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Made in America Panel Characterizes Clinton Foundation as the Most Corrupt Organization in American History

Host Neal Asbury, along with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened their nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates) with Neal recalling how as a young man he followed the Nixon impeachment hearings and the role Hillary Clinton played in castigating Nixon for his improprieties.

"Now Hillary's role in granting access to her when she was Secretary of State for a donation to the Clinton Foundation has committed an offense that is so far more severe than the ones committed by Nixon. It sets a new standard for cronyism. But while Nixon was forced to resign, it looks like Hillary will get away with her corruption without any ramifications," proposed Neal.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agreed, noting that it's easy to understand the angst of the American people who see a dualism of justice – one set of rules for the Clintons, and one for everyone else.

The first guest on Made in America was Scott Shackford, an associate editor at Reason.com, who quoted an AP story that found more than half of the non-government people who met with Hillary Clinton when she was Secretary of State gave donations to the Clinton Foundation. The AP counts 85 out of 154 people who either had meetings or phone conversations with Clinton as either donating themselves or through companies and groups, for total donations to the foundation from these people of \$156 million.

"The meetings between the Democratic presidential nominee and foundation donors do not appear to violate legal agreements Clinton and former president Bill Clinton signed before she joined the State Department in 2009. But the frequency of the overlaps shows the intermingling of access and donations, and fuels perceptions that giving the foundation money was a price of admission for face time with Clinton. Her calendars and emails released as recently as this week describe scores of contacts she and her top aides had with foundation donors," revealed Shackford.

Dr. Roffman took umbrage with the Clinton Foundation's assertion that without these donations, people would die.

"It's hard to accept that when it looks

like only 10 percent of donations actually went to alleviate AIDS and other diseases, while 90 percent went back into the Clinton Foundation, without any tracking. And they have the audacity to equate donations to the Clinton Foundation with Elizabeth Dole's role when she headed the American Red Cross while her husband was running for president. How callous can you get?" asked Dr. Roffman.

Neal reminded listeners that corruption sucks the energy out of job creation, and that America has no right to lecture other countries about corruption when we have a presidential candidate who exemplifies the very corruption that America finds so abhorrent.

Dr. Roffman and Neal pointed to fundraiser George Soros as the "puppet master" creating a legacy of corruption that helped to destabilize other governments so that he could make billions of dollars. And now he's spinning his web in America, funding the Clintons and Black Lives Matter.

"He profits from every negative scenario. So if you want to end his influence, you need to vote in the most important election of your lifetime, especially as it applies to the Supreme Court. Soros is not the tip of the iceberg when it comes to cronyism and corruption, he is the iceberg," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Romina Boccia from The Heritage Foundation, who estimated that more than half (52 percent) of our economy goes toward funding Social Security and toward federal health care programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare. These are also the budget areas that are experiencing the greatest growth in spending. They alone will drive more than half of the projected growth in federal spending over the next decade. Add in growing interest on the national debt, and that's 85 percent of projected spending growth right there. Seven out of every 10 dollars goes to funding entitlements.

"Federal health care programs and Social Security plus interest on the debt are projected to consume all federal tax revenues by 2033, when today's babies graduate high school. Where will the money come from to finance critical federal priorities, particularly our nation's defense? Taxes would have to be raised

to economically crushing levels, or borrowing would go into dangerous overdrive. Either way, our current budget trajectory is highly unsustainable," proposed Boccia, who added that economic growth is something we should aspire to but the spending on healthcare makes those impossible since it is rising faster than the economy.

The final guest on Made in American was Dan Ikenson from the Cato Institute, who proposed that rather than a reflection of weakness or stupidity or profligacy or foreign malfeasance, the annual trade deficit is a sign of U.S. economic hegemony — a global endorsement of the relative strength of the U.S. economy and its direction.

"The United States has run annual trade deficits for 41 straight years. (Yet we're still alive — even thriving!) The trade account turned to deficit in 1975, just four years after President Nixon upended the gold standard and caused the world's investors to seek out safe havens. Because of its relative stability and the relatively low-risk associated with U.S. economic policies, the dollar quickly became the world's predominant reserve currency. Demand for dollar-denominated assets grew swiftly, and with that inflow of investment came greater U.S. demand, for both domestic and imported goods and services," noted Ikenson.

He added that during those 41 straight years of trade deficits, the size of the U.S. economy tripled in real terms, real manufacturing value added quadrupled, and the number of jobs in the economy almost doubled, outpacing growth in the civilian workforce. He suggested that perhaps these trends would have been more favorable had the United States run 41 straight years of trade surpluses, but that is highly doubtful.

"In all cases, the dollars that go abroad to purchase foreign goods and services (imports) and foreign assets (outward investment) are matched almost perfectly by dollars coming back to the United States to purchase U.S. goods and services (exports) and U.S. assets (inward investment). Any trade deficit (net outflow of dollars) is matched by an investment surplus (net inflow of dollars).



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That investment inflow undergirds U.S. investment, production, and job creation," concluded Ikenson.

Dr. Roffman returned to the topic of the Clinton Foundation comparing it to the old TV show "Let's Make a Deal" where contestants (or in this case donors) can win valuable audiences with Hillary Clinton if they donate the right amount of money to her Foundation.

"You would think that the news media would be all over this story, but if you look at the key donors, they represent a broad cross section of American media companies like Disney, Viacom, Turner, Politico, Google, HBO and The Washington Post. It's all about buying the Clintons - cronyism at its best," maintained Dr. Roffman.

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