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Made in America Panel Urges Diverse Voters to Recognize their Economic Gains under Trump and Vote for Him

The importance of the midterms; the incivility of the body politic; how Republicans can hold the House and Senate; the puzzlement over the lack of support for Trump despite the soaring economy; the progress being made by African-Americans and Latinos in the Trump economy; and the unwarranted attacks on Trump for suggesting that the Federal Reserve should not raise interest rates, 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 was concerned about the rising animosity between Americans, and hoped that the negativity and anger will soon subside. Dr. Roffman agreed, suggesting that we are living in the "dark ages," and that the importance of the midterms has never been greater.

The first guest on Made in America was Delroy Murdock, an American political commentator and a contributing editor with National Review Online, who suggested that Republicans should ask voters this key question during the 2018 midterms: Are you better off now than you were two years ago?"

"It would shift the debate from the childish and shrill "resistance" dialect to the mature and optimistic topic of results. By nearly any measure, Washington's unified Republican government has improved things for every American since the last election. The GDP is at 3.2%, something that Obama deemed impossible; while the unemployment rate for African-Americans is at 3.7%, the lowest since 1969; and the Latino unemployment rate is at 3.7%, the lowest since 1969," proposed Murdock.

Murdock is disappointed that this good news doesn't get the media attention it deserves, and instead is hung up on Stormy Daniels and the Russian probe. He thinks the GOP isn't running a very smart campaign.

"It's amazing that a Rasmussen poll finds that 36% of African-Americans support Donald Trump. If people paid attention they would notice that Trump has spoken at many black churches, and before black organizations. If that 36% figure is accurate and even if 20% vote for Republicans or don't vote, the Democrats can't win," noted Murdock.

Neal suggested that African-Americans should be more involved in the immigration issue since an influx of immigrants hurts their job prospects. "Black support for Trump would be a tectonic change in the political picture. They

have to recognize that Obama did not play a role in the improved employment picture for African-Americans," opined Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, pointing to Chicago as a major city where African-Americans are faring poorly under a Democratic mayor but continue to vote Democratic.

"It's amazing that people are ignoring the facts. The Democrats keep harping on the lack of Americans with health insurance, but the number of American with health insurance has risen from 292 million under Obama to 294.6 million in 2017. One reason is that as more Americans are working, they receive insurance from their employer," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Brian Darling, the President and founder of the firm Liberty Government Affairs. He was Senior Communications Director and Counsel for Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) and a former senior fellow in government studies at The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank based in Washington, D.C., who is bullish on the future of cryptocurrency, which is best described as "virtual currency," that is only accessible on a computer.

"It's still kind of confusing and most people don't understand the concept since it isn't really backed by anything. Although the American dollar is no longer associated with gold, it is backed by the word, promise and full faith of the United States government," noted Dr. Roffman.

"It's actually a peer-to-peer system that is designed to compete with the dollar. It's based on the direct relationships by the companies participating in the currency. No one owns the system. Companies issue their own cryptocurrency and each transaction is recorded in a public ledger," according to Darling.

Neal and Dr. Roffman were curious if cryptocurrency is akin to the bitcoin, introduced few years ago.

"The bitcoin was introduced as an alternative to the dollar. When it first came out no one knew its value. One guy used it to buy a pizza, only to discover later that it was worth hundreds of dollars. Now it has gained much more value. In fact, a guy in Florida used bitcoin to buy a home," related Darling.

The discussion turned to the economy in general, and whether the nation's economic gains will be reversed if the Democrats take back the House.

"The pattern has been that every two years, there's a shift in the House and Senate, especially under a new administration. I would hate to see

small business lose their access to capital, and the tax breaks end along with the reduction in regulations," noted Darling.

"People are feeling good, so I can't imagine why anyone would vote for Democrats," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal agreed, noting that air travel is way up, indicating that people feel good about their finances.

Dr. Roffman can't figure out why the Federal Reserve has suddenly become a piñata. "The liberals have always deified the Federal Reserve but now that Trump has attacked the Federal Reserve for threatening to raise interest rates, even Republican politicians don't like the Fed's actions. If the interest rate was zero, the economy would skyrocket."

Neal agreed, but was wary that mortgage rates are starting to inch up, which could hit home buying and the economy.

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