

Trump Is Right on Trade

Pat,

I agree totally on your position on taxing imports to improve our trade deficits. But would like to add one component. For domestic and international companies that want to build in America, we need trade school educated workers. If we follow Germany's model, graduation would be followed by internships in manufacturing facilities such as Boeing, Caterpillar, and General Dynamic's Electric Boat (EB). Speaking of the latter it was not that many years ago during the Trident submarine program, that EB needed to add to their employment. They advertised for workers and got back tons of resumes from Engineers, Draft Persons and Tech Writers. What they were looking for was certified naval welders that could actually weld. They got none. If we are going to compete with the rest of the world, we will need to build better products than the rest of the world and we can only do this by using the best educated and trained workers in the world. And we can only accomplished this by marrying government and industry. If we don't do this, then isolationism is the only card Trump can play.