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Made in America Panel Urges Action to Control Bureaucracies that Interfere with Trump's Ability to Succeed

The ongoing bureaucratic attacks on Trump, Seattle's damaging new head tax, and the seemingly endless Mueller investigation, were among the topics tackled by host Neal Asbury, co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, and a panel of experts on the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates and by the Armed Forces Network).

Neal and Dr. Roffman still can't believe that mainstream media continue to attack Trump despite the fact that the economy is soaring. Unemployment has dipped below four percent, while the unemployment rate for Latinos and African Americans is at the lowest it's been in history. Yet, Trump has succeeded within corrosive personal destructive politics.

"The economy is growing, people feel good about their lives, and yet Congresswoman Maxine Waters is calling for Trump's impeachment," noted Dr. Roffman. "Makes no sense."

Neal agreed, trying to make sense of the opinion by Obama admirers and mainstream media that Obama was responsible for the renewed economy, and not Trump. "This is ludicrous."

The first guest on Made in America was Alfredo Ortiz from the Job Creators Network, who noted that under Trump's watch, the unemployment rate hit 3.9 percent in April, the lowest level this century. "At this rate, essentially every American who wants a job could find one. Keep in mind, the unemployment rate was more than double this level as recently as President Obama's second term in office."

Dr. Roffman added that under Trump's watch the energy sector is soaring to the point where the U.S. is now exporting oil.

Ortiz noted that entrepreneurs were downtrodden under Obama, as more jobs were lost than created. Over-regulation, over-taxation and loss of access to credit contributed to the entrepreneurial morass.

Ortiz also echoed Neal and Dr. Roffman's discomfort with the ongoing attacks on Trump, and the seemingly endless Mueller investigation which has yet to prove any collusion.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to the recovery of American entrepreneurs under Trump, despite the red tape inherent in today's bureaucracy. "It's like the bureaucracy is stacked against Trump," proposed Neal.

"I think Trump knew what he was getting into when he became president and understood the need to drain the swamp, which is filled with Obama appointees committed to making Trump look bad. It looks like the CIA, FBI and IRS are doing their best to

undermine Trump. They don't appear to want him to win a second term. I don't know how he can function with all the pressure on him; especially the massive flood of leaks," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Roger Valdez from Seattle for Growth, who is deeply concerned about the socialist city council that is undermining Seattle's growth by going after the business community with an ill-advised head tax.

"The city council seems intent on taxing everything to raise \$50 million to build homes for the needy. But it's having a chilling effect on business, that are balking against paying a head tax on every employee at large companies like Amazon. Some businesses aren't sure they will renew their leases, and Amazon is delaying building a new warehouse. And the crazy part is the belief that jobs create homelessness, which is built upon the faulty premise that confuses correlation with causation," argues Valdez, who pointed out that a faulty study by the McKenzie Group seemed to validate the negative impact that jobs have on homelessness.

Valdez pointed out that as the population of Seattle increased, it outstripped affordable housing. Then add to the regulatory overreach of a socialist city council, and home prices start to rise.

"This is a watershed moment for Seattle, as a recent poll found that 58-78 percent of Seattle's citizens want to reverse the head tax proposed by the city council. It looks like a referendum will be added to an upcoming ballot that will hopefully remove the members of the current city council," suggested Valdez.

The final guest on Made in America was Greg Corombos, news director for Radio America, who agreed with Neal that the bloated federal bureaucracy is impeding Trump's ability to carry out his agenda.

"The Mueller investigation has been going on too long and it is not good for the country. If you talk to people on both sides, some think the investigation has dragged on too long, while others dismiss the idea that the investigation must continue to a final conclusion. Yet, the FBI and the Intelligence community can't figure out how the investigation even started," according to Corombos.

Dr. Roffman concurred, blaming Rod Rosenstein for convening the special council and convincing Jeff Sessions to recuse himself. He believes that Trump is being framed.

Neal and Dr. Roffman concluded the show by revisiting the sad state of affairs in Seattle where the head tax could cost Amazon some \$26 million. Neal wondered if it could cause Amazon to leave Seattle altogether.

"Together with the head tax, Seattle wants to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$15 - \$17 an hour. This will really dampen business profitability. This may explain why robots are increasingly replacing human workers. A \$25,000 robot can replace baristas at Starbucks, while McDonald's has moved to computerized kiosks, which will eliminate human order takers," noted Dr. Roffman.

Neal proposed that the higher hourly wages will even impact grocery chains such as Albertson's, which may close in the poorer communities most in need of these services.

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. Made in America airs nationally each Saturday from 7-8:00 PM on Radio America. Link to Made in America at <http://www.nealasburysmadeinamerica.com>.



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