



Made in America Panel Calls for Congress to Get Serious about Controlling our Growing National Debt

Host Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened their nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates and by the Armed Forces Network) by delving into the ongoing debate over the proposed \$60 billion tariff increase. The tariffs aren't popular everywhere. Kevin Brady cautioned Trump about punishing Americans who will be hurt financially from the increased tariffs and resulting in higher consumer prices.

"It's scary that Trump has said he's just getting started on tariffs. While trade wars are not the ideal solution, and we prefer free markets, American manufacturers have been hurt for too long by unfair tariffs. Steel and aluminum manufacturers can use the break. And if we take a long look, I think most Americans will be willing to pay higher consumer prices if it means giving America a competitive advantage," proposed Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Dan K. Eberhart, Chief Executive Officer of Canary LLC, which provides comprehensive oilfield drilling and production services to oil & gas companies throughout the United States.

While Eberhart acknowledged that Trump has helped revitalize the energy industry, he's not a big fan of the steel tariffs imposed by Trump. He estimates that the new tariffs will cause his steel expenditures to rise by 20 percent.

"The price of my finished goods will rise 8-to-9 percent, which will make us less competitive to OPEC nations which supply similar equipment to the oil industry. They are getting a free ride at our expense. This industry is like a game of chess. We have to be thinking three moves ahead. But nobody wants a trade war," suggested Eberhart.

Neal is not a fan of excessive tariffs, but he's angry that China is ripping off his U.S.-manufactured products, selling them as genuine and undercutting his prices. China deserves to be punished for ignoring the theft of his and other American intellectual property.

Eberhart agreed, and lauded Trump for standing up to China on this issue, but he wants to avoid a trade war and hopes that trade negotiations can change China's behavior. But he doesn't want Trump to pick winners and losers to decide who gets the benefit from the higher tariffs.

Neal understands why the steel tariffs were proposed, but they aren't popular.

"Look, Obama and Bush talked big about taking on China, but did almost nothing. The Chinese and other nations know that U.S. administrations are prone to change, especially among the trade

negotiators, so if they don't get what they want, they simply ride it out until new negotiators come on board. This has been going on since World War II. They bring experienced, entrenched negotiators, who meet with newly minted negotiators who simply can't compete," maintained Neal.

"Look at the soul of America. Why can't we defend our American companies against foreign encroachment? Lots of people in this country will be willing to spend more money on products if it means protecting American companies so that the money stays in America," opined Dr. Roffman.

Neal thinks that Trump is positioning his approach to trade as a means to an end by causing countries to fear what America might do to help the country gain a trade advantage. China, in particular, can't afford to let a trade war diminish its hold on the Chinese populace which depends on its leaders to expand the economy.

The next guest on Made in America was Jerome Corsi, author of "Killing the Deep State: The Fight to Save President Trump," which outlines how the day after the Trump election, mainstream media, Obama/Clinton holdovers in the government bureaucracy, and clandestine forces within the US intelligence apparatus, were already planning Trump's demise: a political strategy calculated to block him from being inaugurated, and, if that failed, to ensure that he would not serve out his term as the 45th President of the United States.

"I have uncovered how this Deep State, or Shadow Government, secretly wields power in Washington and why it is dangerous. The FBI, CIA and IRS conspired to oust Trump by staging a coup d'état. One of those was John Brennan who was the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) until 2017. He was secretly working behind the scenes to get rid of Trump and even labeled Trump as the 'worst president ever.' Then there was James Comey, who exonerated Hillary right before the election. And Andrew McCabe, who managed to amass \$11 million, but still wanted people to see him as a victim, even though he lied under oath, and was in no danger of losing his pension. And his wife got lots of money to run for a government post in Virginia. It's all a real conspiracy," proposed Corsi.

Dr. Roffman believes that the anti-Trump conspiracy should be considered treason.

The final guest on Made in America was Maya MacGuineas from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, who compared the budget process to people who keep running up their credit card tab but can't pay off the balance.

"We are paying \$10 trillion on debt every

year. We will pay \$6.7 trillion on interest alone next year. Our congress has been very short sighted when it comes to our debt. We have the highest debt since after World War II. We keep putting everything on our national credit card. We need a fiscal awakening," proposed MacGuineas, who added that until we have leaders who will level with Americans and explain our debt situation, nothing will change.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to the allegations outlined by Jerome Corsi, with Neal exasperated with Comey's timing of reopening the Hillary investigation so close to the election.

"The irony is that as part of the Deep State, Comey actually helped get Trump elected. And John Brennan's time in the CIA had long passed and it was time for him to go. He has to get over it --Trump is the president," suggested Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, suggesting that we should have seen the far left's undermining Trump's election in 2016. "But with the economy growing, GDP growing, the fossil fuel industry rebounding and 700,000 new millionaires created in 2017, if truth be told, the far left has been outmaneuvered. Or better yet, Trumped!"

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