



CAIT CONLEY WANTS TO REPRESENT NY 17 - PART 2

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This is part 2 of a four part story on Cait Conley's candidacy for the Democratic nomination to run against incumbent Congressman Mike Lawler in the general election in November.

We've got people here legally, legal immigrants and illegal immigrants that are taking jobs from America because they'll work at a lower pay rate than Americans will.

These are things that need to be dealt with, not just, you know, OK, you know, we got this that the other. As far as jobs, we want American jobs stop the illegals from taking

jobs that Americans are supposed to have, and let the Americans get first crack at. The jobs that are out there. And when Biden cut the pipelines, he cut thousands of six-figure paying jobs to Americans when he stopped those pipelines...

"Which he then created more opportunities for through other types of infrastructure investment." She said.

But the problem is now you've got to train all these people and these new things, and it just wasn't working.

"No, but that's evolution. That's how you evolve the workforce."

You thought, I mean, just give me a couple of, and then just I'm keep this brief.

"I love this." She said with a smile.

I reminded her that I do my homework, as she can see by the amount of pages of questions I had. When you did the interview with Channel 11, she seemed a bit surprised that I knew about that interview. You were talking about reckless policies of the Trump administration, but in that interview, you said that and the guy interviewing you just let that go as a general statement, didn't give specifics. Give me some specifics on, that he put in policies he put in place that exacerbated the affordability crisis and what and what is the unnecessary harm that he's inflicted on the American people. Specific examples of this, you know, not just a broad...

"She responded, let me give one that literally impacts our congressional district every day. In the Hudson Valley, we are facing a housing crisis. To your point, it did not just happen with this administration. It didn't just happen in the last few years. This has been something that has been happening over decades. Again, going back to my single mother raising me and my two sisters working for the postal service here in the Hudson Valley. Out of me and my sisters, Keith, I'm the only one who can afford to move back. Literally the only one. But why is that? So, we're getting to that, right, because everything here has gotten more expensive and real wages have not kept up. But when we talk about a specific policy, I'll give you one. The foreign tariffs on Canadian lumber and Canadian construction goods that we import literally build homes in America.



Last year, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce talked about in their economic forecasts how literally the cost of building a home in America. It is going to cost \$14,000 more for the same exact house now than it did a year ago because of the cost of the

of the tariffs, but that is real. That is real."

But the tariffs. Prior to 1913, the income tax law, and yeah, we'll get into more of this later, the country was financed by tariffs, not income tax, but that doesn't matter if it without the income tax law, the tariffs would have been there and been able to

maintain the income of the country.

"That's over 100 years ago and that's where the direction of the country went. We can debate if..."

Only because the income tax law was put in place. Without the income tax law, they would have had to keep going with the tariffs.

"I would also say the global economy has changed over." Oh, it has, it has at least need to adapt.

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Let's move on to the SAVE America Act Being American, American citizen wants the elections to be secure and clean. Most Americans, 71%, and that, that covers Democrats and Republicans, approve of needing ID to vote. Let's learn from history. Germany, 1933, Hitler became Chancellor. Not a German citizen, he was Austrian, yet he was able to take the Chancellorship and Presidency in Germany. But a non-citizen participate on a national level can lead to these things happening here too. What do you feel about the Save America Act?

"When I was at the cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, I led This nation, the federal government's election infrastructure security mission. I have spent years working with election officials, ensuring the security and integrity of American democracy, years to include literally serving as the country's top election infrastructure security official for 2024, which Trump did freely and fairly win. This was a secure election, and this is what American democracy is about. I can tell you as someone who has been in that role, who has worked with election officials from both sides of the political aisle all across this country. That the claims that non-citizens voting in federal elections is, is a serious threat to this nation or a real problem is inaccurate. It's just not true.

There was a guy who was arrested for voting in elections as non-citizen. He was arrested for who admitted he's non-citizen voting in 7 elections, and he was arrested but the point is he got to vote, but he did cast a ballot that was counted in the elections...

She refused to acknowledge the point that he was a non-citizen whose ballot was counted in 7 American elections. How many other “inaccurate” ballots were counted in American elections? All she could fall back on is that it is a crime. “It’s a crime, but no, no, this goes back to people commit crimes and they are held accountable and people right now when you register to vote in a federal election, you acknowledge by checking a box saying I acknowledge it is a crime. For a non-citizen to vote in a federal election, in any election, we’ve all set a level. No federal elections, because some states and localities have different rules.”

Well, there should be a rule not allowing non-citizens to vote even in the states.

She continued, “So going back to what this act would really do, like what it would actually do is make it harder for people who have changed their names, who are actual American citizens to be able to exercise their right to vote. This would unfairly burden women from being able to cast a ballot and that because of all the additional documentation requirements and the timeline for executing this, this is all about meddling in the upcoming November election because this administration knows the reckless policies have created conditions where regardless of partisan affiliation, people are outraged, people are fed up, and they are going to be held accountable in November, like Mike Lawler, and that is what they’re trying to prevent the American people from having their voice heard.”

My wife had, no problem getting her license changed to my last name, had no problem registering to vote, and she’s a woman, there was no problem. Nobody had that I know of ever had a problem going from their maiden name to their married name and having to register to vote.

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“Right the problem she is professing doesn’t exist actually does. Regardless of the need to show citizenship. As long you have your birth certificate, (which shows where you were born, verifying

citizenship) marriage license or any other document that has your name on there is no problem.

Gavin Newsom asked how many people have their original birth certificate? I can’t find mine.” What he neglects to say is that all you have to do is contact the municipality where you were born and ask for a copy. It might cost a little, usually around \$10 but it can be gotten.” Said John Scott.

The other thing that those against passing is that people need a special voter ID. That is not true.

Let’s move on to, Healthcare. You claim that there are Medicaid cuts in the BBB. Where exactly is that written in that they’re cutting Medicaid from American citizens, not just taking people who are here illegally or dead people off the rolls of Medicaid. Where in the, in the bill, what section of the bill is saying we’re cutting. First of all, as far as I know, Medicaid and Social Security are mandated spending and cannot be cut without a 60-vote majority in the Senate on top of whatever the House does and you’re not going to get 60 votes in the Senate to cut Medicaid. So where is it being cut in the BBB?

“There were billions of dollars to New York State that were cut from the one big ugly bill that has resulted, and I will tell you just in our district, 37,000 people losing coverage, 37,000 people in New York 17 are going to lose access to their healthcare.”

But where in the bill does it say that?

Even in all of her protestations of cuts, just like other Democrat candidates I have spoken with, she did not give a specific section and clause where these cuts are being made.

“It says it in what it is allocating to New York and the number reductions. It also does that in very real ways by prohibiting any federal funding going towards critical healthcare facilities like Planned Parenthood. (this funding is separate from Medicaid payments for people who are eligible for it) I will tell you. That as one of the largest healthcare providers not only for working women, but also men and women. The impact on people in our district and across this country, specifically women is cruel and wrong. Just in Hudson Valley Peconic, our chapter of Planned

Parenthood, because people talk a lot about this is about access or, or funding abortions just to dispel. That rumor and talk about the full impact this is having on healthcare. Just in Hudson Peconic, where we have 11 brick and mortar Planned Parenthood clinics and 2 mobile.” She Said, not really answering the question.

In 2024 alone There were over 94,000 annual tests, pre-cancer screenings, and diagnostics that were conducted for people here. Now I will tell you I am very much pro-choice. I am about ensuring that a woman should have full access to all healthcare and the government should have no role in that. But what is so egregious is what is happening is not just taking that right away from women but literally access to basic healthcare.

How did, well, first of all, let me, you mentioned Planned Parenthood. Information I’ve read about Margaret Sanger was that she was a racist and a purist in genetics and 80% of the Planned Parenthood’s abortion facilities are located in minority neighborhoods and 88% of the new mega facilities are also located within walking distance of minority neighborhoods and there have been 19 million black pregnancies ended through Planned Parenthood. I couldn’t find any statistics on non-minority, but that one came up immediately. 19 million black children had been aborted through Planned Parenthood, but the numbers for anybody else weren’t available in Planned Parenthood.

I believe in the right to life. But I also, I’m in one of those that says, OK, yeah, I’m also believing in women’s right to choose. I don’t believe in abortion as a method of birth control. I know somebody who had 6 abortions as a method of birth control, which disagree with.

I do agree with former President Bill Clinton that it should be “safe, legal & rare”

Those numbers are staggering, and the, and the amount of clinics in these neighborhoods. At least from things I’ve, my own research, is by design to keep certain populations from growing. From the way from Margaret Sanger’s attitude towards certain people, from, again, this is stuff I’ve read and heard, OK. I’m sorry, looking at it, to me, those locations are not, as you say, coincidence.