



## Made in America Panel Proposes that a Drastic 30-Day Total Shut-Down Would See Economy Come Roaring Back

While America is taking it on the chin due to the coronavirus, America will come roaring back, and even stronger than before; American people have the resiliency to bounce back from the pandemic; the government should try shutting everything down for 30 days to level off coronavirus, which would then catapult a strong recovery; a bailout for big companies is not the solution—loans that can be paid off are the solution; people need to contact their representatives and demand that congress step back from a bailout, and instead help small businesses; temporarily suspending Chinese tariffs could have a dramatic impact on the economy; gold is a promising solution to the dollar and the unsteady market; this economic crisis is unlike past crises and will be short-lived; Trump's business background is proving to be the exact trait the nation needs to combat the economic crisis; the worst thing that can impact America is creating uncertainty; Americans are fighters and survivors, 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 opened the show by welcoming KRFE-AM from Lubbock, Texas as the newest Made in America affiliate.

He and Dr. Roffman maintained that while America may take it on the chin due to the coronavirus, we will come back stronger than ever.

"It's in our DNA. We are problem solvers. We rise to the occasion. Never vote against America," suggested Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was former Indiana Representative, David McIntosh, President of the Club for Growth, who believes that with America's history of resiliency, not only will we overcome this pandemic, we will actually come back stronger.

"It may seem a drastic measure, but the government should shut everything down for 30 days. This will stop the spread of the coronavirus, and will spur a revitalized economy," according to McIntosh.

McIntosh is not a fan of a bailout for airlines and cruise lines, impacted by the coronavirus. This doesn't work, as evidenced by the GM bailout. The money went to stock buybacks and executive bonuses instead of to workers.

Companies should receive loans that they must pay back when the economy recovers.

Dr. Roffman is an advocate of giving consumers equity in any large company getting bailout money.

"We can't afford \$2 trillion added to our debt. People need to contact their representatives and demand that they walk away from bailouts that will saddle the country with even more debt. We should also rescind Chinese tariffs so American manufacturers can get the parts and components they need to build their products," proposed McIntosh.

Neal noted that temporarily suspending tariffs would spur great economic growth.

The next guest on Made in America was Jack Hanney, a senior partner with the Patriot Gold Group (PGG).

"At one time, gold and silver value was depressed. But now with all the uncertainty in the marketplace and the devalued dollar, gold and silver are rebounding. Gold is up 166% and silver is up 420%," according to Hanney.

Dr. Roffman and the panel advocated that we need to find a way to move forward. They also gave high marks to Trump for advocating private-public partnerships, which will save the government badly needed resources.

Hanney doesn't think the coronavirus is as severe as the common flu, which results in many more deaths than those resulting from the coronavirus.

"Trump is the right president for these times, because he is at heart, a businessman, who understands the economy. He can help mitigate the economic impact of the coronavirus just as he did as a real estate magnate. He understands that you have to support big companies or it will derail the economy for years. Look at Ford, which is digging into its cash reserves and suspending dividends so that workers can be paid. That's the right idea," noted Hanney.

"This self-sacrifice is exemplified by George H.W. Bush, who raised taxes to prop up the economy even though he knew it would derail his presidency," noted Neal.

"We must erase uncertainty, which holds back the economy, and prolongs the economic crisis. The solution is to put the entire country on a 30-day shut down. It would keep the virus from spreading, and build up demand so that the country could roar back after the virus is contained," opined Hanney.

Dr. Roffman agreed. "We have to get

ahead of the crisis, and allow our entrepreneurs to regroup and innovate."

"The biggest impediment to our recovery is addressing the uncertainty of not knowing what's coming next," according to Hanney.

"The thing to watch is if the relationship between banks and small businesses is impacted by this crisis. Banks are flush with cash, but that doesn't mean they won't go after small businesses that are falling behind on payments. Entrepreneurs are sweating bullets, but they are resilient," maintained Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding that Trump demonstrates the kind of leadership we need. "Everybody needs to feel that they are part of the solution."

Neal ended the show with the belief that "Americans are survivors. Let them fight back and they will win."

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