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Made in America Panel Encourages Voters to Reward Republicans for the Soaring Economy

The escalating tariff battles, the rise in small business optimism, the ongoing challenge to find trained workers, the dangers of the emergence of socialism into the political process, the hijacking of the news by the leftist media, and the rancorous Kavanaugh hearings, 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, who recently returned from the housewares show in Chicago, shared the concern of many that the Trump tariffs are creating uncertainties and a "rocky road" that makes it hard for businesses to predict the future.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that despite his support for Trump, his ever-changing trade policies and tariffs creates uncertainty that makes it hard to plan ahead.

The first guest on Made in America was Bill Dunkelberg, Senior Economist- National Federation of Independent Business, who revealed the results of the NFIB Small Business Optimism Index, which indicated the highest level of optimism among small business owners in the survey's 45-year history. The record-breaking figure is driven by small business owners executing on the plans they've put in place due to dramatic changes in the nation's economic policy.

"At the beginning of this historic run, Index gains were dominated by expectations: good time to expand, expected real sales, inventory satisfaction, expected credit conditions, and expected business conditions. Now the Index is dominated by real business activity that makes GDP grow: job creation plans, job openings, strong capital spending plans, record inventory investment plans, and earnings. Small business is clearly helping to drive that four percent growth in the domestic economy," according to Dunkelberg.

Dunkelberg asked listeners to keep in mind that while there are 6 million independent businesses in the U.S., 90% have fewer than 20 employees. While tariffs are a concern to both large and small businesses the real challenge is finding skilled workers for the millions of jobs that need to be filled.

"Our survey showed that 26 percent of owners plan to create new jobs and 38 percent of owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, both survey highs. Sixty-two percent of owners reported trying to hire, with 89 percent of those owners reporting few or no qualified

applications for their open positions," noted Dunkelberg, who would like to see the qualified workers who dropped out of the workforce re-enter the market.

"What a difference between two administrations. We're seeing the economy soar, new optimism we haven't seen in 35 years, with more jobs than we've seen in years, all under Trump. Under Obama, he was telling people that 1-to-2 percent GDP was the 'new normal.' Now we're at 4.2%, but there's a lack of appreciation for the soaring economy. We're seeing a dichotomy--one side telling everyone that everything is terrible, while the business world is seeing nothing but good news," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal reiterated that tariffs are impacting sales forecasting and supply chains since half of all imports are the raw materials and components that manufacturers need to assemble their products.

The next guest on Made in America was Chris Garcia, CEO of Vicar Financial, Inc. and the Former Deputy Director of the US Department of Commerce, who reiterated the economic morass under Obama, who declared that American manufacturing jobs were never coming back and that we should just accept a lackluster GDP.

"Most of America has fallen so complacent under the renewed economy that they are ignoring the threat of Democrats trying to take us back to the Obama years. Republicans don't have the same enthusiasm that Democrats have for the midterms, and the repeat of a Red Wave isn't guaranteed despite the economy," warned Garcia.

We all thought that 2016 was the biggest election of our generation, but now this next election is really the biggest election of our generation because all of our economic momentum will stop, and if the House flips, the Democrats will start impeachment proceedings," according to Dr. Roffman.

The problem according to Garcia is that 90 percent of media give Trump negative coverage, despite the creation of 4 million jobs.

"We have to come together and follow Trump's "America First" credo. The Democrats have launched an obstructionist agenda, as you can see with the Kavanaugh nomination process. They are advancing a socialist agenda which will backfire," according to Garcia.

"We need to get the word out and tell Republicans to vote, because the media won't," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The final guest on Made in America was Greg Corombos, news director for Radio America,

who suggested that the Kavanaugh hearing is the most contentious since the Bork hearing 31 years ago, and he sees this trend continuing for future Supreme Court nominations. He reminded listeners that previous nominating processes after Bork were tame in comparison," according to Corombos, who finds the teenage rape allegations against Kavanaugh to be contemptible.

Dr. Roffman conjured up the family motto of the cartoon Addams family to describe the Democrats attacks on Kavanaugh: "We will gladly feast on those that would subdue us."

Neal agreed, and finds the latest Mueller investigation to be out of bounds for going after Trump's children.

"We should all be afraid of the Democratic party turning to socialism. We've already seen what is happening to moderate Democrats who are being killed in primaries," noted Neal.

"You have a generation of kids who don't know anything about the perils of socialism. That's allowed the organized opposition to exploit this naivety and press a system that has failed throughout the world, which is evident in Venezuela where a newly elected socialist government is failing miserably. The power-elites are making the money at the expense of the rest of their country," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal agreed, adding that closer to home, California is a disaster after moving toward a socialist agenda.

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