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Made in America Panel Wants to See China and the U.S. Get Closer to a Trade Agreement

The importance of the midterms; the contributions of Andrew Jackson to our nation; the escalating trade war with China; the impact of rising interest rates; and the improved economic outlook for African-Americans and Latinos, 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 reiterated the importance of the midterms to maintaining our economic growth, while he and Dr. Roffman can't figure out why the election should even be close based on Trump's accomplishments. "We're in LA-LA Land.....so it makes no sense for the Left to impeach Trump," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Brian Kilmeade, a Fox News Personality and co-host of Fox and Friends, who recently authored the book "Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans -- The Battle That Shaped America's Destiny," which chronicles how America defeated a large British force that wanted to cripple the country during the War of 1812 by capturing the mouth of the Mississippi River.

"This battle was pivotal during the War of 1812, and took the British by surprise because they didn't count on the power of General Andrew Jackson. A formidable military leader with a grudge against the British and a heart for the common man, he rallied the divided inhabitants of New Orleans, bringing together Frenchmen, Native Americans, freed slaves, pirates, and Kentucky woodsmen. It would be nice if this country became united again," according to Kilmeade.

Dr. Roffman noted that Jackson was ferocious and strong willed, and was a natural leader.

Kilmeade agreed, explaining that Jackson was able to overcome a British force of 9,000 soldiers with a force of only 1,200, despite never having attended West Point or receiving any formal military training.

Leveraging Kilmeade's Fox News experience, the discussion turned to the midterms, which Kilmeade maintained was too close to call, but warned that polls have traditionally been inaccurate, so nobody should read anything into the most recent numbers.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion of the escalating trade war between the U.S. and China which threatens to derail the economic gains the country is making.

"Trump did a good job on the renegotiated

trade deal between the U.S. and Canada and Mexico by inserting a poison pill that prevents Canada and Mexico from trading with a non-market economy; aimed squarely at China. It's about time that we forced fundamental changes to China's trade policies, since that country has gotten away with so much for so long," opined Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, complimenting Trump for manipulating Mexico and Canada to conform to America's wishes. "China may appear to be a communist country, but they are really a capitalist society that will suffer under America's harsh trade tariffs," noted Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Mark Hamrick, from Bankrate.com, who continued the discussion about China.

The conversation opened with Neal reminding the audience that half of the imports from China are components and raw materials that American manufacturers use to create finished products. Any interruption in the supply chain could damage American manufacturing and jobs.

"I like Trump's approach to trade deals but I don't think the new agreements with Mexico and Canada are that much different than the original agreement, other than the NAFTA name. Lack of progress on the trade deals could rile the financial markets, and would be compounded by higher interest rates," according to Hamrick.

Dr. Roffman agreed, and is concerned that higher interest rates are impacting the housing market.

Hamrick isn't pleased with Trump's attack on the Fed over interest rates, and is appreciative that the executive branch and the Fed are intended to be separate. He reminded listeners that Jerome Powell, head of the Fed, who is being attacked by Trump, was appointed by Trump.

The final guest on Made in America was Jim Kennedy, from the Kennedy Institute for Public Policy Research, who is confounded that a Red state like Florida could elect a socialist governor, and does not believe the poll numbers, which indicate that 26 percent of the votes are already in and that 42 percent of the votes are absentee.

"Despite the ongoing FBI probe into the corruption of Tallahassee Andrew Gillum's mayor's run, the media has shown little interest in covering this. And people have a short memory about Bill Nelson's senate run, which he leveraged based on his shuttle trip as an astronaut, yet failed to save 7,000-plus NASA jobs for the Space Coast, which cut some \$18 billion funding for space-flight vessels in Florida," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to Trump's accomplishments in office, particularly that the black

approval rating for Trump hit an historic high, and that the GOP is seeing a large black voter turnout.

"We're also seeing a large voter turnout among Latinos in large Latino states, who are seeing their income raise, and may be voting for Republicans. No matter what happens, Americans are engaged and motivated. I don't think either party is going to knock it out of the ballpark when it comes to votes, but I hope that voters take a look at the jobs that have been created by Republicans," maintained Neal.

"Trump gets in people's faces with his tweets and rallies, but people need to remember that Democrats mean mobs, and Republicans mean jobs," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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