



Made in America Panel Suggests that America Should be Paying More Attention to the Brexit Negotiations

Some promising movement on China-USA tariff negotiations; the global implications of the Brexit negotiations; the impact that urban elitists are having on the global economy; the need to support fossil fuel production in the U.S.; keeping pressure on China regardless of trade talks; and the GOP's fractious unity that is giving strength to Democrats; 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 with a sense of optimism regarding new China-USA trade negotiations.

"It is important that progress is made on tariff negotiations, but not let China off the hook on high tariffs and IP theft. The more progress is made, the more certainty is added to the economy, which helps the market and small business. But we need to recognize that the U.S. and China need to be able to declare victory to save face," according to Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that neither country wants a disaster on their hands regarding trade between the two largest world economies.

The first guest on Made in America was William Ogborn, a strategic communications and public diplomacy expert with a highly successful track record as both a director and strategist for U.S. government entities--the US House of Representatives, the US Departments of Defense (DOD), State (DOS), and Commerce (DOC); and USAID--as well as NATO and other private companies.

"Theresa May, MP and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, barely survived a no confidence vote over Brexit. She is going to present a "Plan B," which I think will also fail and trigger another vote of no confidence. The U.S. secretly wants a Brexit deal to fail because it will allow America and other countries to gain inroads within the EU. Mudding the waters is Jeremy Bernard Corbyn, a democratic socialist and leader of the Labour Party, who is opposed to Brexit and makes no bones about wanting to replace May as Prime Minister," according to Ogborn.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that since the British public voted to drop out of the EU 2 1/2 years ago, not much has happened. "The vote was in response to the rise of the urban elitists that have lost touch with the average working class Brit. But the elitists remain in control despite

the vote. And if the UK drops out of the EU over their displeasure with the urban elitists, this move may resonate with working people in other countries. This is draining the swamp--European style."

Neal and Dr. Roffman pivoted to a discussion about the upcoming Davos world economic forum, which has seen a growing group of nations that won't send representatives to Switzerland, including France, the UK, the U.S. and Russia.

"The bankers and lobbyists will be there to cut deals and advocate on behalf of cleaner energy while they fly their private jets to the meeting. It's the ultimate meeting of the world's urban elitists, like Nancy Pelosi, who while not attending, tells people that her party reflects the average man, while hobnobbing with fellow multi-millionaires," proposed Dr. Roffman, who added that the "New Green Deal," proposed by Ocasio-Cortez of New York City, will only result in killing millions of jobs in the fossil fuel industry.

Neal is amazed that someone like Democratic socialist and Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York is the new face of the Democratic Party. "Republicans should be watching as her policies turn off the very districts that elected her and other progressive Democrats."

The next guest on Made in America was Michael Stumo, CEO of the Center for a Prosperous America, who maintains that the U.S. tariffs against China are working, and President Trump should keep taking a hard line against Beijing, including raising the tariff levels.

"Beijing's intransigence continues a wider standoff between the two countries. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative issued an update on the tariffs noting that China has not fundamentally altered its unfair, unreasonable, and market-distorting practices. But China stands to lose significantly since it relies heavily on exporting to the U.S. market. The tariffs imposed by President Trump have given U.S. companies sustained breathing room against what had been an ongoing slew of heavily subsidized imports. What's really at stake is determining who will lead the world in the decades to come," according to Stumo, adding that China has never played by the rules, lowering their currency by 40 percent and dropping wages to give them a huge competitive advantage on trade.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that the way

to punish China is by raising tariffs, which are having an impact on the economy in China. Their economy has dropped by 25-38 percent. "But understand that China is playing for the long term."

"Letting China get away with its trade practices and stealing intellectual property represents a security risk. As the tariffs have continued, Beijing has continued to brazenly follow a long-term strategy of growing its economic and military strength through predatory economic practices targeting the U.S. consumer market. China needs to reach the U.S. consumer because they are not able to build up their own domestic economy. America's economic strength has been built on its ability to pivot to a domestic economy instead of relying on foreign trade," maintained Stumo.

Neal reminded listeners that tariffs are really taxes that can be used or misused. It's another form of taxation that can impact the economy.

Neal returned to the news that U.S. oil production has hit a new high -- good news for the domestic energy sector. "I'm glad America is looking at alternative energy sources, but we have made such great inroads in producing safer oil and gas. It also has resulted in sustained employment in the energy sector."

Dr. Roffman noted that gas prices at the pump are coming way down, giving Americans more money in their wallets.

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