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Made in America Panel Predicts that American Voters will Start Respecting Trump's Policies when They Begin Making and Keeping More of their Money

Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates) by urging listeners to ignore the gloom and doom projections by Democrats and mainstream media and recognize that when the 4th quarter GDP hits nearly four percent, the American economy is roaring. And all this is happening before the tax plan is finalized -- a sign of growing optimism.

"If Obama had these results, the media would be doing somersaults. But because it's Trump, his accomplishments are being ignored. But that will change when people start seeing more money in their paychecks and watch their taxes go down," proposed Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding that companies are feeling this optimism, too. Boeing, Comcast, FedEx, Southwest, Wells Fargo and many other major corporations are paying bonuses to their employees, raising minimum wage to various employees, and donating millions to charity.

The first guest on Made in America was Peter Sepp, President of the non-profit, non-partisan National Taxpayers Union's (NTU's) government affairs, public relations, and development activities.

"Tax reform is an excellent start to fix our long awaited tax system – the first major tax system overhaul in 30 years. It's a sign of good things to come. People who think that the stock market can't keep up its current pace have been proven wrong. People will start having more money and a great deal of positive things will occur," according to Sepp.

Dr. Roffman noted that financial experts predict that GDP will quickly rise by an additional one percent and some 338,000 jobs will be created.

Neal added that while corporations will see a major tax deduction, personal income taxes will drop for millions of people, which is really good news for the middle class. People will be seeing a 26 percent tax cut.

Sepp agreed, but suggested that the corporate tax rate reduction will have a bigger impact on the economy, but the impact on personal income taxes can't be ignored.

Neal was particularly impressed by the GDP rise to nearly four percent, which he notes would make a country like China green with envy. He added that with the largest economy in the world, it's a real accomplishment to get a four percent bump in GDP.

"We are seeing spectacular results. The NASDAQ passed 7,000. We are seeing the fastest

growing economy in 30 years. Middle class tax payers won't be taxed for the first \$24,000 of their income, the tax credit for children and the standard deduction have doubled, and people are feeling optimistic for the first time in many years. Trump is the most revolutionary president since Reagan despite being attacked for everything he's done. And we can't forget that the hated Obamacare individual mandate will go away," maintained Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Robert Alt, President and CEO of The Buckeye Institute in Columbus, Ohio, who suggested that heirloom unions inherited from the Nixon-era are depriving today's public workers and civil servants of any meaningful voice or choice in their workplace. Ninety-four percent of union workers have never had the chance to vote for or against their unions. This could all come to a head in a Supreme Court ruling due soon.

"Early next year, the Supreme Court will hear Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31. Mark Janus is a child support specialist at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service who objects to paying union fees, which are currently a condition of his employment. He argues that the compulsory fees force him to speak through his union in ways that violate his First Amendment rights," according to Alt.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that the issue could have been decided years ago until Justice Anton Scalia's untimely --and some would say convenient--death left the court with a 4-4 tie.

"This case is long overdue. Workers should not be forced to pay union dues. You're seeing this issue taken up on the state level," noted Alt.

The final guest on Made in America was Michael Saltzman from the Employment Policy Institute, who sees bad things ahead for Seattle, which is deciding to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$15.40 per hour.

"The minimum wage is a non-issue when the economy starts to heat up and there are millions of good paying jobs. We need our workers. Wages will go up as the economy goes up," according to Neal.

Saltzman agreed, suggesting that raising the minimum wage is an ideological issue.

"Some 38 counties have raised the minimum wage and in most cases workers make less money because their hours are cut. And employers have to pass on higher costs to their customers. To keep from raising prices, you have to control wages,"

proposed Saltzman.

Dr. Roffman suggested that this is a prime example of unintended consequences. Workers clamor for higher wages but wind up making less money.

"Let's face it. Most of the workers wanting a rise in their hourly wages are in jobs that will go away very soon," predicted Neal.

"Let's not forget automation and it's impact on jobs," added Dr. Roffman.

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to a discussion of tax reform, with both marveling that Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer are completely lost in coming up with reasons that we shouldn't support tax reform.

"They keep harping in the \$1.5 trillion dollar debt. But our national debt level doubled under Obama. Under Obama the economy never came close to hitting a 4 percent GDP level. In fact it never crossed 2%. Democrats will rue the day that they voted against tax reform when they have to face their constituents and explain why voters are making and keeping more of their money. Even the Democrats are quoted as saying when it came to Obamacare, they could depend on the stupidity of the American voter," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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