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Director of Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute Daniel Griswold Admonishes Government for Allowing Unions to Make U.S. Less Competitive in Global Trade



Appearing on The Neal Asbury Show on WZAB-AM, Daniel Griswold, Director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC, proposed that unless the government reins in powerful trade unions, unions will continue to make the U.S. less competitive domestically and globally and ultimately drive more companies into bankruptcy. Griswold noted that Detroit's financial problems are directly related to its long-term capitulation to the UAW and other trade unions, whose costs are literally pricing the Big 3's brands out of the global auto market.

"If you consider that 93 percent of American workers don't work for unions, and that 2/3 of U.S. auto workers work for auto companies other than the Big 3, why should unions be allowed the access and clout they have in this country?," asked Griswold, who since joining Cato in 1997, has authored or co-authored major studies on globalization, trade and immigration, including the 2007 study, "Trading Up: How Expanding Trade has Delivered Better Jobs and Higher Living Standards." Griswold suggested that it

is time to put a corporate bankruptcy judge in charge of the Big 3 and force them to renegotiate the union contracts and benefits packages that are "killing" their profitability.

The UAW isn't the only union that is throwing its weight around. Griswold characterizes the Teamster union's confrontations with Mexican truckers as "an embarrassment to our great country."

"The Teamster's are undermining NAFTA and our critical trading relationship with Mexico by imposing a truck ban on Mexican truck deliveries into the U.S. that will ultimately cost American consumers more money and harm our free trade with Mexico. The Teamsters' accusations that Mexican truckers pose a safety threat on American highways isn't borne out by a recent study of 4,500 deliveries made by Mexican truckers into the U.S. that found that there were no recorded accidents," said Griswold.

On another global front, Andrew Shore, a founding partner of Jochum, Shore & Trossevin and former Chief of Staff for the House Republican Conference, suggested that it was time for President Obama to end his "apology tour" of foreign countries.

"What does the U.S. have to apologize for? We continue to show leadership throughout the world by facilitating for others open and free trade markets, even as U.S. exporters fail to benefit from this access because we lack the free trade agreements enjoyed by our competitors. In essence, U.S. taxpayers are paying to subsidize America's competitors," said Shore.

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