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An Energized Conservative Movement Comes Together This Week at CPAC 2020

With low unemployment numbers, high stock market numbers, and the failure of the twin ruses of the Mueller investigation and the absurd Democrat impeachment effort in the past year, you might think that the nation's conservatives might want to rest a bit. But that's far from the case according to American Conservative Union Chairman Matt Schlapp, whose group hosts the Conservative Political Action Conference, more commonly known as [CPAC](#).



In an interview with [Breitbart](#), Schlapp made the case that this year's CPAC might be the most energized in the 46-year-history of the event.

"We've never seen anything like this," Schlapp said. "Last year's was our most subscribed CPAC, you might say, in our history. This year, everything sold at three times the pace of last year. There won't be a scrap of food, a hotel room, or a ticket in the nosebleeds left by the time we get to the end of the week. There simply will be nothing left. We've never quite been in that situation before."

Americans, in general, and conservatives in particular, seem to understand the stakes of the 2020 election. There is a vast gulf between the ideologies of the two major parties in the country, with the Democrat Party moving ever more leftward. Socialist Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) is the current frontrunner for the Democrat presidential nomination, and the new thought leaders of the party are people such as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), both of whom are very vocal about wanting to create bank-breaking social and political reforms in America.

Hence the theme of this year's CPAC: "America Versus Socialism."

"The policies of all the major Democratic candidates reflect the fact that their grassroots supporters want a socialist party," Schlapp said. "They don't want a Democratic Party; they want a socialist party."

The divide between conservatives and the new and ever-more-radical left wing in America has much of the country nervous about the future of the nation. Despite the confidence exuded by President Trump, conservatives are worried that the socialists are out there, lurking, and that their numbers are growing. Schlapp believes that the dichotomy of visions is fueling the intensity of this year's CPAC.

"I think it's a reflection of two things: Number one, Donald Trump has given a huge swath of the country great hope that their country can regain its footing," Schlapp said. "The other is that the 'squad' and Bernie Sanders and others have instilled great fear in Americans that things they took for granted, that were reflected in their country, are now at serious risk."

Schlapp concluded, "You could say that it's both the fear of an America turning away from its soul and turning towards socialism in combination with great emotional connections to Donald Trump for fighting just as hard, and just as dirty, as the other side fights."

Schlapp also believes that leftists are finally beginning to reap the harvest from decades of educational



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and societal conditioning aimed at presenting socialism and a nanny state government as the answers to the nation's "problems."

"Now, [leftists], through their indoctrination through the public school system and the media, they've created a whole couple generations of people who believe everyone gets a trophy and that everyone should make the same amount of money and that if you're more successful in society you have to turn those resources over to the government to redistribute them."

Today, Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk reiterated Schlapp's point and issued a firm warning to those in attendance. Sanders, a [Castro-praising socialist](#), could actually win the presidency.

"I push back when people say, 'Well, there's no way Bernie Sanders could become President of the United States.' No, he could win," Kirk told the crowd. "I want every conservative activist to get your laughs out of the way and your mockery out of the way and get deathly serious. Because we should not do what the left did in 2016 and dismiss an outsider populist candidate."

Both Schlapp and Kirk are absolutely right. The Left in the United States has proven over the past four years (and for many years prior) that they are willing to do literally anything to regain and retain power. Democrats in America have literally no compunction against lying, creating crimes where none exist, committing vote fraud, or otherwise attempting to strongarm their opponents to bend to their will.

The GOP and Trump are not perfect by any means, but they are far preferable to the alternative. This socialist uprising in the United States must be defeated and defeated soundly this November.

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