

Free Trade v. Protectionism

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On last week's *Freedom Watch*, Andrew Napolitano had Lou Dobbs, the uber-protectionist talk show host, and Tom Palmer from the [Cato Institute](#) on to discuss the issue of free trade.

Dobbs claims to be supportive of free trade, but launches into a populist diatribe where he talks about unemployment, ostensibly saying trade policies will cause people to lose more jobs.

He was saying this when unemployment was relatively low as well. It's the same old song and dance. He never offers a reasoned perspective, just emotionally charged rhetoric and Palmer destroys him on it.