

# **In The Tank (ep73) – Oil Pipeline Safety, State Solutions to Obamacare, Privatizing DC’s Metro, and Road Beers**

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John Nothdurft and Donny Kendal present episode #73 of the *In The Tank Podcast*. This weekly podcast features (as always) interviews, debates, and roundtable discussions that explore the work of think tanks across the country. The show is available for download as part of the [Heartland Daily Podcast](#) every Friday. Today’s podcast features work from The Heartland Institute, the Palmetto Promise Institute, the Alabama Policy Institute, and the Cato Institute.

Donny and John start of this week’s show talking about the Keystone XL/ Dakota Access Pipelines. With this project moving forward, debate about the safety of this mode of transporting oil has once again begun to rage on social media. [Heartland Research](#) fellow for energy Isaac Orr’s recent article on [Breitbart.com](#) puts these concerns into context. The article titled, “[Pipelines are safer than ‘safe sex’: A Brief Guide to Understanding Pipeline Safety](#),” explains how pipelines are by far the safest way to transport oil and natural gas.

## **Policybot Featured Work of the Week**

This week’s featured work comes from the [The Palmetto Promise Institute](#) and the [Alabama Policy Institute](#). This report titled “[Unwinding the Worst of Obamacare](#),” explains how states are negatively effected by Obamacare and what these states can do to free themselves from the ACA web.

## **Other Think Tank Works**

The next item comes from the [Cato Institute](#). The article titled “[Privatize Washington’s Metro System](#),” discusses the poor state of DC’s government-run Metro system. The author compares this to the subway system in Hong Kong which was privatized in 2000. Since its privatization, Hong Kong’s subway system flourished, becoming increasingly reliant as well as increasingly inexpensive for riders.

In the last segment, Donny tells John about a piece of [proposed legislation](#) out of Montana which seeks to end the ban on open alcoholic beverages for passengers on the state’s highways. John, hearing about this bill for the first time, gives his opinion on the proposed law.