



## Made in America Panel Anxious about the Ongoing Coronavirus and its Impact on the Nation's Health and Economy

The coronavirus was not taken seriously in the U.S. until it became a pandemic and now it threatens not only the physical health of the U.S. but our financial health; It's important to heed the advice of experts who are advising that we need to get on with our lives while taking the proper precautions; Mexican leaders have grossly mismanaged its coronavirus response; the Hispanic market is greatly polarized, with natural-born Hispanics and those with citizenships unsympathetic with undocumented Hispanics portrayed by media as victims; there is a belief that 30-40% of Hispanics will vote for Trump because they respect law and order; it is hoped that the USMCA will spur more deals with American manufacturers and even encourage more manufacturers to move operations back to the U.S. from China; there is great concern that with schools closed, parents will be hard pressed to address child care; it is hard to reconcile why Republicans are turning to the government to address the coronavirus when they should be concentrating on the free market for relief; the great depression of the 1930s is a cautionary tale of what happens when the government overreacts to a crisis and causes a bigger one; Trump should have asked people to come together early in the crisis which could have stemmed the current panic; there is great concern that small businesses will have a hard time during this crisis and it will take time to recover; it looks like Joe Biden will be the Democratic nominee for president, but his choice of a running mate could be critical; the biggest show in town will be the debates between Trump and Biden, 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 globally on the Armed Forces Network).

Neal and Dr. Roffman began the show by recounting how the coronavirus evolved from a Chinese health concern into a global pandemic. There is real concern about the lasting effect the virus will have on the U.S. economy and on employment. But the overriding message must be: "get on with your life."

The first guest on Made in America was Louis E. Varela Nevaer, considered one of the nation's leading authorities on Hispanics and Latinos. As director of Hispanic Economics, he has written extensively on Hispanic consumer behavior in the United States.

Nevaer thinks that Mexican president Andrés

Manuel López Obrador miscalculated the severity of the virus. In fact, Mexico wants to build a wall to keep Americans from the country.

"The Latino vote is polarized. There is a gap between native born Hispanics and those that have become citizens, with undocumented Hispanics who have illegally immigrated. More than 2/3 of American Hispanics were born in the U.S. They expect the same kind of law and order protection as everyone else, and I expect that 30-40% of Hispanics will vote for Trump and his promise of law and order as they pursue the American dream. The mainstream media concentrates on kids being separated and the wall, and completely ignore all of the Hispanics that were born here or are citizens and going about their lives. Even the Hispanic media reporters are immigrants and not native born," according to Nevaer, who added that at one time Italian Americans were grouped together with the mafia as portrayed by the film The Godfather, even as Hispanics are being grouped together with Mexican drug cartels.

The next guest on Made in America was John Tamny, editor for RealClearMarkets, who can't understand why Republicans during a crisis immediately turn to the government for answers. They exacerbate the crisis by causing panic, instead of supporting free markets, which is the hallmark of the Republican Party.

"Republicans are taking solutions from private hands and looking to the government to solve the problem. This is a big mistake. During the 1930s, politicians managed to take a recession and turn it into a depression by panicking. This is what Trump did with the coronavirus. He should have been reassuring Americans from the onset that we need a steady response, which would not have roiled the markets. Instead he kept alarming us. The Republican strategy has always been to dictate economic policies, which they have walked away from," proposed Tamny.

Dr. Roffman agreed that a private/public partnership could help contain panic and show that it is being managed.

"During a recession, it forces businesses to be more prudent; spending less and saving more. This is the message that should be communicated during the coronavirus crisis," opined Tamny.

"Now that Biden is the presumptive Democratic presidential candidate, his choice of VP will be critical. And even more critical is how far left he will be drawn to pull in Bernie supporters. He also must do a much better at his town hall meetings," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Neal can't wait for the debates between Trump and Biden.

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