



Made in America Panel Suggests that Move to Socialism Reflects Branding Issue for Capitalism

The attack on freedom unfolding in Hong Kong as China steps up control over Hong Kong as well as Taiwan; China blaming Trump for unrest in Hong Kong; need for China and U.S. to save face over a trade deal; the growing demand for trained workers without a college degree; need for an attitude change among educators to encourage students to embrace trade schools; the misplaced embrace of Socialism among Democrats; the time to rebrand capitalism as economic freedom; whether USMCA can be salvaged; 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 expressing sadness and dismay over the erosion of rights in Hong Kong as China presses to consolidate power.

"Hong Kong was a bastion of capitalism until China began chipping away at rights. Hong Kong just wants to be left alone. The two nations concept they were promised just isn't working. The people of Hong Kong are up in arms over China's call to extradite people to China for punishment for real or imagined crimes," noted Neal, who lived in Hong Kong and embraced its energy and economic growth.

The first guest on Made in America was Jacob Shapiro, Director of Analysis for

Geopolitical Futures, who noted that the dynamic in Hong Kong has been going on for some time as China seeks to assert control; and other countries should be ready to stop China from asserting total control over Taiwan.

"China has been chipping away at Hong Kong's way of life for some time as China seeks to exert their power," according to Dr. Roffman.

"The battle for Hong Kong is essentially over. The future over Taiwan is coming next. China considers Taiwan part of a united China. And a united China is dependent on steering away from exports and toward domestic consumption of their own products. China knows that the U.S. is a crucial trading partner, and the threatened U.S. tariffs will set China back. Xi has to show he is in control, so he blames Trump and the U.S. for the trade war. He needs to galvanize his own people who are starting to see their economy diminish," according to Shapiro.

Neal agreed, suggesting that China has to recalibrate as both China and the U.S. are playing hardball on trade. "China is whipping up its people

against the foreign devils. Xi and Trump need to save face over a trade deal. America doesn't hate the Chinese people and the Chinese people don't hate America. This is dangerous. The Chinese people may turn against China's government."

"China seems to be resigned to a short term agreement with the U.S., but knowing that in the long term they will probably reverse their position, as they have historically. They know that Trump won't be in office forever, and are willing to wait it out. But China's communist Party has no ideological identity. China is counting on nationalism to unite its people. The message being communicated is that China never again will be ruled by a foreign government," maintained Shapiro.

The next guest on Made in America was Dr. Shaun McAlmont, President of Career Readiness Education, who revealed that of the 55 million U.S. job openings expected through 2020, 36 million won't require a bachelor's degree, but will require specialized skills, technical training and career readiness training that high schools can and should provide.

"One of the reasons that the U.S. jobs number doesn't look that great is that too many workers don't have the skills to fill a position. And it has nothing to do with earning a college degree," according to Dr. Roffman.

Dr. McAlmont agreed, noting that technology is driving the new work force. "Students aren't being presented with the options they deserve. Teachers without tech skills aren't educating students about the future, omitting options like technical schools or apprenticeships."

"We need an attitude change. Kids need to know that college is not for everyone and that there are great jobs for students attending technical schools. They shouldn't be treated like second class students," opined Dr. Roffman.

Dr. McAlmont added that kids need to be introduced to IT and technical jobs in middle school, but not taught by teachers. Rather they should be taught by actual workers in the industry. They need to understand that there are options, before they waste money going to college.

The final guest on Made in America was Joel Griffith, from The Heritage Foundation, who proposed that under Democrat Socialism, "expect to see slower growth, fewer opportunities, and higher unemployment. Proposals such as the Green New Deal and Medicare For All will make life more expensive, lower standards of living, and remove choice. Expect to see tax hikes that will fall on the middle class since the wealthy cannot

bear this burden alone. Every person should have opportunities to prosper that only economic freedom and individual liberty provide. Systems like socialism deny basic human rights and always lead to misery, poverty, and oppression."

Griffith added that The Medicare for All program, for example, will cost \$32 trillion, most of which will be paid by the taxes of the middle class. That's exactly what is happening in Europe as they move toward socialism."

Both Neal and Dr. Roffman are concerned that socialism kills the incentives and motivations of entrepreneurs who are willing to risk everything to launch a business.

"Look at East Germany if you want to see what happens when an economy is controlled by socialists. Innovation and R&D disappear," noted Dr. Roffman.

"Economic freedom is the antithesis of socialism. Everything this country has accomplished is due to economic freedom. In fact, capitalism should be rebranded as economic freedom," proposed Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, noting that kids don't understand the concept of capitalism and are too easily swayed by the false promises of socialism. Socialism is scary. It doesn't work and winds up having everyone pay higher taxes."

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