

Made in America: Creating Jobs for Christmas

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Sorry for the length of this comment. But, it lies at the base of having an intelligent, thoughtful, critically thinking, independent citizenry, or a citizenry of sheep blindly following what they are told by the “authorities” or “experts”.

As you have written here

“So after nearly a year of crisscrossing the country as part of our Made in America journey, we remembered what economists across the board told us at the very start: **If every American spent \$64 on something made in America, we could create 200,000 jobs right now.**”

The “**If every American spent \$64 on..**” statement, while interesting, is very incomplete - **How many American?; What kind of Jobs?** . What was the model?

Here are my calculations –

150 million Americans times \$64 divided by \$50,000 =192,000 jobs,
Then divide \$50,000 by (40 hours a week times 52 weeks) =\$24 an hour

Or in purely mathematical language

$(150 \text{ million} \times \$64) / \$50,000 = 192,000 \text{ jobs. AND } \$50,000 / (40 \times 52 \text{ weeks}) = \24 an hour.

Note: a year is 52 weeks.

If this is correct, then GREAT!!! This is enough to start a serious and powerful national movement. On the other hand if the results were, say, 200,000 jobs at \$15,000 year =\$7 an hour, then let’s not bother – unless we are talking about part time jobs for high school students!!!

This is setup on a spreadsheet like EXCEL. You type the number of Americans (150 million), then the amount spent by each American (\$64), and an annual salary (\$50,000) Up pops 192,000 jobs at \$24 an hour. Any of these numbers can be changed to get new results. This is called playing “What if” games. Instead of \$64, let’s type in the whole \$700 that your article says the average American spends

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for Christmas presents . Wow, we get 2.1 million \$50,000 a year jobs. **WOW!** That's about one-seventh of the 14 million unemployed. HEY, LET'S MOUNT A MASSIVE BUY AMERICAN CAMPAIGN!!! RIGHT NOW!!! IMMEDIATELY!!!.

These calculations can each be done with a calculator, or by pencil and paper. Both of these methods are very tedious and subject to errors at every step. However, once setup correctly, the spreadsheet is flawless. With some practice, almost anyone can learn to use spreadsheets.

Let's get power to the people!

The Internet article

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/business/2011/11/made-in-america-creating-jobs-for-christmas/>

The Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel 2003)and can be opened by Open Office www.openoffice.org/

<http://www.hejackjr.com/Index1/Made-in-America-Creating-Jobs-for-Christmas.xls>