



Made in America Panel Watches Democrats Destroy the Obama Legacy

The unintended consequences of California ending natural gas to supply electricity, including the impact on home construction, energy prices and commercial food service; the financial impact on the economy due to the skills gap; the broken education system and its failure to prepare students for an occupation; why the Democrats can't win in 2020 if they let super progressives steer the Party to socialism; the ill-conceived ongoing attacks on wealthy Americans, 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).

The first guest on Made in America was Jim Kennedy, from the Kennedy Institute of Public Policy Research, who cannot fathom how Berkeley, California can survive if it ends the use of natural gas.

"Berkeley seems to believe that electricity comes from unicorn excrement. They don't understand that natural gas is a critical fuel used by homes, both for cooking on gas ranges and for heating. Berkeley's new law hurts homeowners both by depriving them of freedom and by forcing them to use more expensive alternatives, notably electric stoves and heating. It would be nice if renewable sources could replace natural gas one day, but that's far into the future. If they go replace natural gas, they will find many unintended consequences," remarked Kennedy.

Dr. Roffman conjured up the energy situation during the 1970s when low oil prices spurred many people in the Northeast to convert to electricity. But when oil prices spiked as a result of OPEC, homeowners found themselves paying enormous electric bills—and unable to heat or cool their homes!

Neal noted that natural gas is the cheapest and most efficient energy source for commercial kitchens. "But if natural gas goes away, energy costs will soar, adding more overhead to restaurants already trying to cope with a \$15 per-hour minimum wage and healthcare costs."

Neal was amazed that so many Democrats are "jumping off the progressive cliff," and even attacking Obama, characterizing him as a conservative.

"While California has made some peculiar choices, Governor Gavin Newsom has done some good things, especially paring down

the liabilities of the teachers' pension fund, but his quest to eliminate all internal combustion engines in California is off base," according to Kennedy.

Neal questioned that with all the brainpower in California they haven't been able to get a better handle on R&D relating to energy.

The next guest on Made in America was Nathan Latka, the author of "How to Be a Capitalist Without Any Capital," which chronicles how at nineteen, he founded a software company with \$119 in his bank account. Five years later, it was valued at \$10.5 million.

"I just realized something few people knew: you don't need lots of money or an original idea to get really rich. Now I make more than \$100,000 in passive income every month while also running my own private equity firm and hosting The Top Entrepreneurs podcast, which has more than 10 million downloads," noted Latka.

Latka, Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion about the skills gap, which will cost the American economy more than \$1.2 trillion over the next decade.

Latka proposed that millions of job openings are left unfilled because employers can't find suitable candidates. "They're having trouble attracting workers with needed skills that can be obtained through higher education (an Associate's or Bachelor's degree or higher). With unemployment at 3.7%, this is a growing concern for U.S. businesses, which are struggling to find workers with the right skills.

The final guest on Made in America was Michael Joyce, Deputy Press Secretary for the Republican National Committee, who marveled that a civil war has broken out within the Democratic Party.

Neal agreed, noting that during the debates super progressives were jumping all over moderates, going so far as to destroy Obama's legacy. "They are doing everything they can to lose to Trump."

Dr. Roffman wondered where the independents have gone. "Bernie won Michigan with his healthcare message, but now wants free Medicare for all. What I didn't hear was anybody talking about what they will do for America."

Dr. Roffman took Bill De Blasio to task for vowing to attack the rich in New York. "He wants to take it all away, completely ignoring all the foundations and charities in New York that receive their money from wealthy New Yorkers."

"Thirty percent of Americans will vote

for either party no matter what they say. But you can't ignore the central part of the country which traditionally elects a president," concluded Neal.

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