's idea to fund the PIRGs with mandatory student university fees. PIRGs lobby state lawmakers and provide new recruits while US-PIRG is the federal lobbying arm of the Public Interest Network.

*Summary: Since the 1970s, left-wing activists—beginning with failed presidential candidate Ralph Nader—have struggled to build a lasting base of support for Democrats at the polls. But one of them, former activist Doug Phelps, took it further, establishing a permanent empire of professional, paid canvassers designed to secure money and votes for the radical Left's agenda. CRC's Hayden Ludwig and Michael Watson expose, for the first time, this vast empire of canvassers known as the Public Interest Network, and the mysterious puppet master atop the pyramid.*

## **Living the PIRG Life**

The oldest and perhaps best-known part of the Public Interest Network are the Public Interest Research Groups, or "PIRGs." The PIRGs grew out of the student activism of the 1960s and early 1970s around a group of left-wing "consumer activists" known as "Nader's Raiders" after their leader and intellectual progenitor, community organizer and four-time

presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

Like the now-defunct ACORN (the Association of Community Organizations

for Reform Now), which was created around the same time in the early

1970s by activist Wade Rathke, the PIRGs followed Nader's vision of a

radical "new populism."

This new populism largely took the form of community organizing, the

strategy envisioned in the 1960s by veteran Chicago political activist

Saul Alinsky and honed by icons of the New Left like Heather Booth, Harry C. Boyte, and Nader himself.

From the start, Nader intended the PIRGs to be centered on college

campuses across the United States and Canada, beginning in Oregon and

Minnesota. While they were always intended to be run by lawyers able to

coerce government agencies into advancing left-wing policies concerning

the environment, housing, and public utility prices, it was Nader's idea

to fund the various PIRGs with student university fees.

Because they

were aided by mandatory fees enforced by sympathetic university

administrators and approved by liberal-controlled student governments,

many of the early state PIRGs became the best-funded student groups on

their campuses.



As David Seidemann, an environmental science professor at Brooklyn College, wrote in 2016: “administrators at public universities across the country have granted [the PIRGs] unique campus privileges and funneled millions of dollars—in part, from mandatory student fees.” As a result, the New York chapter of PIRG (NYPIRG) now “raises more money than all other campus student groups and surreptitiously diverts those funds to its statewide lobbying operations”—as much as \$1 million forcibly raised from the pockets of college students each year.

In the case of the Oregon State PIRG (OSPIRG), Mark Hemingway wrote for *National Review* in 2008, students vote on those fees every two years during student government elections, “in which only 5 to 10 percent of [the University of Oregon’s] 17,000 students typically vote. So OSPIRG needed only about 800 votes to get a big fat check.” According to Hemingway, the student fees are then siphoned from the PIRG’s 501(c)(3) clearinghouse to its 501(c)(4) lobbying arm through absurdly high consulting fees, rent on unused office space, and other supposed “services.”

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# **UK: Kensington Palace Denies Report that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle Plan to Raise Their Baby as ‘Gender Fluid’**

Meghan Markle, 37, the American actress who married Prince Harry, is 7 months pregnant and recently told guests at her baby shower that she will be raising her child to be gender fluid. Because the royals are influential in the UK, many parents will follow their example, expanding the number of transgender children, despite harmful effects including a much higher rate of attempted suicide for transgender teens and non-binary youth (neither male or female).

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Actress Meghan Markle has reportedly told friends she and her husband Prince Harry have plans to raise their child with a “fluid approach to gender” that refrains from “imposing any stereotypes,” according to sources who spoke with *Vanity Fair*.

Meghan Markle, now formally referred to as the Duchess of Sussex, is expecting her first child in the coming weeks and has even planned a “gender-neutral” nursery for its enjoyment.

“The Sussexes have already planned a gender-neutral nursery and opted for whites and grays over conventional blue and pink color ways, and this seems to be in line with Meghan’s ideas about how to raise children,” the magazine reported.

“Meghan has been talking to some of her friends about the birth and how she and Harry plan to raise their baby. Her exact word was fluid,” one source close to the actress told the magazine. “She said they plan to raise their child with a fluid approach to gender and they won’t be imposing any stereotypes.”

The 37-year-old, who rose to fame from her role as the paralegal Rachel Zane in *Suits*, is well known for her progressive political views, particularly on topics such as feminism. In the run-up

to the  
2016 presidential election, the actress described Donald Trump  
as both  
“misogynistic” and “divisive,” while she also expressed her  
disappointment at Britain’s decision to vote to leave the  
European Union  
earlier that year.

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**NY: Mental Health Program Run  
by Mayor Bill de Blasio’s  
Wife Has Trouble Explaining**

# What Happened to \$850 Million

Days after for-left New York Mayor Bill de Blasio admitted his Renewal Schools wasted \$773 million over five years, lawmakers learned that the ThriveNYC program for the mentally ill, run by his wife, Chirlane McCray, blew through \$850 million in just four years with questionable results. Thrive will receive an additional \$1 billion over the next four years despite its failure to account for where much of the money was spent. New York outsources many of its social services to community-based non-profit organizations that, in turn, support the Mayor.

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Sure, Thrive might've boosted first lady Chirlane McCray's profile. She practically confessed her plans to use the program as a path to elected office: "I want [ThriveNYC] to be successful . . . and then figure out what comes next," she said in 2018, as she acknowledged eyeing some 2021 bid for office.

Yet, as The Post reported Thursday, officials can't show that Thrive has had much impact on the mentally ill. They can't even cite details on what the \$850 million bought, even though Thrive is getting \$1 billion more to spend over the next four years.

At a City Council hearing Wednesday, lawmakers blasted the program.

"The situation [with the mentally ill in New York] is not improving.

It's actually getting worse," warned Robert Holden (D-Queens).

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# Trump Threatens Executive Order to Remove Funding from

# Colleges that Violate Free Speech Following Assault at Berkley

President Trump announced he will sign an executive order to promote free speech on college campuses, saying that if the schools want dollars, they will have to allow people like Hayden Williams to speak. Williams was recruiting students fro conservative groups on the UC Berkeley campus when another man assaulted him and punched him in the face.

Summary by JW Williams

Berkeley, California: Leadership Institute Field Representative, Hayden Williams, 26, was assaulted and punched in the face by an assailant on February 19th, which was captured on a video that went viral. Williams is not a student, but was working to recruit students for conservative groups. Zachary Greenberg, 28, was arrested over a week later after the Citizens United Foundation offered a \$50,000 reward leading to the conviction of the assailant. Greenberg is not a current student or employee of Berkeley, but was employed by the university from May 21-July 9, 2010 as a lab assistant in the Department of Psychology and did attend classes there at one time.

President Trump announced that he will sign an executive order to promote free speech on college campuses, and threatened to remove federal funding of non-compliant colleges. UC Berkeley responded by defending the campus police force and spokesman Dan Mogulof claimed that the attacker was a lone bad actor. He said that the media has ignored the fact that UC Berkeley

conservative student groups hosted a large number of conservative speakers and that the school spent about \$4 million in the past year on security measures. Critics responded by mentioning the multiple riots at Berkeley in 2017 when police stood down and allowed the violence to play out, thus creating a culture of intolerance and violence at Berkeley by leftists without any accountability.

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*UC Berkeley says it is not biased against conservative students and the right is distorting its actions*