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Made in America Panel Warns that America's National Debt Could Hit an Astounding \$30 Trillion

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates, including new affiliate WJHC-FM in Jasper, FL) by bringing on legendary musician and entrepreneur Charlie Daniels, who shares Neal and Rich's concern that too many Americans are giving up on the American Dream.

"I came up from farming stock, and knew that if you didn't do the work, nobody was going to do it for you. I've never been out of work, and never collected unemployment. But that's because I realized early on that if you can't get what you want, get out of it what you can. You only get out of something what you put into it. This is a lesson that I think many millennials don't understand, who are waiting for someone to give them what they need," proposed Daniels.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agreed, adding that you need a sense of self-reliance. "Capture that cowboy spirit that helped grow this country. Where is the American work ethic?"

Daniels has employed some 30 people for some 30 years. Employees know when they sign up, if they don't do the work, they go home.

"Workers today need to prove themselves every day. You need to demonstrate that you will get the job done. Pull yourself up, not depend on a push from the bottom.

Go the extra mile. You can tell the real employee when they step up when things aren't going well, instead of coasting when things are going good," suggested Daniels.

Neal agreed, noting that he started in the mailroom and when everybody else went home, he stayed behind to finish the work. People noticed and Neal leveraged this lesson to launch a successful career.

Neal recognized Charlie's work for Journey Home, where he helps vets by supporting organizations that give vets the goods and services they need to transition from the military.

Neal returned to the topic of the American Dream, and reaffirmed that it is not dead. But it takes sacrifice and dedication. No shortcuts.

Dr. Roffman concurred, maintaining that anything worth having is worth fighting for and sacrificing. "It starts by believing in yourself and be willing to address and overcome challenges."

West Virginia is overcoming a legacy of failed Democratic policies and has voted to become a Right to Work State, a stark departure from their reliance on unions.

The discussion then turned to Chelsea Clinton, who like her mother, despite their wealth, tries to create the impression that the Clintons are just like the average American.

"Chelsea's making \$600,000 a year. She's living in a \$10 million dollar apartment, but has the temerity to pander to voters that she's suffering like they are. Why not admit that you are successful? That's no crime in this country. If you made money by working hard, accept the accolades—don't run from it," suggested Neal.

The next guest on Made in America was Demian Brady from National Taxpayers' Union Foundation, who proposed to listeners that they should be very wary of a national debt that could hit \$30 trillion, according to the CBO.

"When Obama took office, the federal debt level was at \$10 trillion. Now it's projected to rise to \$30 trillion," revealed Neal.

"We can't dig ourselves out of this hole through taxes. Even if we taxed the wealthiest Americans at the highest rate, the money raised would only last about 100 days. There's no question that Obama is adding to the debt level. Obamacare is costing Americans \$90 billion a year. That's not sustainable," noted Brady.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that during his State of the Union Address, Obama bragged that he is bringing down the national debt. "But the CBO sees a far different picture,

with the national debt ballooning."

Brady doesn't see a solution. Even as the U.S. collects more taxes, raising the GDP; rampant overspending is at a level that erases any growth brought about by taxes.

The next guest on Made in America was Phil Kerpen, from American Commitment, who proposes that the "ethanol mandate, known formally as the Renewable Fuel Standard or RFS, is an object lesson in misguided government policy surviving long after its original rationales have been destroyed."

Kerpen is watching the political candidates in Iowa pander to Iowa corn growers who make millions off of government subsidies.

"Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are enthusiastic supporters, as is Martin O'Malley – despite the fact that just a few years ago he begged the EPA to suspend the mandate because of the devastating impact it was having on the cost of feed for Maryland poultry producers. On the Republican side, the ethanol industry created a group called America's Renewable Future (ARF) and hired the governor of Iowa's son to run it. The group secured early support for the RFS from Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum, and Donald Trump," noted Kerpen.

Dr. Roffman wondered why ethanol continues to get Congressional support despite the fact that ethanol raises the price of foods, the cost to feed livestock, and is actually harmful to most car engines.

"The Congressional Budget Office estimates that if the mandate hits as scheduled under current law in 2017, it will raise prices at the pump 30 to 51 cents a gallon for diesel and 13 to 26 cents a gallon for E10. Ethanol and even other biofuels just don't make economic sense," concluded Kerpen.

Dr. Roffman weighed in with his periodic report about robots, this week centering on a robot-run farm where robots will harvest 30,000 heads of lettuce a day. And cellular phone users in Japan who visit a cellular store will find it manned only by robots, with no hu



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mans in sight.

Dr. Roffman segued to another discussion relating to Hillary Clinton's proclamation that "Anybody who knows me, knows that you can't buy her." Although Dr. Roffman quipped, "No, but you can certainly lease her!"

And finally, Dr. Roffman revealed that Chelsea Clinton was pursuing a political career, like her parents.

Each week Neal Asbury's 'Made in' 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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