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Made in America Panel Bestows Kudos to President Trump's Strong Stance on the Paris Climate Accords and NATO

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 noting two people whose grandstanding acts will have repercussions. First was Elon Musk, who pulled his support for Trump's business council, despite the fact that he gets millions of dollars from the government to fund his Tesla cars, battery production and space program.

"Every time you buy a Tesla, \$7,500 goes back to Musk. The seed money to fund his space program also comes from the federal government. Why the heck would he want to tick off the people who are paying his bills?" asked Dr. Roffman.

"And then we have Kathy Griffin's disgusting display of a severed mannequin head that resembled President Trump ala Isis. She paid heavily for this horrible stunt, and rightly so," proposed Neal.

Neal also noted that Trump deserves high marks for his Mid-East visit where he visited the holy sites of Judaism (including the Western Wall, which no other sitting president has ever visited) and Islamic sites. His address before a Saudi Arabian counsel of Islamic leaders was met with great enthusiasm for his hard stance on Isis.

The first guest on Made in America was Phil Lohaus from the American Enterprise Institute, who echoed Neal and Dr. Roffman's assessment of Trump's Middle East visit.

"Obama engaged in his apology tour which eroded America's prestige in the Middle-East and in Europe. Trump went to the Middle East and told them that he is willing to work with them on America's terms. He won high praise for his call for America and the Arab world to unite to combat ISIS and radical Islam; and to hold Iran accountable for the unrest in Syria and other countries. And in Europe, he took NATO countries to task for failing to live up to their financial obligations," maintained Lohaus.

The discussion turned to Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, which he vowed to do when he ran for president. He recognized that the accord was not in America's best interest and was hurting productivity, even as the world's worst polluters – India and China – made almost no commitment to stand by the accord's principles.

"Getting a handle on the climate issue isn't just about the weather. It's about the impact that this agreement has on America's miners,

electricity costs, and jobs. How can you have an agreement based on faulty science? We have two centuries of coal under our feet and we are getting embroiled in this climate control agreement?" suggested Dr. Roffman.

Neal agreed that it's America's right to renegotiate agreements that aren't in America's best interest. The NATO agreement is another example. It calls for each NATO member to invest two percent of their GDP, but almost none of them are contributing their fair share, leaving America to pick up the tab.

"Trump is right holding them accountable. It shouldn't be on us. They are doing nothing. And the left is melting down," noted Neal.

The next guest on Made in America was Katie Tubb from The Heritage Foundation, who believes that Trump had every right to pull out of an environmental agreement that didn't benefit American interests.

"Can you believe that the left's environmental guru – Bill Nye, the Science Guy – isn't even a meteorologist? He's a mechanical engineer with no background in weather. Why should anyone pay attention to him about climate? He's the guy you talk to when you're building a wall," according to Dr. Roffman.

Tubb agreed that there is a lot of confusion surrounding the climate. The left claims that 97 % of scientists believe in global warming, but when you examine the data, there are a lot of questions. Yes, we can agree that there might be some global warming, but the kind of catastrophic warming that scientists warn about just can't be backed up by facts," noted Tubb.

"I'm sick and tired of supposed stories about stranded polar bears on melting icecaps and that in ten years the Florida coast will be underwater. There simply aren't any facts to back this up," maintained Neal.

Tubb and The Heritage Foundation are working to take control of this issue and want to become "the voice for good science."

The final guest on Made in America was Jim Kennedy from the Kennedy Institute for Public Policy Research, who reminded listeners that the president's job is to send the budget to congress, and they have the obligation to allocate how the money is spent.

"People misunderstand the concept of budget cuts. Budgets aren't necessarily being cut. It only looks that way because congress has to allow for the cost of living index, which impacts the numbers. What we know is that

we're facing a \$21 trillion debt, which we can't pay, and if interest rates go up, it will add \$500 billion in interest. The real problem is the amount of unfounded liabilities at the state level. The feds can print more money, but states can't. California is facing a \$300 billion debt in unfunded pensions," according to Kennedy.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to the topic of Bill Nye's lack of credentials in meteorology.

"I think he gets the weather prediction the way everyone else gets it: by looking at his iPhone," quipped Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman, who can sniff out cronyism anywhere it lifts its ugly head, related the news that Illinois Congressman Luis V. Gutiérrez, has paid his wife some \$385,000 out of his campaign funds since 2010 to fund her role as a registered lobbyist. "This sure can't pass the sniff test," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Then Dr. Roffman took a look at California's move to go to a single-payer healthcare system that will cost \$400 billion – money that the state does not have.

And finally, Dr. Roffman resurrected Bernie Sanders, who told Brooklyn College that their job was to fight against Trump. "How's that for hypocrisy"?

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