

Pelosi on the 'collateral damage' of Democrats' economic policies: 'So be it'



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., speaks during a news conference about the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon) ** FILE ** more >

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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said American voters will simply have to deal with the “collateral damage” that comes their way if Democrats craft economic policies in the years ahead.

The California Democrat recently sat down with New York Times columnist Paul

Krugman in the Big Apple to discuss public policy. The event, hosted by the Jewish organization 92nd Street Y, included a portion on climate change that sparked the lawmaker's pronouncement.

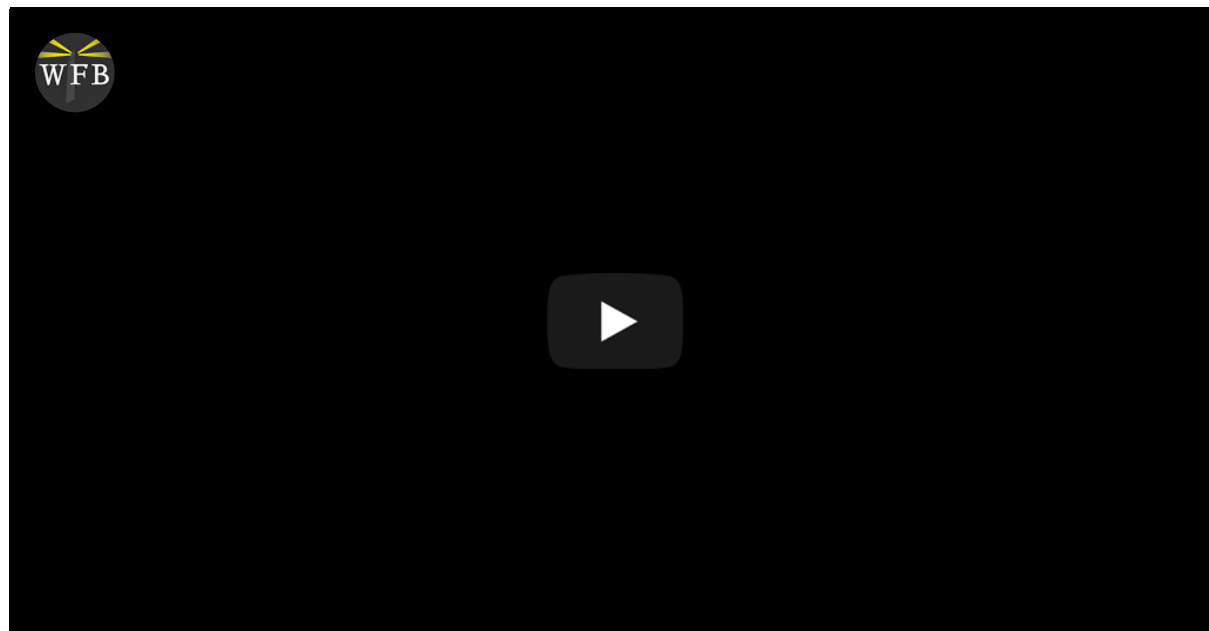
"We owe the American people to be there for them, for their financial security, respecting the dignity and worth of every person in our country, and if there is some collateral damage for some others who do not share our view, well, so be it, but it shouldn't be our original purpose," she said Sunday.

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Her commentary came against a political backdrop in which the U.S. unemployment rate is at a 49-year low — 3.7 percent — in conjunction with moderate inflation.

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said earlier this month, for instance, that Americans are enjoying a "historically rare" economic climate.

Mrs. Pelosi added that Democrats may find areas of compromise with Republicans on policies related to infrastructure, the Washington Free Beacon reported Thursday.



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