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Made in America Panel Is Incredulous that Hillary Clinton Won't be Indicted

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates) by expressing the astonishment felt by many people that even as FBI director James Comey admitted that if anyone else mishandled secure communication the way Hillary did, they would be indicted. Yet, Comey chose not to charge Hillary with any crime.

The first guest on Made in America was John Davidson, who penned a piece in The Federalist entitled "Americans Don't Trust our Institutions," in which he proposed that "the populist wave that elevated Donald Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders during the primaries has been pushed along by a growing sense that our elites do what they want and our institutions are unable or unwilling to check them."

He added that institutional failure has perhaps played a greater role in this than the behavior of the elites themselves, whom we generally don't expect to behave well of their own accord. That's why we have the FBI and the DOJ, and especially the Supreme Court. Americans increasingly feel that these institutions have failed, that they exist now primarily to serve the interests of their political masters and the whims of the administrative state.

Davidson, continuing Neal's introduction to the show, proposed that the FBI announcement from Comey was not a surprise. It was always unlikely that Hillary Clinton would face a federal indictment for using a private email server during her tenure as secretary of State, no matter what the FBI's investigation revealed. This despite the fact that by detailing how Clinton broke the law, Comey concluded that no charges should be brought against her; a gift to his boss, Lynch, whose future as attorney general depends on the good graces of a Clinton administration, cover for not indicting Clinton.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman then reminded listeners about Bill Clinton's "coincidental" meeting aboard a private plane with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, which all but signaled that Lynch had no intention of indicting Hillary. And that while Hillary met with the FBI, she was not under oath.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a recent Forbes story that ranked the 10 best states

for job creation. They maintained that it was no surprise that 9 out of the 10 states were "red" states that leaned toward the GOP.

Texas was ranked Number One, reflecting their positive business environment and fewer state regulations that impede business growth.

Ranked second was North Dakota, benefiting from the expansion of their shale program to produce oil through fracking. Following in third place is Nevada, due its solar program and energy industry, in addition to its tourism industry.

Florida ranked fourth, which Dr. Roffman attributed to its entrepreneurial spirit, low taxes and its gateway to the south, Latin America and to the Caribbean.

Following in fifth was Arizona, then Colorado, Georgia, Oregon, Utah and North Carolina. Only Oregon is considered a blue state.

The next guest on Made in America was Stephen Rose, an affiliated scholar in the Income and Benefits Policy Center at the Urban Institute, who argued that while the media characterizes the middle class as "shrinking and losing ground," a new report from the Pew Research Center actually shows that the middle class's incomes are rising rather than declining. Further, The American Middle Class Is Losing Ground demonstrates that among people who leave the middle class, two-thirds move into the upper limits of their income category

"In fact, Pew's study reports that since 1970, the middle-income group had 34 percent real gains in standard of living. While this rate is not as high as the 47 percent increase in the upper-income group, it differs from the stagnation expressed by most media reports," noted Rose.

Dr. Roffman wondered whether education (the great liberator) plays a role in maintaining a middle class.

Rose affirmed that the rise in college education gave rise to an expansive middle class.

"In 1979, the percentage of graduates with a BA degree was 16 to 17 percent. Today, it is near thirty-six percent. While 62 percent of workers in the work force have a college education, there are far too many workers without college degrees that aren't moving into the middle class," concluded Rose.

The final guest on Made in American was Pam Villarreal, from the National Center for Policy Analysis, who is skeptical about Hillary Clinton's announcement that she will create a program that allows people who want to start businesses to defer their federal student loans, interest free, for three years at the startup phase. The entrepreneurs who operate in distressed economic areas or launch businesses with social benefits would be eligible for up to \$17,500 in loan forgiveness after five years.

"This is pure pandering to the younger voters that wanted to vote for Bernie Sanders. Who is going determine which new businesses are offering social benefits? This is really open to a wide interpretation," proposed Villarreal.

Dr. Roffman continued his series on cronyism, highlighting House Minority leader Nancy Pelosi's habit of ignoring traffic laws because she is driven in a government-issued black SUV, which she seems to believe gives her immunity from the laws that govern everyone else.

Meanwhile, Obama seeks to circumvent the mandated quota on Syrian refugees allowed into the U.S. by enlisting his cronies to take part in a program that allows private companies to bring in refugees without having to conform to the quota.

"This is yet another Obama entitlement program that is outside the scrutiny of the U.S. government. Meanwhile, it erases the cap on refugees, it's untraceable and there is no vetting of who we let in. This is cronyism of the worst and most dangerous kind," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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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