



Made in America Foresees that Only a National Emergency Declaration Will End Government Shutdown

The ill-conceived government shutdown; the perils of ignoring the real impact that illegal immigrants have on jobs and the economy; changing the way America should be looking at trade jobs instead of a college education; turning a wary eye at Democratic moves that could reverse the economic gains over the past two years; the mistake made by states like Wisconsin that voted out a successful Republican governor as a result of a poorly executed 2018 Republican election strategy, 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 the Armed Forces Network).

Neal and Dr. Roffman began the show by urging the government to end the shutdown.

"There is no bi-partisan support for the shutdown, and the Democrats are doing everything they can to make Trump look bad. It looks like Trump will have to declare a National Emergency to resolve the shutdown. The wall issue has become so divisive, with Nancy Pelosi declaring that the wall is immoral – giving an inanimate object human attributes," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal maintained that the mainstream media needs to stop characterizing the wall as "Trump's Wall," when it is a matter of border security.

The first guest on Made in America was John Malcolm, Vice President, Institute for Constitutional Government, Director of the Meese Center for Legal & Judicial Studies and Senior Legal Fellow for the Heritage Foundation, who agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman that the President might have to declare a national emergency under the National Emergency Act to end the shutdown and get funding for the wall.

"Trump must go before Congress and explain why this is a national emergency and define the scope of that emergency. He also must tell Congress what other statutory authority he is relying on in order to give funds to build the wall. There are 130 odd statutes in the federal code that empower a president to do this kind of thing under appropriate circumstances but it would be challenged in court," according to Malcolm, but added that there is no real definition for the word "emergency" in the Act.

Dr. Roffman continues to be upset that the media delights in making Trump look like an insane guy, while Obama made many of the same moves and the media were silent.

Malcolm agreed, noting that Democrats

have labeled the shutdown and the wall debate as a manufactured crisis, instead of what it really is: a national emergency.

Neal is concerned that if the Democrats bring the emergency decision to the courts, the Democrats will pick the most liberal courts in California that will likely overrule Trump's decision.

"Border security is about job security. People can't just come to America illegally and take the jobs of American citizens by working at lower salaries. When Democrats support open borders, are they really helping their constituents?" asked Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding that the money earned goes back to the home country of the immigrants instead of staying in America. And with the lower wages, it causes disharmony. "In the early 80s, Miami experienced over 180,000 Cuban Marielitos arriving in a three-month period, willing to work below the wages paid to local minority workers. The result was a socio-economic fight that devastated the local economy and produced high-crime."

Neal and Dr. Roffman agreed that the border events represent a humanitarian crisis, but the U.S. has humanitarian crises in Appalachia, but they aren't getting any support.

Neal and Dr. Roffman predicted that minimum wage workers will be under further attack as AI and robots replace them. In fact, it is predicted that 40% of current workers will be replaced by machines globally.

The next guest on Made in America was Vance Ginn, from Texas Public Policy,

who agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman's contention that the economy is soaring, buoyed by 312,000 new jobs created in December, and 2.8 million jobs created during 2018, as wages increased by 3.2 percent.

"The tax policy by the Trump administration has played a huge role in our economic gains, by reducing the corporate tax rate to 21 percent. The only remaining concern is the volatile stock market, which will continue to gyrate up and down; but we shouldn't base our economy solely on the stock market," according to Ginn.

Neal added that even China has a 15% rate, and they are communists!

Dr. Roffman harkened back to the Obama years when the fossil fuel industry was decimated by EPA rules while job creation stalled.

The final guest on Made in America was Nick Adams, founder of the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness, who is an immigrant from

Australia and the author of "Class Dismissed," which questions why so many millennials who have college degrees are unemployed, and why nearly half of Americans do not think college is worth the expense.

"We need workers who are willing to make, not take. We need to instill the belief that if you have the drive, you can succeed in America without a college degree. Not everybody that goes to college is college material. More than \$1.3 trillion has been spent on college educations, but it's time for parents to recognize whether their child will get more from a trade school or a mentorship than they will from four years of study," proposed Adams.

While gaining vocational skills is admired in European countries like Germany, the same is not true in the U.S. where gaining a vocational education carries a stigma. Adams compiled a list of 150 vocational paths that pay better than a college education. He is concerned that 1 in 5 younger Americans think college is interfering with their ability to seize the American dream.

Neal, a successful American manufacturer, like many manufacturers, is having a hard time finding workers with the proper training. Vocational schools can fill that void.

Dr. Roffman segued to discussion of successful governors that have lost elections due to voters ignoring their accomplishments. Wisconsin is a perfect example, where Scott Walker lost his gubernatorial bid despite the fact he turned a \$3 billion deficit into a \$3 billion surplus.

Neal projects that in 2020, voters will finally recognize the economic accomplishments of the Republican administration.

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