



Made in America Panel Urges Passage of TPP to Create Jobs by Giving American Exporters Access to the Lucrative Asian Market

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 looking ahead to the presidential election. (NOTE: this show was taped prior to the November 8 election.)

The first guest on Made in America was Edward Pozzuoli, the President of Tripp Scott law firm in Ft. Lauderdale, who correctly predicted that Trump would win Florida, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Ohio.

"I don't understand how Obama retains high approval raising when only 161,000 jobs were created in October, with half being part-time low paying jobs. And you can't talk about jobs without talking about the disastrous effect of Obamacare. That's why Hillary is underperforming on the vote count from minorities, including African Americans - a key voting bloc that helped re-elect Obama four years ago," noted co-host Dr. Roffman.

Pozzuoli agreed that the lack of good paying jobs is a real motivation to vote. And that includes Obama's healthcare costs, which are rising by 175 percent.

"Obama sold it as one thing, but it turned out to be something completely different. And when you factor in the war on coal, you can see why people are electing someone who can get the economy going again," added Pozzuoli.

Neal weighed in on Obamacare, noting that physicians continue to bail out of the plan, even as premiums soar.

Dr. Roffman marveled at the nation's schizophrenia, giving Obama high approval ratings while 70 percent of people don't like the direction the country is taking.

Neal reminded listeners that Obama's administration took great pains to play fast and loose with jobs numbers to make Obama look better.

"This is the time that people should be taking a cue from Reagan when he asked people to ask themselves if they were better off today than they were four years ago. The answer today would be a resounding NO!" proposed Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Victor Hanson from the Hoover Institution, who suggested that with the charges bringing brought against Hillary Clinton at this point,

Clinton has trumped former president Richard Nixon's skulduggery — but without the offset of Nixon's foreign-policy accomplishments.

"Most loyal aides who served Nixon ended up disgraced, jailed, or humiliated. Does anyone think that Podesta, Cheryl Mills, or Huma Abedin — the fixers so prominent in the WikiLeaks scandal — will have a political future, given their aiding and abetting of Clinton knavery and profiteering? Nixon covered up misdeeds long enough to be re-elected in a 1972 landslide — only later to resign before his looming impeachment, when even his administration flunkies could no longer mask his past misdeeds. Would an elected President Hillary Clinton eventually meet the same fate?" asked Hanson, who suggested that if she is elected it would be unlikely that she would be impeached for past deeds.

He added that in Hillary's case, her supporters embrace the idea that the ends justify the means. If the Republicans tried that, they would be indicted.

Neal agreed, recalling how Mitt Romney was attacked simply because he had the audacity to make money legally by growing a successful investment company.

The final guest on Made in America is a frequent guest: Dan Ikenon from the Cato Institute, who proposed that in the political stump and in the media, trade agreements have been blamed for killing American manufacturing, stealing jobs, widening income inequality, degrading the environment — even causing cancer. Much of the ire has been directed at the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a trade agreement signed earlier this year by the United States and 11 other Pacific-Rim countries on four continents. Although not a perfect agreement, the TPP is a good deal for American consumers, workers, and businesses, and its ratification by Congress is crucial to protecting U.S. economic and geostrategic interests going forward.

Neal reminded listeners that the TPP is a huge trade agreement providing for fair trade with an Asian market ripe for economic expansion that would allow American exporters to compete on a level playing field so they can gain access to this lucrative market with lower tariffs. One of the big reasons that TPP is not in favor with politicians in both parties is that they don't trust Obama to make good trade decisions.

"Trade is being dragged through the mud. There's a movement toward nationalism that Republican leaders like, but mainstream Republicans generally favor free trade. But I think we're going to see a realignment of trade. But nothing will happen for TPP during this lame duck session," predicted Ikenon.

Dr. Roffman put TPP in perspective with some revealing facts: 12 signatories on TPP represent 23 percent of all global exports, and that 36% of global GDP is controlled by TPP signatories.

Neal concluded the show by recalling how Democrats and Republicans once worked closely together on trade issues. Bill Clinton was not adverse to crossing the aisle on trade. But Obama has never wanted to work with Republicans—on anything.

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