



## Made in America Panel Proposes it's Time to Get Working on the Trump Agenda Instead of Working over Administration Officials

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 deep resentment over the way that Attorney General Jeff Sessions was grilled by Democrats.

"He gave one heck of a great testimony before the hearing, and his composure and responses should serve as an example of the way that Republicans should be carrying themselves," suggested Neal.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agreed, adding that it's time to stop taking the high road and hold Democrats accountable the way Sessions did when he scolded his interrogators for insulting him and contending that a loyal American like himself would side with a foreign government over the United States.

The first guest on Made in America was Frank Buckley, a law professor from George Mason University, who told Fox News that "June 12, 2017 may be remembered as the day in which the Democratic campaign to take down Donald Trump over the Comey investigation finally fell apart."

"No one watching the hearing could fail to be impressed by the Attorney General's candor, by his willingness to open himself up and answer all of the charges directed his way. You saw how a gentle and decent man, one who feels dishonor like a stain, acquits himself against the scurrilous attacks by people in every respect his moral inferiors. The badgering of Sessions by Senators Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), the refusal to give him time to answer, the attempt to throw him off guard, the heavy-handed speechifying under the guise of posing a question, and the innuendo of Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), are going to be remembered as an embarrassment that will ring down the curtain on the investigation," maintained Buckley, who added that Sessions is one of the most decent people on the Hill, and the tone of the open session is another sign of the breeding ground of hate in Washington D.C.

Dr. Roffman concurred, repulsed by the vitriol heaped on this honorable man.

Neal and Dr. Roffman are particularly frustrated that this Russian investigation is eclipsing the media coverage of the accomplishments of the Trump administration, such as covering the opening the first new coal mine in years in Western Pennsylvania.

"This would have broken Hillary Clinton's heart, who vowed to close down all the coal mines in Pennsylvania and beyond. She and the Democrats had such contempt for coal country," according to Buckley.

"Let's get over these investigations and start putting people back to work," concluded Neal.

Dr. Roffman suggested that the opening of the new coal mine is a reminder of the ways that once Blue states like Pennsylvania, turned to Trump in the 2016 election.

"The slogan during that election was "Vote as if your life depended on it." And it did," recalled Dr. Roffman.

Neal added that this news got very little media attention, like the fact that 47 percent of likely voters approve of Trump's job performance.

Dr. Roffman proposed that in Washington D.C., Trump's accomplishments are being muted by media on the Hill, but when you get outside of the capital, you see the real support Trump is receiving.

The next guest on Made in America was Larry Kudlow, host of the Larry Kudlow radio show, and the author of "JFK and the Reagan Revolution."

He is proposing a plan to spur the economy called "Three Easy Pieces." His plan calls for lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 15 percent; grant immediate expensing for new business investment; and establish a one-time 10 percent rate for the repatriation of offshore cash.

"It's a simple tonic that will restore capital formation, productivity, real wages and economic growth. And, in terms of political expediency, it's practical. It's about getting done what you can get done. To be sure, the business tax cut is the key piece of these three easy pieces. With a 35 percent corporate tax rate, America is uncompetitive among developed nations in this regard. But that's not what's most important here. When business taxes are reduced, 70 percent of the benefits go to the wage-earning middle class. That's what's most important," proposed Kudlow, who predicts that once his plan is in place, the nation should experience at least a 3 percent rise in GDP.

He is also advocating that legislators can legally and technically attach corporate-tax-rate reduction to the health care reform bill in reconciliation in 2017.

"Reconciliation can be nearly anything you want it to be. This can get done," maintained

Kudlow.

The final guest on Made in America was Ryan Bourne, from The Cato Institute, who supports President Trump's promise to induce \$1 trillion of new public and private investment in infrastructure over the next decade. He believes that this strategy will be beneficial both for short-run, macroeconomic reasons (it will stimulate the economy) and for long-run, microeconomic reasons (it will improve productivity).

"Because the United States is at or near full employment with interest rates rising, standard Keynesian arguments do not suggest infrastructure spending financed by borrowing would offer a macroeconomic stimulus. In practice, major projects take years of planning and cannot be used readily to manage the economy anyway.

Historical evidence showing significant positive effects of government infrastructure investments on productivity provides little guidance on the worthiness of new projects today.

Yet proposals for more federal spending, costly tax credits, or public-private partnerships ignore that the primary barriers to responsive infrastructure relate to structures and incentives. Rather than imposing further costs on taxpayers, the new administration should prioritize localizing decision making, removing regulatory barriers to private investment, encouraging the use of user fees, and removing tax exemptions for public investment," proposed Bourne, who is concerned that the Trump \$1 trillion infrastructure program is now going to be closer to \$200 billion.

Both Neal and Dr. Roffman are huge advocates for private/public partnerships to fund infrastructure construction, and also embrace "users-to-pay-tolls" for using the new roads, instead of adding more debt and having all taxpayers foot the bill.

Neal was incredulous that a former Obama adviser characterized the Trump infrastructure plan as "a trap."

"The trap was Obama's stimulus package which did nothing for the economy, but added millions to big corporations that supported Obama," suggested Dr. Roffman.



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"Look, it's very simple. If you use the new toll roads, you pay for the convenience of faster travel times. Let's create jobs and stop only using federal money to pay for it," concluded Neal.

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