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Made in America Proposed that Only Economic Freedom Can Save Our Economy and our Planet

Despite the ongoing impeachment inquiries, the GOP is setting records in fundraising; the chaos in California caused by blackouts is attributed to PG&E's neglect of its transmission lines and not reinvesting in updating power transmission; the impact of blackouts on California businesses; why the success of our economy is ultimately the key to preserving our environment; how economic freedom helps preserve the American Dream; whether tariffs are really good for our economy or are hurting global manufacturing; whether the U.S. should be helping other countries rebuild manufacturing when it is vulnerable to dictatorships and corruption; whether China will ultimately control the global marketplace; why aid and education can build Latin America's manufacturing base, 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 predicting that the RNC will dramatically raise more money than the DNC for the 2020 election despite the ongoing impeachment noise.

"The RNC has raised more money for Trump than the DNC did at this point on behalf of Obama," according to Neal.

Dr. Roffman noted that the RNC raised \$27.3 million as of September, compared to the \$6.9 million raised by the DNC. "Keep in mind that the RNC is not carrying any debt, while the DNC is carrying \$7.2 million in debt."

The first guest on Made in America was Nicolas Loris, Deputy Director of the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies and Herbert and Joyce Morgan Fellow in Energy and Environmental Policy at The Heritage Foundation.

"The disruption of electricity in California, while largely attributed to the wild fires, is actually due to PG&E's neglect of its transmission lines. There are 20,000 outdated transmission lines carrying electric power in California maintained by PG&E—something they knew about for years but did nothing to correct the issues," according to Loris.

Dr. Roffman revealed that in South Florida, the electric lines, to a great extent and currently on-going, are buried underground so they are not subject to high winds. He wondered why PG&E didn't do the same thing.

Loris agreed, but added that PG&E and government agencies also neglected cutting back overgrown trees and plants that fuel the forest fires.

Loris contended that "capitalism has helped

cleanse our planet — improving living standards while protecting the environment. Rather than eliminate capitalism, policymakers need to unleash it. Markets incentivize efficiency by rewarding people for coming up with ways to do more or do better with less. People choose — and businesses make — more efficient products because it saves them money while delivering what customers want."

Dr. Roffman questioned why Democrats attack conservatives for sharing concerns about the environment, ignoring that conservatives are helping to raise the economic resources necessary to protect the environment.

Loris likes Walmart's slogan: "Save money, live better," which defines why economic freedom is the key to a cleaner environment.

Neal agreed, adding that economic freedom helps the middle class so they can pursue the American Dream.

The next guest on Made in America was Gary Goldfarb, Chief Strategy Officer for Interport, who contended that over the past 15 years, the U.S. has lost thousands of manufacturing jobs to China and agrees with Trump that it's about time America said "No more," and impose strict tariffs on Chinese goods.

"We have collected \$105 billion from China due to tariffs, which helps pare down the billions we owe China. Our tariffs have also forced China to reduce prices," according to Goldfarb.

Goldfarb sees Latin America as a prime market for the emergence of a robust manufacturing sector. To this end, he is participating in the Northern Triangle Working Group, which will be making recommendations on reducing the non-tariff trade barriers and improving customs processes in the Northern Triangle region of Central America, comprising the countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. "If you educate them about establishing a manufacturing sector, you can fix their economy and reduce the number of people trying to immigrate to America."

Neal is skeptical about pouring American resources into Latin America, which in the past, have simply been stolen by corrupt dictators.

"Look, most manufacturing jobs aren't coming back to America. The U.S. simply doesn't have a workforce trained in modern manufacturing technology. The key is managed trade, not dependent on punishing tariffs," proposed Neal.

Goldfarb agreed that punitive tariffs are not the best solution, but maintained that by 2025, China will be able to produce most of the goods it needs within its own country, diminishing the need

to import goods and pay tariffs.

"Trade is good, but only if it's fair. If not, the alternative is tariffs," proposed Goldfarb.

"It all comes down to economic freedom. In the 1980s, Japan looked like it was going to own the world, but it all collapsed. China will follow in its footsteps," predicted Neal, who added that a strong man and a corrupt government is the recipe for disaster.

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