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Made in America Panel Proposes that by Not Holding China Accountable for Intellectual Property Theft it Robs America of Billions of Dollars

The unprecedented American/North Korean summit, the impact of a tariff war with China, the continued growth of the American economy, our broken immigration policy and the need for trained U.S. workers, 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 were mesmerized by the meeting between Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong-un, and the enormous potential for bringing peace to Asia and to the rest of the world.

The first guest on Made in America was Gordon Chang, an American columnist, blogger, television pundit, author and lawyer, who agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman that the Trump/Kim negotiation marked the first time that a sitting U.S. president met with a North Korean leader face-to-face.

While the meeting had great potential for ending North Korea's nuclear and missile threat, Dr. Roffman suggested that the egocentric Kim gained a great deal by being seen shaking the hand of a U.S. president.

"We can't overlook the symbolism of this meeting, which is very important to hardline states like North Korea. But Kim really got what he wanted by having the exercise between South Korea and America suspended, which could embolden North Korea and its military," proposed Chang.

Dr. Roffman cautioned that Americans shouldn't base their support of the meeting based on a two-hour meeting. But if the meeting produces the results we all hope for, it will bring great comfort to the North Korean people and to the rest of the world.

The discussion turned to the \$50 billion in new tariffs imposed on China by the Trump administration. Chang believes that while the tariffs are largely symbolic, they are designed to put a halt to China's ongoing theft of billions of dollars of American intellectual property. Chang recalled that past American administrations that tried to punish China for their IP theft were largely ineffective, but noted that by taking a hard stance on trade, China may finally live up to their responsibility.

Dr. Roffman was wary that by taking a hard stance on tariffs with China, China may be reluctant to take a larger role in helping America negotiate with North Korea on their military ambitions.

"While these negotiations won't be easy, America can't appear to be intimidated by China and America must hold China accountable for their

blatant theft of American intellectual property. If America holds back, China will see this as a sign of weakness and continue their practice," according to Dr. Roffman.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to the Trump/Kim meeting, noting that even anti-Trump news outlet, CNN, had to praise Trump for his initiative.

Neal opined that the "crazies" in California have proposed a ballot initiative dividing the state into three separate states; but it's hard to predict whether only the Democrats benefit from this move.

Dr. Roffman noted that the three-state division is not a given, since it has to be passed by state legislators, and then by congress.

Meanwhile, in Seattle, the city commissioners finally came to their senses and withdrew their idea of a head tax on large companies, since many large businesses indicated they might move out of the city.

Finally, Neal revealed that retail sales are on the rise – a true indication that the economy is really soaring.

The next guest on Made in America was Raymond J. Keating, chief economist for the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, who, like Neal and Dr. Roffman, is concerned that there are not enough trained workers to fill the job openings across the country. This hurts small businesses more than bigger companies because they can offer more incentives.

"We have the lowest unemployment in 44 years, but the feds are only interested in portraying our heated economy as a negative because it could fuel inflation. They are more worried about interest rates," suggested Dr. Roffman.

According to Keating, economic growth doesn't cause inflation. The feds need to stop relying on short-term interest rates, and instead look at balance sheets, looking into the reserves held by banks. Keating also doesn't hold much stake in low unemployment rates since it doesn't take into account the size of the workforce, which is at 63 percent, but it should be at 66 percent.

"There just aren't enough people in the workforce, especially since our broken immigration system is keeping out workers that could fill the job openings. People would come back into the workforce if they knew that wages are getting higher. We need education and training, and stop people from moving from unemployment to disability, where the government picks up the costs," suggested Keating.

Neal and Dr. Roffman concluded the show by expressing their appreciation for the enormous boost in the economy over Trump's first 500 days in office.

But both Neal and Dr. Roffman remain frustrated over the broken immigration system – a part of which congress will address when they take up the Dreamers Act again.

"Immigration has become a political football. We want to see immigrants that have the skills we seek, and not the unskilled immigrants that do nothing but drain our social services," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal noted that America is not alone in the world in its failure to control immigration. France is in danger of becoming a failing country, as immigrants swamp the country and show no desire to become French citizens or comply with French laws. In fact, there are parts of France that are so dangerous that even the police won't enter. And Italy is in equal danger, where immigrants are snapping up jobs that should be going to Italians. It is destabilizing the economy.

Dr. Roffman noted that as a result of unchecked immigration, Sweden has the highest crime rate in Europe. Dr. Roffman said it's time to stop the practice of rewarding unscrupulous organizations that make money by shipping immigrants to other countries under the guise of humanitarian aid.

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