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Made in America Panel Sees Immigration Out of Control When Disney Replaces American Workers with Foreign Workers on H1B visas

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates) with the surprising revelation that the New York Times, a historic Obama booster, issued a recent headline that announced that "America's Best Days May Be Behind It."

"Since the New York Times played a big role in getting Obama elected, it looks like even they have realized that Obama is a failed president," noted Neal.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman concurred, adding the fact that even the New York Times has not fared well under Obama, as their circulation and ad revenue are down.

And in another dose of bad economic news, Neal revealed that Disney's Orlando theme park is laying off 250 American workers, so that they can be replaced by foreign workers entering the U.S. on limited visas who can be paid less than their American counterparts for doing exactly the same jobs. And to add insult to injury, the American workers must train their replacements before they receive their severance check.

The first guest on Made in America was Ira Mellon Scaife from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), who is dismayed by the number of U.S. companies that are using loopholes to hire foreign workers on H1B visas to replace American workers.

"Even the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is supporting foreign students who are increasingly being hired by big corporations and Silicon Valley companies. They are falsely defending their position by suggesting that they can't find qualified American students. This is pure nonsense," proposed Dr. Roffman.

One of the root causes according to Scaife, is that powerful lobbyists are finding loopholes so that American companies can undermine American workers that are paid more. Obama is blamed for supporting an avalanche of H1B visas that allow foreign workers to stay in the U.S. for extended periods of time, even though that visa was intended to identify

workers with skills unavailable in the U.S., which is blatantly false.

Neal agreed, suggesting that Obama has opened the floodgates to foreign immigration that is bringing down American worker salaries.

Neal introduced his next guest on Made in America, Tom Farelly from the Conservative Review, by referencing a recent Newsmax byline in which Neal characterized the Iran deal signed by Obama as a disaster for the U.S. energy industry and especially for energy-related American jobs.

"If you don't think that the Iran deal has an effect on the American economy, look at what is happening to the stock market, mostly brought about by security and energy issues. Saudi Arabia, once concerned about the impact of America's shale program, is now flooding the market to offset gains made in natural gas. The danger is that these drillers will be put out of business, which will result in the loss of thousands of jobs putting pressure on the banks that lent these drillers the money to operate," according to Farelly, who added that since Obama was never a fan of fossil fuels, he has ignored this issue.

Neal agreed, adding that this will be a setback for America's drive for energy independence, even as it increases America's reliance on mid-east oil.

Val Pinkhasov from Total Merchant Resources joined Made in America, after a successful appearance on Shark Tank, where he received funding for his business that helps small businesses obtain loans quickly and easily even if they have questionable credit.

"We work nationally from our New Jersey base where we can get loans to small businesses within 2-3 days. We have higher risks so we need to mark-up our costs like any business. Customers trust us and we are often the only source of funding because small banks no longer are anxious to lend money. Our typical loan is between \$25,000 and \$50,000," noted Pinkhasov.

The final guest on Made in America was Brian Mahoney, a Politico reporter, who discussed Wal-Mart closing 154 stores in the U.S.

"Wal-Mart experimented with opening smaller versions of their stores in urban markets, but it didn't really work. In Washington D.C. residents in poorer neighborhoods embraced the idea of a local Wal-Mart store for discounted products and source of jobs. Wal-Mart had planned to open five stores, but after opening three stores in more upscale neighborhoods, they closed them down and will not build the two promised stores in the less affluent neighborhoods," noted Mahoney. A root cause of this shift in policy is "government intervention," that is, local laws demanding higher pay. Further, the locals insisted that Wal-Mart allow unionization in these inner-city stores. Not good!

Dr. Roffman proposed that Wal-Mart is facing stiff competition from on-line competitors like Amazon, which have adopted Wal-Mart's low pricing approach. It's a far cry from a time when Wal-Mart was China's sixth largest trading partner.

Mahoney agreed. "Amazon is playing Wal-Mart's game by lowering prices."

Dr. Roffman and Neal discussed the lowa primary and the negative press being received by Ted Cruz because he won't endorse ethanol, which actually hurts car engines but gets large government subsidies. Yet, it takes 8 units of energy to produce one unit of ethanol fuel. Not very cost effective.

Neal noted that Trump has attacked Apple and has vowed that he will force Apple to build all of its computers in America instead of overseas.

Dr. Roffman described Trump's campaign as "Kabuki theatre," even though Trump appears to be leading in Florida.

"His attack on Nabisco for moving operations to Mexico ignores the fact that sugar subsidies have inflated the price of sugar to the point where Nabisco couldn't be compet-



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