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## Made in America Panel Looks Optimistically at the Nation's Future under President Trump

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) marveling how president-elect Trump is shaking up the country by holding companies accountable for their trade policies. Already, Carrier and other companies are being called out for leaving the U.S. to hire foreign workers.

"The country's optimism is very strong, as manufacturing jobs return to the U.S.," according to Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Scott Lincicome from the Cato Institute, believes it's too early to predict Trump's trade policies, but he is hoping that Trump walks back from his proposed protectionist trade policies.

Lincicome notes that Trump's contention that the U.S. is being punished with harsh trade policies simply isn't valid.

"Incredibly, the U.S. industry that benefits from over half of all anti-dumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) orders on imports is also the same sector that has been constantly cited by President-elect Trump and his political and media cheerleaders as the biggest victim of America's supposed religious devotion to "unfettered" free trade: These facts demonstrate quite clearly that American manufacturing and agribusiness, as well their workers, are, in fact, a far cry from being the "unprotected" victims of "unfettered" free trade."

Neal is one of the few who sees no problem that Trump talked with the president of Taiwan. But also warned that as Trump goes to war with China over their currency manipulation, Taiwan is actually guiltier of undervaluing their currency.

Dr. Roffman proposes that we're seeing a lot of posturing by Trump advisors, and some signals are being given based on the people Trump is interviewing for key positions, including former Ford CEO Alan Mulally, who understands trade.

Lincicome agreed, but added that he would like to see more clarity and consistency in Trump's trade policies. He is interested to see who Trump selects as the U.S. Trade Representative.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion about the way that Trump seems more presidential than Obama.

Neal played an audio clip from Obama who predicted that some manufacturing jobs

will never come back. And took exception to Obama's contention that Trump has some kind of "magic wand" to bring back those jobs.

"Magic wand? We're talking about families that need hope. It's not appropriate for Obama to talk about jobs when he hasn't created any and has no background or experience in job creation," proposed Neal.

Dr. Roffman contended that Trump's magic wand is his business background, which gives him the experience to create jobs. "That's why the U.S. Consumer Confidence level is jumping. There's a new sense of optimism. Even U.S. Steel is moving jobs back to the U.S."

Neal suggests that progressives are "going nuts" over the groundswell of support for Trump from blue collar workers who are seeing him fulfill his campaign promises to create and save jobs.

The next guest on Made in America was Gail Heriot from the University of San Diego, who believes that America must do a better job training people for today's manufacturing jobs, instead of pushing them to attend college.

"The United States needs other ways to instill job skills in the younger generation. The German apprenticeship system is sometimes viewed as an appealing alternative. But substantially increasing apprenticeship opportunities in the United States may not be as easy or inviting as it sounds. The German model depends for its success on strong unions and professional licensing requirements. Applying the German method to the United States would require huge — and, for some, hugely unpopular — changes to the structure of the economy," according to Heriot.

She advocated that the way to successfully expand the availability of apprenticeships in the United States will therefore require real thought. "Any American-style apprenticeship model will need to deal effectively with the age-old problem of the "runaway apprentice" — the apprentice who leaves his employer after the employer has invested time and energy in training him, but before the apprentice has been useful enough to make the employer's investment worthwhile."

The final guest on Made in America was Jared Meyer, from the Foundation for Government Accountability, who contends that "the 2016 election proved a lot of Washington, D.C., insiders wrong. But some pundits continue to perpetuate the myth that millennials are

overwhelmingly socialist. Nothing could be further from the truth — millennials love free markets and hate government control."

He added that when choosing between a "government managed economy" and a "free market economy," millennials' support for government control plummets and twice as many prefer free markets.

"Are these numbers not convincing enough? Just look to Silicon Valley for further proof. It should come as no surprise that the technology sector, which remains the shining point of the U.S. economy, is the industry least controlled by government. Compare groundbreaking technology companies such as Facebook or Uber to the heavily regulated utility industry," suggests Meyer, who added that as millennials seek the ability to become entrepreneurs and back away from other jobs, they don't see either of the major two parties as their choice and are more apt to vote for independents.

Neal, a passionate entrepreneur who seeks others to take the entrepreneurial path, was heartened by a new breed of younger entrepreneur.

Dr. Roffman and Neal both pointed to the bias expressed by main stream media, whose slanted coverage is actually driving millennials to Trump.

Dr. Roffman would like to see the media applauding Trump for exposing the \$4 billion Boeing contract for two new Air Force One jets that came as a result of donations Boeing made to the Clinton White House.

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