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## Made in America Panel Concerned about the Lack of Job Opportunities for Young American Workers

The failure of main stream media to recognize the truth, the upcoming confirmation process for Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next Supreme Court justice, the challenges Trump faces to get America a fair shake with NATO, the confusing data surrounding the work force and wages, and the lack of employment opportunities for younger 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 are trying to grapple with the ever-evolving state of the nation, including \$200 billion in additional tariffs threatened on China and the ways that media are trying to frame current events as voting fodder.

"Everything we see in the media has to be taken with a grain of salt. Data gets twisted to meet a media outlet's agenda, and instead of supporting Trump's stance against the hypocrisy of NATO allies that unfairly put the burden of funding on America, many Americans are siding with Europe. We live in scary times," proposed Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Adam Carrington from Hillsdale College, who believes that when it comes to replacing Justice Kennedy on the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, Trump's candidate, is the "safest pick."

"Kavanaugh has been on the short list for Supreme Court judge replacements for some time. He has a long paper trail of decisions to look at, and I think Democrats will have a hard time finding anything that would disqualify him. Anything they try and throw at him will be nothing but smoke and mirrors. He will move the court to the right, sticking to a more conservative agenda that conforms to the Constitution. He has a reputation for going after bureaucracies that go rouge and don't respect the rule of law. He also won't be legislating from the bench," maintained Carrington.

Neal and Dr. Roffman had preferred Illinois Circuit Court Judge Amy Coney Barrett, who also was under consideration. But Carrington proposed that her lack of judicial decisions and her young age would have worked against her. He thinks she will be the top pick should Trump have another opportunity to select an additional Supreme Court judge.

Neal proposed that politics are stirring things up. "Even Politico suggests that we're headed for a cataclysmic global crisis due to the trade war. The Democrats have talked tough on trade for years, especially about reining in China, but nothing happened because they got sucked into their

political machine. Trump is directly confronting our trading partners to get America a better deal. That's what the Democrats should have done," according to Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that Trump is a different kind of leader — definitely not Obama and definitely not someone who is a politico.

"Trump is smart and successful and knows how to get what he wants accomplished. The status quo isn't good for America. The policies in Europe and NATO don't make sense for America. Germany has gone after Russia, but continues to profit from trade agreements with them. I think people are sick and tired of the political games we're playing and I think we will see a growing number of voters who will vote independently," predicted Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Steve Camerota from

The Center For Immigration Studies, who noted that the share of U.S.-born teenagers (16 to 19) in the labor force — working or looking for work — in the summer has been declining for more than two decades, long before the downturn that began in 2007. He projects that things will improve only slightly this summer, but there will be 22 percent fewer teen jobs than were available in 2004.

"At the same time as teenage employment has declined, the overall number of immigrants (legal and illegal) holding a job has more than doubled. The evidence indicates that immigration has likely accounted for a significant share of the decline in teen labor force participation. The decline in teen work is worrisome because research shows that those who do not hold jobs as teenagers often fail to develop the work habits necessary to function in the labor market, creating significant negative consequences for them later in life," maintained Camerota.

Camerota noted that we're seeing signs of this, as millions of people have stopped looking for work, creating a deceptive unemployment rate since these workers are not tabulated into the numbers.

"What is happening is that an increasing number of big businesses are opting to bring in foreign workers instead of hiring and training American citizens. There are 50 million people in this country without a college degree. From this pool there should be at least 7 million workers that should have joined the labor force," noted Camerota.

Dr. Roffman suggested that by bringing in foreign workers, companies are able to suppress wages, which hurts younger employees.

Camerota agreed, adding that by suppressing wages it keeps more people on the sidelines. "But companies don't want to raise wages when they

can get workers that they can pay lower salaries. Immigration is short circuiting jobs and wages."

"As we have seen, teens that normally found jobs as cashiers, waiters and order takers are being taken by immigrants, older workers, or even replaced by technology where these jobs are no longer required. It is estimated that from 1-in-3 to 1-in-six workers in these jobs are immigrants. American college kids are getting shut out because employers are recruiting in Europe where they are signing up foreign workers at lower salaries before American kids even have a chance to apply for a job," according to Camerota.

"This ongoing policy is harmful and is creating a 'lost generation' of younger workers," concluded Neal, who added that CNBC recently proclaimed that: "U.S. Labor Force Shortage is reaching a Critical Point."

"I think these numbers are contrived because the data is being manipulated. Talking about immigrants taking jobs is an excuse for Americans who are sitting on the sidelines. We have to count these millions of idle workers in the unemployment numbers that are opting not to work," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Neal returned to the topic of high teen unemployment. "We have to protect our younger workers. They must get the work experience they will need to succeed later in life."

"The best thing I ever did was to take a job in my early teens, like Neal did, where we could gain independence and some swagger when I could start paying for my own expenses without having to hit up my dad for money. Teens are losing this experience and it's a shame," proposed Dr. Roffman.

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