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Made in America Panel Takes Media to Task for Derailing a Trump Agenda that Would Jumpstart the Economy

Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates) by expressing frustration that despite the momentum generated by the Trump administration, and the rise in consumer confidence, progressive media continue to issue ugly rhetoric about the administration.

Dr. Roffman added that after he had a very civil conversation with Democratic Congressman Al Green, the Congressman went on the House floor to call for Trump's impeachment.

The first guest on Made in America was returning political journalist, Greg Corombos, news director for Radio America, who suggested that the perceived dysfunction of the Trump administration is causing jitters on Wall Street.

"The Russian security event and Comey's firing don't look good. The news that Trump may have asked Comey to overlook any perceived security violation by Mike Flynn is getting traction by Democrats, and even Republicans are expressing favor for Robert Mueller leading an investigation," noted Corombos.

Dr. Roffman proposed that while there is a lot of push back, there is really no evidence, just innuendo.

"If Comey saw wrong doing, he should have notified the Department of Justice, but he didn't. Firing the head of the FBI may look bad, but Clinton fired the head of the FBI when he took office, and nobody said a word. Now media seem to be driving the story instead of facts. Meanwhile, Republicans, who control the House and Senate, are doing nothing to defend the administration," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Neal proposed that the country is getting distracted from the agenda initially outlined by President Trump that addressed tax reform, immigration reform, job creation the environment and returning miners to work. He is worried that it is having a severe impact on the economy.

Dr. Roffman concurred, adding that the agenda instead is being set by the Democrats who are calculating that if it looks like Trump is falling, it will help them retake the House and Senate.

"The Trump agenda to restore prosperity, civility and a sound healthcare plan is simply not progressing. But, interestingly, the Koch Brothers are supporting Trump's tax plan, which is vital to our economy. More importantly, Trump is working to capture the trillions of dollars being invested by

U.S. companies in other countries. Imagine what it could do if it was re-invested in America?," asked Neal.

The next guest on Made in America was Richard McKenzie, a senior fellow with the National Center for Policy Analysis and a professor emeritus of economics and management in the Merage School of Business at the University of California, Irvine.

Neal opened the conversation with a recap of his attendance at the International Housewares Association, where the general consensus is that the proposed Border Adjustment Tax is a bad idea that will hurt American exporters.

McKenzie agreed, suggesting that while the Border Adjustment Tax was intended to subsidize exports, instead, it will harm American exporters by making U.S. products more expensive overseas. And when import tariffs rise, it will hurt U.S. manufacturers who rely on imported materials and components to build their products.

"The solution is not the Border Adjustment Tax, it's reducing the U.S. corporate tax rate so that U.S. companies no longer get saddled with a 39 percent tax, while foreign companies face far less taxes," according to McKenzie.

The final guest on Made in America was Robert Atkinson from the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, who was optimistic that the U.S. will finally have a workable trade policy with China.

"Every election, a new administration vows to create a policy to address China's imports, but China has learned to out-wait the incoming administration until a new administration starts from scratch," noted Neal.

"Trump was elected to put some teeth into a trade policy with China, and he had the best intentions. But now he needs to work with China in hopes that they can help address North Korean militarization. But our real challenge is that China has its sights on dominating the international technology and pharmaceutical sectors. If we don't address this, China will cost millions of U.S. tech jobs," according to Atkinson.

Neal turned the topic to the hypocrisy of Democrats, including former President Obama, who has cast himself as the champion of the environment, but used a private jet to fly to Europe for climate change conference, and was met by a 14-car convoy.

"That's his idea of cutting CO2 emissions?" quipped Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding that Obama recently called Trump a "Bser."

"You would think that this story would receive widespread media attention, but it didn't. Only bad Trump stories get coverage," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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