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## Made in America Panel Reveals that Half of American Workers Earn Less than \$30,000 a Year.

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America, now heard by 71 stations nationwide, by taking CNBC to task for a very poorly produced Republican debate that seemed to squelch any real debate on the issues to which Americans are most interested.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agreed, noting that highly paid moderators wanted to follow their NBC bosses agenda with a provocative program, and failed to offer any real engagement.

The first guest on Made in America was Connor Wolf, writing for the Daily Caller, who recapped Republican Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's victory in negotiating labor agreements with three public sector unions. It was something necessary since problems with unions have defined much of his administration at a time when Illinois is facing enormous financial problems. Despite the recent success, Rauner still has to come to an agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and SEIU Healthcare.

"Rauner is trying this best to control public union payouts but they want an 11 - 29% wage hike," noted Wolf.

Dr. Roffman wondered how the unions can justify wages at this ridiculous level when the state is headed for bankruptcy.

"It's about fiscal responsibility, and Rauner has tried to sue to stop the unions' moves, but it was turned down by the court. There is a general disconnect between union workers and the general public, that will have long term repercussions," maintained Wolf.

Neal and Dr. Roffman continued their discussion on the overreach by TV journalists, including MSNBC's Melissa Harris Perry, who took exception to the description of Paul Ryan as "hard working." Perry noted that she has a picture of black field hands on her wall to remind her what hard working really means, as if that defines today's work environment.

Dr. Roffman, doing his best Bernie Sanders' imitation, vowed to make everyone

rich. And the money will be paid by rich people like Donald Trump, and everybody will also get free tickets to Broadway shows. Whatever it takes to have the government make Americans happy.

To underscore the point that Americans will be forced to be grateful to Democrats for all the free money, Dr. Roffman played Tennessee Ernie Ford's rendition of "16 Tons" in which workers "owe their soul to the company store." Pure anti-capitalism!

The next Made in America guest was Trey Kovacks, from the Competitive Enterprise Institute, who revealed a Machiavellian plan by the NLRB to force franchisees to be combined as one company with their parent company so that every employee can be coerced into joining a union.

"Their target is McDonald's, ignoring the fact that while McDonald's is the global parent company, their franchisees are really just small companies. Unions would bankrupt these small companies. It's the height of hypocrisy," noted Kovacks.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that McDonald's defined franchising, and now they are being setup for a fall.

"The NLRB is trying to return to a time 50 years ago when unions ruled. They want to make it easier to nationally unionize McDonald's and other companies which will be disastrous. A House committee is trying to reverse the NLRB's initiative, but even if they are successful Obama will veto it," according to Kovacks.

The final guest on Made in America was Rachel Stoltzfoos, writing for the Daily Caller, who revealed that 1 in 2 Americans makes less than \$30,000 a year; only about \$1,000 above the poverty level for a family of five.

"There are 102,000,000 people out of the workforce, the worst level since 1977. And there are 56 million women out of the labor force. Yet, the Obama administration says everything is fine," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Stoltzfoos proposed that there is no middle class anymore. The average salary is

now higher than the median wage level. All the while, the Democrats talk about addressing the middle class, and their only solution is printing up more money," concluded Stoltzfoos.

Neal returned to a discussion about the recent CNBC debate and proposed that after Ted Cruz went after the moderators, the other debaters joined in, actually uniting Republicans for the first time.

"The moderators were put on notice that they were making a mockery of the debates – an opinion that resonated with the audience and with most Americans the next day. Some 14 million people saw how incompetent the news staff was," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman continued his ongoing coverage of the rise in robots, with a story about a Zurich company that has created a robot that can work 24/7 on construction projects. And a T-9 robotic tank being built by the Russians which has prompted the U.S. to create its own fleet of killer robots.

Then Dr. Roffman added a new installment of his cronyism report with the news that the American taxpayer spent \$4 million for Obama's golf vacations and fund raising trips last February and March.

"The U.S. ranks 3rd worldwide in murders. But if you subtract the five cities run by Democrats having tough gun laws (Chicago; Washington, D.C.; St. Louis, New Orleans and Louisville), the U.S. would rank fourth from the bottom," revealed Dr. Roffman. "What does that say about Democratic mayors?"

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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