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Made in America Panel Bullish on the Future of America's Energy Program

WZAB-Miami is a new affiliate; the progress being made by the U.S. to become energy independent; the hope that China and the U.S. will come to trade terms in Argentina; the progress being made by military veterans to land good paying jobs that taps into their tech training; and the potential for crypto currency to become an accepted form of money transactions, 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 welcomed back WZAB in Miami as a Made in America affiliate, and is optimistic that when China and the U.S. meet in Argentina at the G-20 summit, they will tone down the rhetoric over trade.

Dr. Roffman agreed, but he doesn't want the trade war to set back the progress being made in America on the economy and jobs. "We can't go back to 2016 when Obama announced that 2 percent GDP growth was the new norm."

The first guest on Made in America was Brigham McCown, former senior executive at the United States Department of Transportation, and current CEO of Nouveau Consulting, who suggested that if 5-10 years ago you had predicted that America would be energy independent, people would have laughed you off the stage.

Neal expressed his enthusiasm over the strength of the U.S. energy sector in general, and especially the expansion of crude oil supplies in Texas.

"The U.S. is producing a record 11 million barrels of oil per day, and the Permian Basin in Texas by itself is expected to produce more oil than all OPEC countries but Saudi Arabia by 2023. The U.S. overall is producing 80 percent more natural gas and oil since 2005. Drilling technology has changed and improved to the point that we're actually producing too much energy for the current infrastructure to support," according to McCown.

Dr. Roffman proposed that by becoming energy independent we aren't beholden to countries for oil like Iran and Russia -- countries that hate us.

economy so when they get less money from America, it puts enormous pressure on their economy and gives America greater negotiating leverage," according to McCown.

Neal wondered why the price at the pump hasn't gone down since America's energy output has ramped up. McCown noted that it has a lot to do with the global economy and a reduced oil flow

in pipelines due to overly restrictive environmental regulations.

"Imagine all the great energy jobs that have been created due to the energy boom, and at the same time, we can stop worrying about having our energy supplies held hostage by foreign countries that don't like us," proposed Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that we have returned to our heritage as a great manufacturing country due to our access to a steady supply of abundant, low cost energy. "Our economy is moving in the right direction, buoyed by our renewed energy sector."

Neal and Dr. Roffman were concerned about the drop in the stock market, which is partially attributable to the trade war with China.

"Trump understands that it's all about the deal. He showed it during the NAFTA renegotiation. Since he's not a Capitol Hill insider, he plays by different rules," noted Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, (Retired), Vince Patton, who now is an executive with New Day USA, who advocates on behalf of veterans to help them with housing and obtaining good jobs.

Dr. Roffman applauded Patton's work, noting that the U.S. doesn't take advantage of the technical skills of our veterans who aren't getting the jobs they deserve. "They are disciplined and dependable workers that should be working."

"Veterans are not working at the higher level jobs that they were trained for. They are mostly under-employed. They have the technical training far above that of the average infantryman in World War II or even Viet Nam. They haven't been able to leverage their technical training to higher paying private sector jobs. Veterans should visit acenet.edu, which helps guide them through the job hunt process," reported Patton.

The final guest on Made in America was Brian Darling, President and founder of the firm Liberty Government Affairs. He was also Senior Communications Director and Counsel for Sen. Rand Paul, who is an advocate for crypto currency.

"Crypto currency is like having a wallet in your computer. It streamlines transactions through peer-to-peer technology that eliminates the middleman and even banks. Companies create tokens that can be treated like money. Their value is dependent on the company that issues them. It eliminates federal interference because it is controlled by the companies involved. It's not understood by many people yet but when more people know about it, it

will very popular," noted Darling.

Neal returned to the topic of America's energy program, which he describes as an "energy renaissance." "This will help untangle us from the energy pressures from other countries."

"We should have implemented our energy policy years ago. Trump is playing a chess game with other countries. He is putting pressure on Iran and China to negotiate with us without worrying about a threat to cut off energy supplies. He is cutting off the flow of U.S. dollars that these countries need to stabilize their economy. And if we ramp up our ethanol program, we'll have even broader energy options," according to Dr. Roffman.

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