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Made in America Panel Proposes Time to Stop Fear Mongering on Sequestration

Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (now on 44 stations) by once again casting doubt that the Labor Department is releasing accurate unemployment numbers. In April, the Labor Department announced that 165,000 jobs were created, but ADP, an independent company, pegged the job creation total at 119,000.

"It's disingenuous at best to continue to paint a rosy employment picture when we all know that as a result of higher taxes and Obamacare, companies are cutting back on hiring," said Neal.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman characterized the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics as "escapist fiction," wondering how anyone can reconcile the employment numbers when they are readjusted every month to make the employment picture appear more robust.

Neal's first guest was Congressman Dennis Ross who represents Florida's 15th congressional district, and who agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman that the Obama administration manipulates the employment numbers.

"How can anyone claim that unemployment is going down when we have invested \$1 trillion in a failed stimulus package and recorded debt of \$5 trillion over the past five years? What is really happening is that we are creating lots of part-time jobs (less than 34 hours per week) as a result of Obamacare regulations that demand health care coverage for companies with more than 50 full-time employees. What you're seeing is that hours will continue to fall, dropping to 30-hour work-weeks, which is not the way to boost this economy or improve employment," proposed Ross.

Ross noted that Americans are resilient and succeed despite the oppressive policies imposed by the Obama administration. He asked listeners to imagine what a difference it would make if the Obama

administration put forth growth policies and reduced waste along with moving away from Obamacare.

"We're at a GDP level of 2 ½ percent when we need to be above 3 percent, and now we have to absorb millions of immigrants who came to this country illegally. While the senate is likely to pass an immigration package, the House will probably pass a piecemeal plan that provides for E-verify and accommodations for agricultural companies. We don't need an immediate path to citizenship – we need these people to work and contribute to the economy," concluded Ross.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion about the strategy used by the Obama administration to use fear mongering and the dangers of sequestration to account for the continued weak economy.

"We're talking about three cents out of every dollar, but you'd think the world has ended. It's all about promoting fear, but no solutions, including how to address the fact that 41 percent of college graduates are working in jobs that don't require a college degree," said Neal, who added that the best way to end sequestration is to take the money that could be saved by reducing the \$1 trillion dollars in annual government waste.

Dr. Roffman suggested that by promoting the dangers of sequestration, the administration, with the support of mainstream media, is using the "perils" of sequestration to blame the GOP. The irony is that Republicans gave Obama the latitude to make necessary budget cuts, but he didn't choose to act.

Joining the show was return guest David Bego, the author of *Devil at My Doorstep*, which chronicled his war with Andy Stern and "his SEIU thugs" to protect his employees at all costs against loss of their freedom

to vote in "secret ballot" elections with no threat of repercussion from those who may disagree with their choice as to whether unionization is proper.

"We need to enlighten the public about big labor, which wants people to become like sheep so they can be controlled, giving unions the power to run our companies and eventually, our country," said Bego.

When confronted by the SEIU, Bego refused to sign a "neutrality agreement" which would give the SEIU unfettered access to the private information of every employee, while preventing Bego from contacting his own employees. It was all part of an attempt to eliminate the secret ballot on union elections so employees could be intimidated.

Bego has prevailed to date, but notes that 95 percent of companies when confronted by the neutrality agreement sign it rather than go through the hassles that he did. He also reminded listeners that when Obama addressed the SEIU in 2008, he proclaimed that "I am one of you" and that he wanted to see the country turn purple – the colors of the SEIU.

The final guest on Made in America was Craig Rucker, executive director of the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, who is calling for free market energy policies that shift energy development to the private sector and away from Washington bureaucrats.

"For 40 years energy policy emanated from Washington D.C. and it doesn't work. We need to rely on the private sector to drive energy, using fracking and approving the Keystone Pipeline. The free market demands that land be opened to exploration, but no oil is coming from federal land. The states are driving energy development and this should continue," said Rucker.

Neal and Dr. Roffman concluded the show by returning to the topic of cronyism and how



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it wastes money and delays job creation. Dr. Roffman turned his attention to the nearly \$1 billion high speed rail system being built in California by the only company that was deemed qualified to do the work: one coincidentally run by Senator Diane Feinstein's husband, Richard Blum.

"Blum's firm, Perini Zachary-Parsons, a construction group partially owned by Blum's investment firm, Blum Capital, and their investors, were the lowest bidders. But their bid of \$985,000,000 that will tie Madera to Fresno, comes in at \$35 million per mile," related Dr. Roffman.

He added that Feinstein isn't the only Democrat whose husband received preferential treatment. Nancy Pelosi's husband, Paul, is in line to redevelop an old naval base near San Francisco that could be worth millions.

Each week Neal Asbury's Made in America provides Neal's insights into the week's top news stories and their impact on the worlds of entrepreneurship, small business ownership and the overall economy. Neal's analysis, together with co-host Dr. Richard Roffman, a veteran 30-year publisher with extensive domestic and international experience, takes a non-biased approach based on real life experience in business as an American manufacturer and exporter.

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