



Made in America Panel Contends that Medicare for All is Pain for All

How far to the Left the Democrats are willing to go as the election season is already in full swing; the damage that would hit America if Medicare for All becomes a reality; why a single payer healthcare system would limit access to healthcare for every American; the missed opportunity by Republicans to offer an alternative to Obamacare when they held both the House and Senate; the hypocrisy of Democrats like Bernie Sanders extolling green energy while using private jets that expand the carbon footprint; the incredulous notion proposed by the Green New Deal that within 10 years we can eliminate all fossil fuels, 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 proposing that the election season is in full swing and with it the Democrats ongoing promise to give voters "free stuff."

"Vote for us and we'll give you free puppies, a free Lear jet and free Broadway tickets," facetiously remarked Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was Robert E. Moffit, a senior fellow in Domestic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation. Moffit long has specialized in health care and entitlement programs, especially Medicare.

"If you want a feel for how the one-payer system is working in the United Kingdom, the Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger came to America for a heart valve replacement. Guess he didn't want to wait in line back in Britain. Medicare for All will not work. The tragedy is that Republicans had 7-8 years to introduce a replacement for Obamacare, and failed miserably," maintained Moffit, who noted that his organization is introducing a Healthcare Choice Proposal, which would seek to attack rising healthcare costs and then introduce a regulatory regime that ensures that all states offer the same type of coverage. He believes it would lower premiums by 33%.

"How can we afford to give 373 million Americans free health care? Watch what happens when unlimited demand meets limited supply. In the U.K., 4 million patients are waiting for hospitalization," according to Dr. Roffman.

Moffit opined that Republicans have made a big mistake by not addressing the Democratic healthcare program and pointing out its iDr. Roffman hypothesized that the Democrats are using healthcare as a way to grab power and

control of the nation. "When you own healthcare, you control the people."

Moffit agreed to some extent, but noted that healthcare is complex and hard to understand. It requires expertise, which the Democrats have owned. It is all about retaining power. When you control one fifth of the U.S. economy you are in control.

The discussion turned to Bernie Sanders and the Green New Deal.

"The Green New Deal won't make it past Congress, especially since the president can veto any bill. But Republicans who don't take Bernie Sanders seriously are making a big mistake. Don't underestimate the momentum Socialist Democrats are building," proposed Moffit.

The next guest on Made in America was Mark P. Mills, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a faculty fellow at Northwestern University's McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science where he co-directs an Institute on Manufacturing Science and Innovation.

As an introduction to the continuing discussion of the Green New Deal, Neal noted that "you can't legislate away carbon-based energy. With today's technology limits, it just can't be done."

"There is no chance that the Green New Deal will be passed. You can't just stop fossil fuels in 10 years. We don't have the technology. We can't just get rid of coal," according to Mills.

Dr. Roffman noted that people point out that we were able to create computers and cell phones, so why can't we use technology to replace coal? But this ignores the fact that it took 50-60 years for this technology to evolve. "We just don't have the critical mass to supply the energy the country needs without fossil fuels."

Mills thought it interesting that oil companies are playing the "green energy game," but continue to produce and export oil. It took 50-60 years for America to grow energy production by 10%, so thinking we have the technology to eliminate all fossil fuels within 10 years is not possible with today's technologies.

Neal is pleased that the XL Pipeline looks like it will be approved.

"Pipelines are so valuable for oil transportation, keeping in mind that thanks to interstate commerce, oil can be shipped from state to state without licenses. As things stand now we will be a net exporter of oil very soon, and will ultimately export more oil than Saudi Arabia," suggested Mills.

Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that under Obama, railroads were favored for oil transportation

over pipelines which were shut down by environmentalists.

"There is nothing wrong with self-interest, but when you use the people's money to make other people rich, this is wrong," proposed Mills, who credited Trump with allowing America to leverage its oil production for exporting, cutting into Russia's revenue and energy dominance.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued into a discussion about the growing dominance of AI, including using robots at Walmart that will replace workers, and even scan shelves for inventory control.

Neal noted that Bernie Sanders, who champions clean energy, now demands that he use private jets to cross the country, which creates a large carbon footprint.

Dr. Roffman added that Sanders has spent \$342,000 since 2016 on private jet travel. Meanwhile Sanders rallies his troops around a minimum wage while he uses private jets.

Neal, always the optimist, asked listeners to retain their sense of humor and remember that America always gets through the challenges that impact the country.

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