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Made in America Panel Finds State of the Union Address Uninspiring and Demonstrating a Lack of Vision for America

Neal Asbury began his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (now on 47 stations) with a brief analysis of President Obama's State of the Union address, which offered no new ideas or any hope to the millions of unemployed Americans.

Made in America welcomed first-time guest, Charles Krauthammer, the American Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist, political commentator, and physician. His weekly column is syndicated to more than 400 newspapers worldwide, and he is the author of "Things That Matter," his penetrating and surprising reflections on everything from embryo research to entitlement reform, from Halley's Comet to border collies, from Christopher Columbus to Martin Luther King.

"Obama thinks he is the creator of jobs, but the government doesn't create jobs. His approach is if you want more jobs, you need more government. If you subsidize unemployment, you get more unemployment," proposed Krauthammer.

He noted that Obama continually snubs his nose at initiatives that will create jobs, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline and fracking. Instead he proposes Obamacare, which is killing jobs.

"There is a consistent lack of leadership. After Obama delivers his State of the Unions Address, his approval ratings actually go down, which is unheard of. People stop listening," said Krauthammer.

The result is that Krauthammer thinks that the Democrats have a real chance to lose their majority in the Senate this year, and that even most Democrats in the House think "they are just spinning their wheels." Liberals know that Obama has no agenda for the next three years, so everybody is just waiting for Hillary.

Before introducing first-time guest Caroline

May, a political reporter for the Daily Caller, who wrote a piece about the broken food stamp program, Neal reminded listeners that there are 47 million Americans on food stamps. He noted that while the Farm Bill, which now includes food stamps, was created for the right reasons, over time it became a corporate welfare program – "a tragedy in a country where we are blessed with abundant food resources, but still have millions of people who go hungry in this country."

May revealed the astounding news that the USDA has announced its goal is to get as many people as possible on food stamps, and that includes promoting the program to recent immigrants. Currently, 80 percent of the funds for the Farm Bill go for food stamps.

"In fact, the USDA and the Mexican government have partnered on an educational advertising program that encourages Mexican immigrants to visit their consulates to learn how to apply for food stamps. And a special program targets seniors, suggesting that they have food stamp parties," noted May, who added that Congress is currently looking at a ban for the advertising program.

Another first-time guest to "Made in America" was Dan Berman, the money and politics editor for Politico, who agreed with Neal that the State of the Union Address was just a political speech.

"The President announced this raise in the minimum wage for government contractors, which will actually impact a very small percentage of current government workers, but may impact future contractors. But again he went around Congress, essentially bragging that he could do this without permission from Congress. He knows that raising the minimum wage polls very well, especially among women who typically are in the lowest hourly jobs," said Berman.

Berman added that Obama seemed shocked

that the GOP resisted allowing the extension of unemployment benefits to pass, and suggested that it's another example of Republicans and the President not seeing eye-to-eye on anything.

Also making his first appearance on Made in America was Ed Easton CEO of Miami-based The Easton Group, who like other guests, was underwhelmed by the State of the Union Address.

"I would have liked to see President Obama tell the nation that entrepreneurs help build America and create jobs, and anybody can make it in this country if they put in the effort. I'm tired of hearing him say that profit is bad. Profit is what helps employers create jobs," proposed Easton.

He added that it's time to stop suggesting that assets should be divided among all people through entitlements.

"If I do pushups for you, you don't get stronger. Don't look for money to come from the rich. You need to earn it yourself. That's the way the rich made their money," concluded Easton.

Reminding listeners that cronyism hurts all of us, Neal and co-host Dr. Rich Roffman concluded the show by returning to ways that cronyism rewards the few at the expense of the many.

"Most people listening to the State of the Union Address probably didn't get the significance of Obama's pledge to raise the minimum wage for government contractors. Who are these government contractors? Union members. So it was just a way for Obama to give a raise to his union cronies – who already make more than the \$10.00 per hour he is proposing," noted Dr. Roffman.

Neal agreed and suggested that this nation has lost its confidence – its mojo – and is not



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going to get it back when the president doesn't have a vision for America.

"People aren't looking for more unemployment benefits – they want to work. They don't want to hear that the minimum wage is going up; they want jobs that pay higher salaries and come with benefits. It's just another example of Obama standing on a soap box, trying to score political points," concluded Neal.

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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