



Made in America Panel Applauds Trump for Releasing his List of Supreme Court Nominees, Putting Pressure on Biden to Do the Same

Things are getting back to normal, which will open up the economy; making a list of new judges is a smart move by Trump to get in synch with conservative Republicans; people are curious why Biden hasn't released his list of Supreme Court judges; there is talk of Democrats wanting to expand the Supreme Court to 11 judges so they can recapture the majority; the Tea Party did not disappear -- it morphed into the broader Republican Party; the new pandemic aid stimulus money is still stalled, although \$140 billion left from the original pandemic relief fund has not been spent; mail-in ballots continue to be controversial and the chance for fraud is strong; Biden's promise to raise taxes on corporations and businesses is problematic for the economy; and the future of New York City is very much in question, were among the topics discussed by Neal Asbury and Dr. Rich Roffman 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 began the show with the news that things appear to be getting back to normal: football is back, more people are out of the house, and restaurants and bars are re-opening.

The first guest on Made in America was Ilya Shapiro is the director of the Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute and publisher of the Cato Supreme Court Review. He's the author of "Supreme Disorder: Judicial Nominations and the Politics of America's Highest Court."

Writing for The Federalist, Shapiro proposes that "President Trump, who wouldn't have won had it not been for the Supreme Court vacancy created by Justice Antonin Scalia's death, has now ensured that a major part of his legacy is in the judiciary. Having appointed nearly a third of all circuit judges — a record 30 in his first two years, about the same as Bush and Obama combined at that point in their presidencies, and 50 in three (where Obama had 55 in two terms) — he has also had back-to-back Supreme Court picks. And Justices Ginsburg (87), Breyer (82), and Thomas (72) aren't getting any younger."

Neal, Dr. Roffman and Shapiro wondered why instead of the Democrats finally making the Supreme Court a campaign issue, the words "Supreme Court" were uttered only once in four nights at the Democratic convention. By releasing his list of 20 new judges, Trump is forcing Biden to release his own list.

"Instead, despite asserting that President Trump "has packed our federal courts with unqualified, partisan judges" and pledges to "appoint people to the bench who are committed to seeing justice be served," the Democrats are staying silent. Perhaps because Joe Biden knows that swing voters traditionally side with Republicans on judicial issues Trump is raising the bar for Biden to respond."

Shapiro reminded listeners that Republicans have appointed 205 federal judges and 53 circuit judges.

The panel was concerned that Democrats are floating the idea of expanding the Supreme Court to 11 judges, so they could retain a liberal majority. FDR tried that in 1937, but it did not get approved.

Neal noted that both Democrats and Republicans have packed the courts with their own appointees, which have taken turns "shutting down presidential agendas."

The next guest on Made in America was Tim Phillips, the president of Americans for Prosperity (AFP) and an early Tea Party movement organizer. He proposed that with lawmakers' return to DC, focus shifts to whether Congress will be able to advance negotiations that collapsed a few weeks ago. The Senate's "Skinny" proposal, did not get approved, prompting Philips to opine that "lawmakers should make a more targeted and focused approach on relief spending and stop focusing on the wrong things. Big bills are bad bills and too often serve as vehicles for unrelated provisions — such as bailouts."

Recognizing that Phillips was a former Tea Party organizer, Neal wondered if the Tea Party was still active.

"When Tea Party organizations were formed, they had a great influence on elections. But gradually they merged into the broader Republican Party where they still advocate on behalf of freedom and prosperity," according to Phillips.

The final guest on Made in America was Hans A. von Spakovsky, Manager, Election Law Reform Initiative and Senior Legal Fellow, Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation, who warned about the vulnerability of mail-in ballots.

"Mail-in ballots are the ballots most vulnerable to being altered, stolen, or forged. Just look at the current investigation going on in Paterson, New Jersey, over a recent municipal election

conducted entirely by mail. Four Paterson residents have already been charged with criminal election fraud, including a councilman and councilman-elect. Evidence is surfacing of everything from voters reporting that they never received their absentee ballots (even though they are recorded as having voted) to accusations that one of the campaigns may have submitted fraudulent ballots," according to von Spakovsky.

He added that mail-in ballots also have a higher rejection rate than votes cast in person. In the Paterson case, election officials apparently rejected 1 in 5 ballots for everything from signatures on the ballots not matching the signatures of voters on file, to ballots not complying with the technical rules that apply to absentee ballots.

The discussion turned to the Biden campaign where he promises to raise taxes on U.S. companies and corporations, which Neal suggested "would kill any recovery of our already fragile economy."

Dr. Roffman added that this would derail entrepreneurs who are struggling to remain in business. "While they do not shy away from risk, they need to see that their efforts will have rewards at the end. Raising taxes is the opposite of what they need."

Neal and Dr. Roffman are saddened that a proud city like New York City has been brought to its knees due to the economic shut down, which has killed restaurants, bars, and even Broadway.

"I'm not sure that New York City can recover from this anytime soon," predicted Dr. Roffman.

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