

Green Jobs and Other Hocus Pocus

Let's see. This week a solar cell company in California (where else?), Solyndra, went belly-up. A couple of months ago, a battery company in Michigan (God knows THEY could use the work!) folded and relocated its manufacturing to China. What do these things tell us?

For one thing, Solyndra left the taxpayers 535 million in debt. Why? Because WE paid for them to operate. The same applies to the battery company. Why is this significant? Two main reasons. 1. When we put taxpayer dollars into creating jobs, we gain NOTHING. It's like taking money out of our left pocket, putting it into our right pocket and saying we're now richer by that amount. Sound silly and stupid? Not to our bloviating pundits in Washington. I doubt any of them could balance a checkbook without stealing the money. But I digress. 2. The lesson lost when Obama goes on about creating green jobs, is that the technology the federal government is forcing us to abet ISN'T VIABLE!

That's right. Not only is this "green" movement nothing more than high-sounding rhetoric, our economy (what's left of it) isn't set up for so-called green technology. Oh, we know how to harness power from the sun and how to make a car go with batteries. (Heck, they did that at the turn of the twentieth century, in the nineteen-oughts, right after we invented cars!) Yes, we can do it, but our economy, for better or worse, can't make use of it yet.

Think of it for a moment. Let's suppose Obama gets us to sell our "gas-guzzlers," through coercion and federal tax incentives, and we all end up driving Chevy Volts, or some other electric cars. (By the way, this isn't new either—in the seventies, GM created the EV-1, a far more efficient and viable electric car—and gave them to people to test.) What do you think would happen when millions of people plug their vehicles in after a day of driving? Can you spell "brownout," or "power grid failure?" I'm not even going to go into the problems of recharging and lack of range.

Face it. We've geared our economy to drilling, refining and purveying oil-based products. Go anywhere in this country and you'll find a gas station. Try finding an outlet with enough power to charge your car out in the Sonoran Desert! My economically savvy son, Jordan, who makes a living as a marketing consultant, often tells me he's not opposed to solar and battery power—it's just that those technologies aren't driven by need; people just won't invest in them yet. Why? Because other technologies are extant. Once it becomes evident that the old infrastructure is failing, or is becoming expensive and obsolete, people will snap up electric cars, power their houses with solar panels and use the so-called "green technology." But not before.

Let me go on record here by saying this whole "green" movement is nothing but a bunch of self-righteous loons touting a non-viable technology as the answer to global warming, carbon footprint and sustainable energy, for political and monetary reasons. That's right. It's all a smokescreen hoax, perpetrated by a bunch of flimflam artists, out to make a buck. Do you think Al Gore is doing his whole, global warming, dog-and-pony show shtick out of altruism? Do I *really* need to explain this? What's sad about all this is that, if carried to its extreme, this global warming, green movement will bankrupt the world!

Here's something you probably don't think of, when you listen to someone go on about green technologies. They use phrases like: "We ought to do something about this," "We've got to make it happen," "We need legislation," and the like. What does this tell you? They want government to FORCE us to comply. This isn't in keeping with the republic we live in. It's totalitarian thinking and we know how well that's worked in the past. Talk about non-viable. The Soviet Union bankrupted itself. China has adopted capitalist practices (aided by their assuming control over Hong Kong, one of the biggest success stories of economics—talk about the tail wagging the dog!) and every socialist-based government failing because of its cost-heavy programs that don't work over the long haul. Think Europe.

We cannot sustain such spending to foster a technology we've not yet arrived at the point of needing. Talk about poverty, talk about the loss of jobs—THIS is the real face of this lunacy! The answer here is to work to make our present infrastructure BETTER and more modern. Heck, drive behind a car made before the eighties and you can SMELL how much we've cleaned up emissions. Want to keep the big, bad oil companies from making obscene profits (caused by our benighted congress preventing them from drilling and building new refineries)? Allow them to build new, clean refineries and refit older ones. We'll all benefit from that—here and now!

We, the consumer will always vote with our wallets. Let's start putting our mouths where our money is going. Vote for people who don't pander to the latest fad and work to provide REAL solutions to REAL problems. Having a job, driving a car we can afford and living in a home we can actually pay for is far more important than listening to some idiot go on about non-viable technologies and pie-in-the-sky solutions to non-problems. End of sermon.

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