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Made in America Panel Waiting for a Leader Who Will Give Entrepreneurs the Support They Need to Grow and Hire

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates), wondering why the political candidates aren't talking more about trade, and in particular, why there has been little talk about revitalizing the American manufacturing base to create good paying jobs.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agrees, adding that the lesson we learned from Super Tuesday is that voters are most concerned about jobs and are looking for candidates who will address the issue head on.

The first guest on Made America was Dr. Steven Camarota, who serves as the Director of Research for the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), a Washington, DC-based research institute that examines the consequences of legal and illegal immigration on the United States.

"The excuse for bringing in immigrants is that we have a shortage of skilled workers. But the data we are seeing indicates that this is not the case. When immigrants take over U.S. jobs, the result is that it holds down wages, even in occupations where a STEM education (Science Technology Engineering and Math) is required. In fact, immigrants bring down wages for highly skilled jobs as much as they hold down wages for unskilled workers -- so it hurts everyone," noted Dr. Camarota, who added that if there was such a lack of skilled workers, wages should be going up, but they are not because immigrants are being paid less than American workers.

Dr. Camarota proposed that while the government communicates the fact that unemployment is going down, it really only looks at short-term employment, which only covers workers who are actually looking for a job over the last four weeks. But once that job search ends, the data does not reflect this as new unemployment.

"I don't know why we get so focused on the belief that if we increase trade, we have to raise wages. But 75 percent of the

products we manufacture here stay in America. It doesn't impact foreign workers. If 11 million immigrants suddenly become legal workers, it would raise the unemployment rate over 10 percent. Unskilled labor does not help the United States. And that applies to guest workers who bring down wages," according to Dr. Camarota, who added that if we increase the labor pool of unskilled workers, it will bring down all wages by 3 percent.

Neal noted that "America's biggest tech companies want to hire foreign workers on the pretext that they can't find skilled workers in the U.S. This is nonsense. What they want is to pay their foreign workers less than they would pay American workers."

Neal and Dr. Roffman continued the discussion on immigration, with Neal reaffirming that the U.S. does not have a labor shortage.

"What we do have is a shortage of entrepreneurs --our nation's job creators. Nobody's talking about the need to grow our entrepreneurial base. The further we get away from our tuition of building small business and risk takers, the farther we move away from the heritage that grew our country. We need to create an environment that builds the confidence of entrepreneurs to invest in a new business and hire," noted Neal.

Dr. Roffman proposed that entrepreneurs are facing the same frustrations as the rest of America: the disparity between rich and poor and the demise of the middle class. "They want to see more jobs and want to see someone who will listen to them and address their fears. They are seeing no future and they want a leader who is tough and will take control of job creation."

The next guest on Made in America was Trey Kovacs from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, who proposed that "the National Labor Relations Board has been the thorn in the side of employers nationwide. The federal labor agency has issued decisions

and rules that defy common sense and make running a business an unpleasant proposition."

Kovacs suggested that under the Obama administration, all of the agency's action (much of which is absurd) is done in the name of the worker. But in reality, the NLRB is working on behalf of Big Labor. They are going after fast food franchises, especially McDonald's, in an attempt to force them to unionize.

Kovacs noted that the even as the NLRB goes to war against McDonald's they refuse to tell the company what part of their operation they find at fault.

"The fight against McDonald's is a personal one, and the NLRB would like to crush franchising parent companies, ignoring the fact that franchises are small mom and pop businesses that are run largely independently of the parent company. Since franchising has created millions of jobs it serves no purpose to punish them," concluded Kovacs.

The final guest on Made in America was Justin Danhoff from the National Center for Public Policy Research, who describes himself as a conservative activist who wants to hold corporations accountable for their private practices, which stand in contrast to their public stances.

"The left were always the activists, while conservatives just sat on their hands as corporations stopped holding to their principles. We've seen them unite with big government, sharing common goals as government and corporations got larger, cooperating with each other, squeezing out entrepreneurs and small businesses. This has created the worst kind of hypocrisy and I call them on it," maintained Danhoff.

Dr. Roffman and Neal moved onto a discussion about the relationship between hypocrisy and cronyism, but first continuing a discussion on robotics, which is today a trillion dollar industry.

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dementia patients, which is adding another dimension to the growth of artificial intelligence and self-learning. But the danger is that as robots get smarter, they have the real capacity for overtaking humans. They know better and they will eventually turn against us," predicted Dr. Roffman.

And finally, Dr. Roffman noted that immigration has become big business, with dozens of organizations making millions of government dollars supposedly giving aid to immigrants. "It's not about aid - it's about profits!"

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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