



Trump Doubles Down On Call For Waterboarding

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Art Laffer, an economic adviser to President Ronald Reagan who supports Trump, said he did not like the tone of Trump's speech on Tuesday but thought it was an improvement over his past comments on trade.

The Donald kicked off his anti-trade tirade during a speech in the Rust Belt town of Monessen, Pennsylvania.

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump traveled to the small city of Monessen, Pa., on Tuesday to speak about the impact of worldwide trade on USA manufacturing jobs. I want to make better deals with China.

In particular, Flake said, Trump's protectionist opposition to trade deals is "troubling". "That's what it is, too".

Trump's economic prescriptions make little sense-experts agree that tariffs would cost USA consumers thousands of dollars a year in higher prices and could spark a global recession.

"We lost employment in the steel industry because mills shut down, but we also lost employment in the steel industry because we could produce steel with many fewer workers", Giarratani said.

"The truth is if you are entrusted with positions of responsibility, words matter, your tone matters, your confidence matters and on all of those indicators **Donald Trump** has failed the test of tone or tenor for leadership", Warner said. "The gold standard", he said, stealing a page out of Bernie Sanders's playbook.

Mr. Trump topped it all off with a risky promise: that he will "bring our jobs back" by renegotiating or tearing up trade deals. The North American Free Trade Agreement will be renegotiated; China will be named a "currency manipulator"; the U.S. Trade Representative will bring cases against China in WTO on subsidy issues.

"It's not terribly alarming to me", he said.

"I'm not sure it matters, because I think we're going to win", he continued. I want to make better deals.

"In the primary elections, candidates from both parties have pandered to the anti-trade left and the anti-trade right", said Dan Ikenson, the director of the Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute.

Indeed, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce - a pro-business organization that nearly always backs the GOP - publicly rebuked his position on Tuesday.

The presumptive Democratic presidential nominee says that the United States must deepen its cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East and Europe "to take on this threat".

The plans Trump outlined focused largely on worldwide trade.

However, past administrations have also promised the same thing, but once they have taken office, they have worked on peacemaking with China in order to have a warmer relationship.

Trump said the chamber's argument that his policies would cause a trade war were incorrect because the United States was already at a deficit. People are exhausted, they're losing their jobs.

During his presidential campaign, Trump has called for targeting killings of family members of known terrorists, another proposal that critics have called illegal under global law.

Mr McCain also joked that those who initially thought Trump would be the nominee were "crazy".