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## U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez Releases Green New Deal

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On February 7, 2019, Representative Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), in partnership with Senator Ed Markey (D- MA), released the outline for the [Green New Deal](#), a policy package designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the transformation of the U.S. economy. The outline includes highlights on the systemic impact from climate change, particularly on women, indigenous populations, deindustrialized and migrant communities, the poor, communities of color, depopulated rural communities, low-income workers, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth. Stating that climate change poses a direct threat to the U.S. national security, the outline of the Deal makes it the federal government's duty to pass its measures. These duties include transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy; creating millions of high-wage jobs; ensuring economic security for everyone; investing in infrastructure and industry; ensuring clean air and water, climate and community resiliency, access to healthy food, and a sustainable environment; and promoting justice and equity that currently prevent oppression repair. According to Ocasio-Cortez's outline, all Green New Deal goals should be addressed in ten years through:

- Resiliency building against climate change-related disasters;
- Pollution elimination;
- Expansion of renewable and zero-emission energy sources;
- Spurring growth in clean manufacturing;
- Promoting sustainable farming;
- Building a sustainable food system;
- Provision of resources, training, and education; and
- Public investment in research and development (R&D), among other measures.

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