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Made in America Panel Predicts that Media Companies Will Exert Their Power to Pick Winners and Losers in This and in Future Elections

Host Neal Asbury, together 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), by castigating the media for picking winners and losers, using their power to push one candidate over the other.

"This is infringing on our basic freedoms by reducing our voice and our ability to influence an election. The America we love is being overturned," maintained Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, sensing a growing sense of frustration among voters who recognize that there is collusion between Hillary Clinton's camp and the media, which is resulting in Hillary getting favorable treatment by reporters.

The first guest on Made in America was Daniel Mitchell from the Cato Institute, who examined America's position in the latest edition of the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report, and discovered that America's ranking dropped from #1 to #3, below Switzerland and Singapore. The reason: because these two nations have much better free-market policies.

"If you look at the top-10 nations and the three major measurements, you'll notice that the United States ranks extremely high in "efficiency enhancers" and "innovation and sophistication factors," both of which have a lot to do with the private sector's competitiveness. But we have a mediocre (at least for developed nations) score for "basic requirements," the area where government policy plays a big role.

Mitchell, who is also the Senior Vice President and Senior Policy Director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, noted that in inflation-adjusted dollars, Hillary Clinton's proposed tax increase is the second largest since 1940, while as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product, her proposed tax increases would not be among the top 10 over the same time frame," reported Mitchell, who added that if you look at the biggest obstacles to economic activity in the United States, the top 4 deal with bad government policy.

Neal agreed, and was especially in synch with Mitchell's suggestion that the tax treatment of companies is easily the main problem, since America ranks 94 out of 100 nations in a study of business tax policy.

"This is the kind of challenge that small businesses face every day. We can't compete

when our tax system keeps entrepreneurs from competing globally. And Hillary wants to make it worse," noted Neal.

Dr. Roffman added that Americans are experiencing an "Economic Stockholm Syndrome" which has seen voters come to expect meager growth of only 2 percent and have seen real growth for so long, they don't even hold the government accountable any more. They are numb to the economic failures of the Obama administration.

"The Republicans had many good ideas to address failed government policies, and even as the private sector is the most innovative in the world, they are dragged down by poor government policies," concluded Mitchell.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion of the long lasting effect of the election, with Neal predicting that media's practice of choosing sides to support candidates will intensify. The end result is all objectivity in reporting will be non-existent.

"We have been moving in this direction for a long time. Corruption is running rampant throughout our government. Media corporations are in bed with the Democrats and are simply leveraging the money they are making from cronyism and putting it back into the Democrats' coffers. Media today are controlling the polls," proposed Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Michael Mandel from the Progressive Policy Institute, who co-authored The Progressive Policy Institute's report: "U.S. Investment Heroes of 2016: Fighting Short-termism," its annual study which ranks the top 25 nonfinancial American companies by their capital spending in the United States. In total, the top 25 American companies invested an estimated \$176.9 billion here at home in 2015, a 2.9 percent increase from 2014."

Similar to last year, the top "Investment Heroes" by industry were telecom and cable providers, followed by energy production companies, technology and Internet companies, and energy distribution companies. These four categories comprised 18 out of the 25 companies on the list, and accounted for nearly 80 percent of the total investment.

Neal wondered why retail ranked so low in the report, which Mandel addressed; noting that future of brick and mortar stores is

in peril since more people are shopping on-line. And Dr. Roffman added that robots will be replacing many of the workers currently in retail.

"My dad worked for Gimbels for many years and was a top corporate executive. These kinds of jobs are disappearing from brick and mortar stores. These \$15 to \$20 an-hour jobs aren't going to come back. That means that millions of retail workers will have nowhere to go. But nobody's talking about this. At least Trump talks about average workers, while Clinton has indicated that many of the people in the proposed cabinet will come from Goldman Sachs. That should scare everyone," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The last guest on Made in America was Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow in The Heritage Foundation's Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, who is concerned that there is a growing problem in some states where an influx of ineligible voters is impacting elections.

"A recent report by the Public Interest Legal Foundation and Virginia Voters Alliance lists thousands of non-citizens were registered to vote and cast ballots in elections in Virginia and Pennsylvania. The report analyzed data from just eight counties within Virginia. In these eight, the legal foundation found over 1,000 aliens who registered to vote illegally, with nearly 200 ballots cast from this group before they were removed from the rolls. While this number may seem insignificant, recall that the 2013 Virginia attorney general's race was decided by a margin of 165 votes, not to mention how the integrity of the voting process is compromised and the votes of legitimate voters are stolen when ineligible individuals are allowed to cast ballots," noted von Spakovsky.

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



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