



Made in America Panel Maintains that the Path to the American Dream Begins with Good Paying Jobs

Americans should cheer the growing economy and market strength despite all the political noise; all eyes are still on negotiations with China; graduating college seniors have more opportunities today than in 10 years; despite contention of Democrats, workers are NOT having to work three jobs; the American Dream begins with good paying jobs; entrepreneurs have a vision and willingness to take risks to gain economic freedom; entrepreneurs encourage the creation of more entrepreneurs; free "everything" squashes entrepreneurship and economic freedom, 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 marveling that despite the chaos in politics, the market continues to chug along and jobs continue to be created. A concern is that negotiations between Xi and Trump have stalled, and while the market is still strong, a break in negotiations and high tariffs could set the market back. And instability in Hong Kong is problematic.

The first guest on Made in America was returning guest, Elaine Parker, from Job Creators Network Foundation, who proposed that with the Class of 2019 starting to enter the workforce, graduates are entering a "white-hot economy" thanks to "sound free-market policies."

"The economy is growing, 1st quarter GDP was at 3.2% and there are more jobs created than we have people to fill them. Unemployment is at 3.6%, a 50-year low," according to Parker.

Neal took exception to the Democrats' contention that people have to work three jobs to stay afloat.

"That's simply untrue. In fact, the big problem is a labor shortage. This is driving up wages. The bottom 25% of workers is seeing the biggest increase in wages. And 90% of all workers are seeing their taxes cut," maintained Parker.

Neal noted that he has 700 workers and he has numerous openings for skilled workers, but can't find them. He would like to see more workers go to trade schools or even get 2-year degrees in a skill. "Today, anybody who wants a job has a job. The path to the American Dream is people holding good paying jobs."

Dr. Roffman agreed. "At one time everybody had to go to college to get a job. Today, trade schools are the answer. Many skills are in high

demand and bring good salaries."

Parker notes that large companies are advertising for jobs that pay \$20 per hour. Many companies are not only offering good salaries, but adding bonuses and benefits.

"Optimism is on the rise, and we can only hope that it continues should Democrats win in 2020," according to Dr. Roffman.

Parker agrees, "People feel good about the economy, even if they don't all like the president. More than 75,000 jobs were created last month, but that didn't meet expectations. And tax cuts are due to expire, but need to be made permanent. But based on the strong economy, I can't see any way that Trump doesn't get re-elected."

The next guest on Made in America was Lawrence J. McQuillan,

Senior Fellow and Director of the Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, who agreed with Neal that entrepreneurs share a belief in the American Dream and have created the jobs that fuel the American economy. "It's economic freedom," according to Neal.

Dr. Roffman added that economic freedom "means believing in yourself and dreaming about new ideas."

"There's a shared belief that entrepreneurs set a course for life. And that means starting a new business, based on an idea with an eye to the future," noted McQuillan.

Dr. Roffman noted that many workers are using existing jobs in a company as a springboard toward starting their own business.

Neal added that entrepreneurs create more entrepreneurs.

"Employees at tech companies meet and work with each other, producing the ideas to start a new business. But not just in tech. Today's entrepreneurs are attracted to more decentralized industries. This is being fueled by millennials. People have visionary ideas, but not everybody can be an entrepreneur. Not everybody is a Steve Jobs. But even if you find new ways to do your job better you are being an entrepreneur," maintained McQuillan.

"And it's not just about the money. It's about following a dream and be willing to take a risk to fill a need," according to Neal.

McQuillan revealed that there is a growing group of education entrepreneurs who are creating specialized learning centers around the world to reach students without the means to attend government colleges. "It doesn't pay

much money, but it's a popular new direction."

Summing up the segment, Neal advocated that economic freedom helps the world. "The tragedy is that entrepreneurship is not even on the Democrats' radar. They want the government to supply everything. But that's socialism, which destroyed the Soviet Union. Free things are not the answer. It's about small businesses creating ideas, opportunities, and jobs."

Dr. Roffman agreed. "Free everything squashed entrepreneurship. Who can forget Obama telling entrepreneurs that they didn't build their businesses by themselves – it was government? Nonsense. Americanism is about freedom. You can't hold back America. We will succeed."

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