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Dace Blaskovitz:

Welcome back to Money and Politics in Delaware. Charlie Copeland is with us in the second half of the program and he's on a roll. And if I had to do a recap, help me Charlie, the virus has shown what the left ... What was your word choice?

Charlie Copeland:

The left has been touting a bunch of policy proposals for decades and that's because they haven't had to pay any attention to the real world. And the virus is re-interjected the real world into a policy. And the left wing's policies have been shown to be lacking, at the minimum, and crazy and irrational spots. The virus is proving left-wing policies to be a horrible idea.

Dace Blaskovitz:

With that said, you were on a roll. I had to interrupt, we had to take a break. But the World Health Organization has shown to be, in my opinion, Wall Street Journal's opinion, nothing short of corrupt, but it's your story, continue.

Charlie Copeland:

Yeah. So, in this last session I started about open uncontrolled borders and what a bad idea that is now that Delaware and New Jersey, and every state in the nation, to a certain extent, are stopping residents of other states from coming over their borders. Don't you think protecting our own borders, or country's borders, is a good idea? So, then I went on to the global institutions, and the World Health Organization is the quintessential example. And I talked about the fact that the WHO has been corrupt and bought off by the communist Chinese. The head of WHO, The World Health Organization was promoted by and endorsed by the Chinese who've put in place.

Charlie Copeland:

So, here's what the WHO has been doing in carrying China's allies, for instance. On January 14th, the WHO came out and said, "Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human to human transmission of the novel coronavirus identified in Wuhan, China." And this was five to six weeks after the opposite had been confirmed to be the case in Wuhan. And then in January 28th, the WHO published another statement about the coronavirus, with a photograph and a headline saying, "WHO and Chinese leaders discuss next steps in battle against coronavirus outbreak." And the head of the WHO Tedros Ghebreyesus with Xi Jinping, and accordingly relates, "The WHO delegation highly appreciated the actions of China as implemented in response to the outbreak. Its speed in identifying the virus and openness to sharing information with WHO and other country." So, that was on January 28th, and on January 28th the WHO is praising China.

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That same day, president Trump expanded us airport screenings to identify travelers showing symptoms and instituted mandatory quarantines. And then three days later, Trump issued a travel ban for people from China. And note that on that same day, Joe Biden criticized the travel ban by saying, "This is no time for Donald Trump's record of hysteria and xenophobia." Well, with the 100,000 ill people in the United States and the 10,000 mortalities, is Joe Biden still willing to stand by his words that Donald Trump was being hysterical when he shut down the border with China? I don't think so. Maybe it's because Joe Biden's son, Hunter, has significant business dealings with China, maybe we should think about that. But it wasn't until March the 11th, a month ago, that the WHO declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and that was over a month after the United States had started treating it as a global pandemic.

Charlie Copeland:

So, in other words, the World Health Organization failed miserably. The leadership of the United States has been very successful. And so once again, a second, nutty, left-wing position that the United States should pay deference to global organizations, rather than to our own innovativeness and creativity, has been shot down by the real world and COVID-19. Let's look at the plastic bags. Right? Less than a year ago, John Carney signed a bill banning plastic bags and he said that, "We live in a beautiful state and we want to keep it that way. And one of the best ways we take pride in our communities is to keep them clean." So, let's break down that word clean, shall we? How many of your listeners right now have hand sanitizers on their kitchen counters? How many of them have cleaners that say, "Kills 99.99% of germs and bacteria?" How many of them are wearing masks?

Charlie Copeland:

How many of your listeners are going to the grocery store and using reusable bags? I bet you not many of them because they aren't clean. You take them there, you put them down, they carry bacteria, they carry virus, they carry ... Nobody's cleaning those things. San Francisco, the first city to ban plastic bags 11 years ago, has now regulations removed the ban. They don't want people to use reusable bags. Even Starbucks no longer allows customers to refill their own reusable cups. So, what is clean? Clean is about keeping your family, your friends, and your community healthy and safe. Free of COVID-19 and other pathogens like the flu, which kills 30,000 Americans every year. And reusable bags carry those kinds of pathogens, foodborne illnesses and others around with them.

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It was a stupid idea, it was a bad idea, it was a narrow idea. Sure, we all want our waterways clean and our streets clean. Absolutely. And I would love there to be no Cherry Island landfill, but we live in the real world where there are real world trade-offs. The environmental costs associated with paper bags, the health costs associated with reusable bags, with a landfill costs with people disposing plastic bags. I mean, these are all trade-offs. Which do you want? I think we want healthy families, healthy communities and healthy neighborhoods. So, a third, nutty, left-wing position has been destroyed by COVID-19 and the real world. And I could go on but...

Dace Blaskovitz:

Well, let's do one thing, tick-tock on that clock we've got about three minutes left. We tape on Friday, air on Saturday, Wall Street Journal has a couple worthy stories about Biden and Bernie and the idea that Bernie ... The headline on the news appears to be incorrect. Bernie quit, that's not correct. He instead suspended his campaign and he did not quit because he still wants to influence, what was the word choice? Significant push, significant influence into Joe Biden. You have a pedigree in politics. Joe keeps going left, keeps going left. In fact, if you look at either the page two story again, in the Wall Street Journal or the Kimberley Strassel story. There are a number of left-wing groups that have said going back to the status quo, going back to Obama, Biden isn't going to work. I'm long-winded to try to get two articles in front of you and the reason is what does Joe do? How does a left-winger, win in today's America?

Charlie Copeland:

A left-winger doesn't win in today's America and Joe Biden will not win. And I've been convinced of that fact for quite some time. I thought the Democrats were smart enough as an entity to figure that out, but they were so afraid of Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren that they forced out the reasonable candidates they had, like Amy Klobuchar, and went with the old, fading Warhorse that is Joe Biden, who's really never had a national structure around him at all. And that's not an opinion, that's a fact, by looking at the previous presidential attempts that he has made and his own local races in Delaware. I mean, it's always been a family run operation and he's stuck in his basement right now, and all he can do is online kinds of fundraisers and things and maybe get some news on the left-wing media.

Charlie Copeland:

But at the end of the day is that Americans are going to be looking around right now, in my opinion, and saying, "Yeah, we want America first. We looked at what the Chinese did..." I mean, when the head of the WHO came out and said that, "If you don't fund the WHO, you're going to have millions of body bags." We already have tens of thousands of body bags because we listened to the WHO, but it's been American innovation and American creativity that the world is looking for to solve this problem. Nobody's looking to the Chinese to say, "What kind of drugs are you developing? What kind of equipment and tests are you developing?" They're looking to the West, they're looking to the United States, they're looking to Japan, and so we ought to lead.

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And I think Americans are going to vote for the person who wants to actually make America the leader of these kinds of things and get us out of a stupid place. I mean, look at the millions of dollars, and billions of dollars we did spend in the middle East and continue to spend in the middle East, that could have been spent domestically and kept our balance sheet, and our country, in a better shape to deal with this. And now we're moving in the right direction, so I think Biden's in trouble.

Dace Blaskovitz:

His name is Charlie Copeland. We'll see you back here next week for more Money and Politics in Delaware.