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Dear Reader,

Never before has our society been in more peril than it is today. The rights of workers are being attacked at every turn, unions are being busted, and there are constant attacks on the climate. The very fate of our nation and, by extension, the world are at stake. If we want to truly see revolutionary action taken in our lifetimes, the time to act is right now. We cannot sit idly by while reactionaries such as /u/\_MyHouseIsOnFire\_ threaten to take power and destroy the very roots of our communities.

With all of this taken into consideration, our publication has decided to officially endorse /u/Parado-I for Governor of the Atlantic. Our publication allows for a diversity of opinions, and many of us disagree with him on plenty of issues, just as you may as well. However, perspective must be had, and context must be taken into account. If we risk allowing the first ever Republican Governor to exist in the Atlantic, we would stand for absolutely nothing, and the very thought of a Bran-like administration coming to our very home is chilling. We fully encourage you to donate, volunteer, and most of all, vote for /u/Parado-I come election day.

Signed,

The BOLSHEVIK team.

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# ECOSOCIALISM

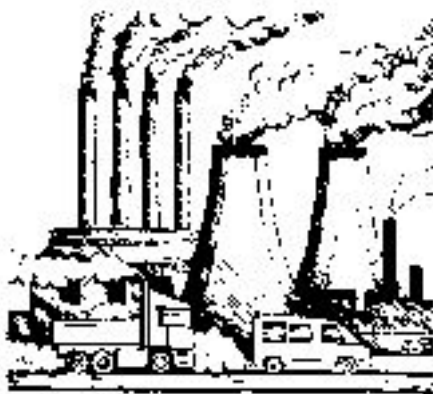


## EDITION

# Nationalize

## How?

There have been many proposals by plenty of politicians



By: /u/Parado-I

over the past few years to solve climate change, but one of the more radical ones has always been derided for being unrealistic, with no plan of action as to how to accomplish it. Today, I would like to answer the question: How can we really go about nationalizing the energy industry? It would of course be illegal to simply go and seize the industry straight from the hands of the business owners, as that would violate countless contracts, and even if new laws were passed, contracts cannot simply be made null and void by a state legislature, as that is unconstitutional. There are, however, far more witty ways of taking control of a company.

In the fallout of the 2008 financial crisis, the insurer, American International Group (hereby referred to as AIG) were on the brink of bankruptcy. The federal government bailed them out, but only under one condition: the government was to acquire 80% ownership in the company, effectively taking control of it. How this differs from just directly seizing the industry is that the

company willingly entered into this contract, as it was the only way out of the dire financial situation they were in. Another major investor, Starr, sued the government, claiming that this type of federal action overstepped the government's authority. Initially, the courts agreed with them, but the decision was appealed, and the Appellate court ruled that it was entirely within the government's bounds.<sup>[1]</sup> Starr then attempted to take it to the Supreme Court, where it was dismissed.<sup>[2]</sup> *Starr International Co. v. United States* shows us that the government can take complete control over a company, it just must be by a voluntary contract.

How then can we create the conditions in which a company will turn themselves over to the government? It certainly is impractical and unethical to simply reproduce the conditions that were around in 2008, so what can we do? The most practical way to go about this is to institute a temporary form of a carbon tax - and bear with me, do not be scared off by the words "carbon tax" for just a moment. This carbon tax would be a 2¢ tax on every 1¢ made selling electricity that was produced by fossil fuels. Any business model would fail under these conditions, no matter how much money is behind them: the time it takes is the only variable. The government then begins negotiations with all of the now-failing companies. Once the last one folds, the tax is repealed, and the government now controls the fossil fuel industry. Hooray!

However, that is only Step 1. The entire point of nationalizing the energy industry is, in the short term, to move off of carbon power. So, for Step 2: We must build, from the ground-up, state-run green energy. What this means is a government agency that will, through its own infrastructure, build solar, wind,

Sources:

[1]: <https://harvardlawreview.org/2016/01/starr-international-co-v-united-states/>

[2]: <https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2018/03/26/484383.htm>

hydro, and geo-thermal electric plants. There is precedent for state construction programs already, Eisenhower's Interstate Highways being only the most obvious among plenty of examples.

Without a profit motive, the state is far better equipped to handle issues of energy than the market is. Causing climate change is beyond profitable, as carbon-based forms of energy are cheaper and more abundant. The government, having hopefully elected Socialists, will be by and for the people, and will have all the reason to be willing to spend the extra money for the good of all in society. This plan can and will work, it is only a matter of the political will of whoever is in office.

## Green Transit



By: /u/Parado-l

The Atlantic is in dire need of a transportation revolution. Currently, Atlanteans are not given a choice as to how they want to get around. They are forced to drive to anywhere that is more than a short distance away. We must give the people a choice to use trains, trams, subways, and all means of other public transit instead. This is not only about choice, however: it is about the climate.

It is not hard to see why it is better for the environment to use public transit. All engines are inherently wasteful, regardless of if they are powered by petroleum or by electricity. However, that waste stays relatively constant, even as the size and power of the engine scales. If we have one hundred small engines

for one hundred people, the amount of waste is scaled by 100x. However, if we have one engine for one hundred people, as is the case in an abstracted public transit scenario, the waste is scaled by 1x, 1/100 of the alternative. This scales even further the more people are on it, and the less they have to use their cars.

Public transportation is also far cheaper. Cars are expensive, and do not last forever. It is unrealistic to expect somebody to lift themselves out of poverty if they cannot even afford a car, and loans to those with poor credit are incredibly predatory. By spreading the burden of the cost of transit, as well as the government absorbing some of it, the overall cost becomes incredibly inexpensive. In addition, electric personal vehicles are expensive and impractical. Electric public transit, on the other hand, is beyond commonplace, but in fact the alternative is near non existent.

It is clear that the Atlantic needs a transportation revolution, and this must be provided by the government. The reason the revolution has not yet come is because all attempts have been privately attempted. When we have a public transportation system, we will truly be able to revolutionize the transportation industry.



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