



Made in America Applauds Trump for Standing up for America at the United Nations

Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates) by praising Donald Trump for standing up to the United Nations and asking them to pay their share of the UN's funding.

The first guest on Made in America was Greg Corombos, news director for Radio America, who declared that Donald Trump's appearance at the United Nations was "classic Trump."

"The UN is not accustomed to seeing the kind of speech that Trump delivered. Calling out the UN was a first. Then calling North Korea's Kim Jong Un 'Rocket Man' and threatening to destroy the country made media in Europe and America hot and bothered," according to Corombos.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that threatening another country's destruction isn't confined to Trump. In 1945, Harry Truman told Japan that if they didn't surrender they would face the biggest force of destruction in history. Japan ignored the threat and the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

"No one wants to see this happen to North Korea, but I think they are taking Trump's threat very seriously, and we all must hope that they back down," noted Dr. Roffman.

Corombos agreed, reminding listeners that Obama backed off threatening North Korea. North Korea is evaluating whether Trump is all bluster or will carry out his threat of destruction.

"Trump has done a good job taking a targeted approach to Afghanistan, a country known as the 'Graveyard of Empires.' After 16 years, America is still fighting in that country," maintained Corombos.

Neal wants to see if Trump will stick to his guns and decertify the deal with Iran, which Trump has characterized as the "worst deal ever negotiated by the U.S."

Neal is encouraged that when it comes to North Korea, China has been rather tame after Trump's threat, considering that North Korea and China share a long border and are trading partners.

"It may be part of China's desire to open their economy to foreigners. They are inviting U.S. electric car companies into China to open factories and they can be 100% owned by the American companies. And while only two percent of Chinese banks are owned

by foreigners, China seems to be open to expanding that number. But you have to remember that Asia is a paternalistic society that follows strong male leaders. Trump fits the bill. They recognize the fact that he's a tough guy," noted Neal.

Dr. Roffman proposed that it conjures up memories of Ronald Reagan and his famous 'Tear down this wall' demand that opened up East Germany.

The next guest on Made in America was the Heritage Foundation's Edmund Haislmaier, an expert in health care policy and who is frequently asked to help lawmakers design and draft reforms to the health systems.

He weighed in on the Republicans' move to repeal and replace Obamacare. (NOTE: the show was taped prior to Trump not getting the votes he needed to replace Obamacare with a GOP plan).

"It's hard to tell if John McCain will vote against the GOP plan again. But despite Trump's meeting with Democrats, they will continue to vote in bloc against any repeal. They don't want to rewrite any part of Obamacare. It all has to do with budget reconciliation. Republicans look like they want to replace the current plan with one that is patient-centered on a state level. The targeted audience is those without employer coverage or are currently paying for Obamacare. Republicans want to avoid a single-payer one-size-fits all plan," according to Haislmaier.

Neal wanted to know why the GOP won't embrace state-run plans.

"It's a tricky area. Many congressmen will vote on a state-run bill depending on how much goes back to their state. But if the plan fails this year, 2018 will be devoted to tax reform," concluded Haislmaier.

The final guest on Made in America was Curtis Kalin, from the Citizens Against Government Waste, who commended Trump for the progress he has made to cut government spending.

"We've identified 607 wasteful programs that need addressing. At the top of our list is the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities. Both of them are subsidized by wealthy donors. Eliminating their government subsidies would save \$335 million in the first year. These programs have been funded forever. As Ronald Reagan once proposed: 'The closest thing to eternal life is a government program',"

noted Kalin.

He pointed to the Rural Utility Service program which once helped get electricity and phone service to 99 percent of the country. "But now that it has achieved its goal, there is no need to continue to subsidize it."

"The fundamental problem is a misalignment of incentives. There just are too many redundancies as congressmen get their pet programs funded," suggested Kalin.

Dr. Roffman noted that if you want to see why Obamacare needs a workable replacement, Al Franken endorsed Bernie Sanders' idea of universal healthcare for every American.

Neal segued to a discussion of mainstream media's ongoing dismissal of Trump's accomplishments. Trump's accomplishments are not lost on 77 percent of CFOs surveyed by CNBC who believe that Trump should be credited for the recovering economy and the soaring stock market.

"You hear about Trump's tanking approval ratings. But in reality, it's at 43 percent, which was as good as Obama's," reminded Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that the stock market has hit 42 day highs while Trump is in office, and that unemployment insurance claims were 259,000 – below projections.

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.

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