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Made in America Panel Applauds the Emergence Of a President Who is a Long Overdue Business Cheerleader

Neal Asbury's Made in America show on Radio America by relating the number of major U.S. companies (Apple, Amazon, Carrier, etc.) that have announced new major hiring plans in the U.S. But equally impressive is that China's Alibaba has announced that they intend to create one million new American jobs over the next five years. As a result the Small Business Optimism Index is the highest it's been since 1980.

"America was waiting for a hero, someone like Trump, who can ride in on a white horse and create optimism by challenging the elites and Washington's broken Congress," proposed Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) Chief Economist, Bill Dunkelberg, who revealed the results of NFIB's latest small business optimism index which "rocketed to its highest level since 2004, with a stratospheric 38-point jump in the number of owners who expect better business conditions."

Dunkelberg suggested that the Index numbers can be attributed to Trump's win in the November election, reflecting an embrace by business of a new management team in Washington that trusts the private sector and will work to reverse the impact of profit-draining regulations and the soaring cost of healthcare.

"The country is seeing that jobs are being created --really good jobs, not hamburger flippers. Something good is happening. And yet Obama dismissed Trump's claims that he was helping to save thousands of good U.S. jobs. Obama is reactive, while Trump is proactive. Obama was all about pessimism while Trump is all about optimism," related Dr. Roffman, who added that Obama's legacy "is slowly turning to dust as people see that the economy is finally starting to recover when Trump was elected, and instead of the stock market tanking, it is soaring."

Neal noted that there is a certain irony that among the companies pledging to recommit to job creation in America are companies like Amazon and Apple that were avid Obama donors and supporters.

The next guest on Made in America was Jesse Hathaway from the Heartland Institute, who noted that Kentucky has become the 27th Right-to-Work state, coinciding with the State electing a Republican governor and State House.

"The Right-to-Work movement is gaining traction. People are tired of being forced to join a union. Now workers need to be convinced from union officials that it is in their best interest to join the union. People are seeing what is happening in states like Kentucky. Missouri is next, followed by New Hampshire," noted Hathaway, who added that even Ohio could become a Right-to-Work state as they find themselves surrounded by other nearby states that have become Right-to-Work states.

The final guest on made in America was Michael Barone from the American Enterprise Institute, who shared the Census Bureau's release of its estimated population figures, as of July 1, 2016 for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"It's always interesting to see which states have grown the most in the past year: for 2015-16 the fastest growers were Nevada and Utah at 2 percent and Florida, Idaho and Washington at 1.8 percent. It's also interesting that an unusually large number — eight — of the states are estimated to have lost population in 2015-16: Connecticut, Illinois, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wyoming. In percentage terms, the biggest loser was Illinois, the home state of the outgoing president."

Barone suggested that the Census figures clearly show that states without an income tax and with a right-to-work law have been growing more rapidly than those with income taxes and without right-to-work laws. Fully 40 percent of the nation's population growth occurred in the nine states with no income taxes and 64 percent of the nation's population growth occurred in the 26 states with right-to-work laws. More than 2 million people moved within the country to no-income-tax and right-to-work states from other states.

Neal added that Detroit and Chicago are cautionary tales of what can befall a city when unions dominate the workforce, driving up salaries until the employers can no longer support the workforce. The auto industry in Detroit was destroyed by unions.

"Unions, together with the one-party rule, have doomed large cities like Chicago and Detroit.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to the topic of job creation under Trump. Amazon could create 100,000 jobs. But they also have added 45,000 robots, which will impact hiring—and save them tons on Christmas bonuses.

Dr. Roffman, who has shared cronyism stories over the years under Obama, recalled the \$96 million that tax payers spent to support the Obama's travel schedules.

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