



Leaving Louisiana

After Nearly Two Decades In Washington, Mary Landrieu Is Out Of Touch With Louisiana

FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS, LANDRIEU HAS MADE HER HOME IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NOT LOUISIANA

Landrieu Lives In A \$2.5 Million Mansion On Capitol Hill But Is Registered To Vote At The New Orleans Home Owned By Her Family. “In Washington, Sen. Mary Landrieu lives in a stately, \$2.5 million brick manse she and her husband built on Capitol Hill. Here in Louisiana, however, the Democrat does not have a home of her own. She is registered to vote at a large bungalow in New Orleans that her parents have lived in for many decades, according to a Washington Post review of Landrieu’s federal financial disclosures and local property and voting records.” (Phillip Rucker, “Landrieu Claims Parents’ Home As Her Own, Raising Questions Of Louisiana Residency,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/28/14)

- **The Louisiana Home Is “The Primary Residence” Of Her Parents.** “The house in the New Orleans neighborhood of Broadmoor is the primary residence for the senator’s parents, Moon and Verna. The other day, Moon Landrieu, 84, the family’s patriarch and this city’s former mayor, was on the front porch tending to the shrubbery.” (Phillip Rucker, “Landrieu Claims Parents’ Home As Her Own, Raising Questions Of Louisiana Residency,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/28/14)

There Are No Records That Landrieu Or Her Husband “Personally Own A Home” In Louisiana. “Landrieu herself owns two separate plots of undeveloped land down the street, which records show are valued at \$110,000 and \$150,000. But there is no record that she or her husband, Frank Snellings, personally own a home in the state.” (Phillip Rucker, “Landrieu Claims Parents’ Home As Her Own, Raising Questions Of Louisiana Residency,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/28/14)

“On A Statement Of Candidacy Landrieu Filed With The Federal Election Commission In January, She Listed Her Capitol Hill Home As Her Address. But When Qualifying For The Ballot In Louisiana Last Week, She Listed The Family’s Raised-Basement Home Here On South Prieur Street.” (Phillip Rucker, “Landrieu Claims Parents’ Home As Her Own, Raising Questions Of Louisiana Residency,” [The Washington Post](#), 8/28/14)

WHEN LANDRIEU DOES RETURN TO LOUISIANA, SHE BILLS THE TAXPAYERS FOR HER LUXURIOUS TRAVEL, EVEN FOR CAMPAIGN EVENTS

In 2013 Alone, Landrieu Billed Taxpayers For Nearly \$50,000 In Charter Flights. “For instance, Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Democrat, spent \$47,000 on charter flights in 2013, including a \$5,500 round trip flight between New Orleans and Lake Charles, La., 200 miles to the west. Landrieu spokesman Matthew Lehner

said chartering planes allowed the senator to reach more areas of the state more quickly.” (Donovan Slack and Paul Singer, “Senators Spent \$1 Million On Charter Flights Last Year,” [USA Today](#), 7/31/14)

Landrieu Billed Taxpayers For Private Planes To Attend Campaign Events

A Review Of Landrieu’s Official Office Disbursements Shows That She May Have Violated Federal Law By Using Taxpayer Dollars To Charter Private Planes To Campaign Fundraisers And Events.

“Vulnerable Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu is under renewed scrutiny for potentially violating campaign finance laws by tapping official Senate funds to cover the cost of fundraising trips. A review of Landrieu’s office expenditures and campaign records reveal two trips from 2012 that may have been improperly billed to her Senate office rather than her reelection campaign.” (John Bresnahan and Manu Raju, “Landrieu Faces More Travel Questions,” [Politico](#), 8/18/14)

In An Attempt To “Defuse A Simmering Controversy,” Landrieu Ordered An Audit Of “Air Travel In Her 18 Years In The Senate,” Which Was Due To Be Released On September 8. “Moving to defuse a simmering controversy over her use of taxpayer-financed charter flights for campaigning — a violation of federal law — U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., said today she has ordered a review of all her air travel in her 18 years in the Senate to make sure no other trips were paid for improperly. ... The results of the review will be released publicly by the time the Senate returns on Sept. 8 from its August recess, the spokesman said.” (Gregory Roberts, “Under Fire, Landrieu Orders Review Of Travel,” [The Advocate](#), 8/16/14)

Landrieu’s Office Released The Findings – Which “Found More Than \$33,700 In Campaign Flights” – Four Days After Her Self-Imposed Deadline. “Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu on Friday released the findings of an internal investigation into her travel that found more than \$33,700 in campaign flights were charged to her Senate account. ... Landrieu released the report four days after the initial self-imposed deadline of Sept. 8.” (Cole Avery, “Mary Landrieu Internal Investigation Finds \$33,700 In Improperly Charged Flights,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 9/12/14)

- ***The Hill* Headline: “Landrieu Internal Review Reveals 43 Trips Inappropriately Funded”** (Alexandra Jaffe, “Landrieu Internal Review Reveals 43 Trips Inappropriately Funded,” [The Hill](#), 9/12/14)
- **“The Report Found 136 Campaign Functions Were Conducted During 43 Trips Paid For By The Senate Office.”** (Cole Avery, “Mary Landrieu Internal Investigation Finds \$33,700 In Improperly Charged Flights,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 9/12/14)

More Than 10 Percent Of The “Total Amount Her Official Office Paid For Chartered Flights” Were Improperly Billed To Taxpayers. “The report found that Landrieu’s official office paid \$33,727.02 -- about 11 percent of the total amount her official office paid for chartered flights during that time -- should have been prorated and paid by her campaign.” (Cole Avery, “Mary Landrieu Internal Investigation Finds \$33,700 In Improperly Charged Flights,” [The Times-Picayune](#), 9/12/14)

Landrieu’s Taxpayer-Funded Charter Flights May Have Violated The Law

Paul S. Ryan, Sr. Counsel Of Campaign Legal Center, A Nonpartisan Good Government Watchdog, Noted That Landrieu “Violated Federal Law And Could Face Civil Fines.” “Even though the mistake was corrected, the campaign still violated federal law and could face civil fines, said Paul S. Ryan, senior counsel at the Campaign Legal Center, a nonpartisan campaign watchdog. ‘It is the senator and the senator’s staff responsibility to comply with federal laws. It’s not the job of the vendor, per se,’ Ryan said.” (Chris Frates, “Sen. Mary Landrieu’s Campaign Flight Was Charged To Taxpayers,” [CNN](#), 8/12/14)

ALL OF LANDRIEU’S YEARS IN D.C. HAD AN IMPACT – SHE’S NOW A FULL-THROATED OBAMA / REID LIBERAL

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Landrieu Claims She's "A Proud Centrist." LANDRIEU: "If you list all the senators from literally the most liberal to the most conservative, I'm right in the middle, and I'm a proud centrist. I am. I'm a proud centrist, and the record shows that over time, and it's been very consistent for 18 years." (Vincent Bzdek, "16 Questions For Mary Landrieu," [The Washington Post](#), 5/27/14)

Landrieu Has Gone Liberal In Her Years As Washington D.C.'s Senator By Voting For Obama And Reid's Legislative Agenda

Since 2009, Landrieu Has Voted With Obama An Average Of 95 Percent Of The Time. (Sen. Mary Landrieu, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 9/12/14)

- **Landrieu Cast A Deciding Vote For ObamaCare, Obama's Crowning Achievement.** (H.R. 3590, [Roll Call Vote #396](#), Adopted 60-39: R 0-39; D 60-0, 12/24/09, Landrieu Voted Yea)
- **Landrieu Voted For Obama's Wasteful \$830 Billion Stimulus Bill.** (H.R. 1, [Roll Call Vote #64](#), Adopted 60-38: R 3-38; D 57-0, 2/13/09, Landrieu Voted Yea)
- **Landrieu Has Voted "For Nearly All Of Obama's Court Picks."** "Red-state Democrats such as Sens. Mark Begich (Alaska), Mary Landrieu (La.), Kay Hagan (N.C.) and Mark Pryor (Ark.) have stressed their independence from their party, but they will have to defend their record of voting for nearly all of Obama's court picks." (Alexander Bolton, "Red-State Dems In Hot Seat," [The Hill](#), 7/15/14)
- **When Obama Is In Louisiana, You Will Find Landrieu "Smiling And Waving With The President."** "Landrieu, who is up for reelection next year in conservative Louisiana, said if she wanted to distance herself from Obama, she wouldn't have hitched a ride on his plane. 'Did I hide from him, did you see me hiding? Was I smiling and waving with the president?' Landrieu said as she entered a Democratic lunch. 'If I wanted to hide I wouldn't have been there.'" (Burgess Everett, "Mary Landrieu Not 'Hiding' From Obama," [Politico](#), 11/13/13)

Since 2009, Landrieu Voted With Reid And Liberal Democrats 90 Percent Of The Time. (Sen. Mary Landrieu, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 6/23/14)

Landrieu Has Made It Clear That If Reelected To Washington, Her First Vote Would Be For Obama's Best Friend -Harry Reid

In April, Landrieu Said She "Absolutely" Supports Harry Reid For Majority Leader. "'Absolutely,' Sen. Mary Landrieu, a vulnerable Louisiana Democrat facing voters this fall, said when asked if she would back Reid as leader no matter the outcome of the November elections. 'We all share in success, we all share in the failures; we're a team. But Harry Reid has tremendous respect of members of our caucus. ... I don't believe that he would be challenged in our party for leadership until he's ready to step aside.'" (Manu Raju and John Bresnahan, "Harry Reid Set To Lead Democrats, In Majority Or Not," [Politico](#), 4/3/14)

- **In May, Landrieu Doubled-Down On Her Support For Reid.** MSNBC's KASIE HUNT: "But you won't say one way or the other whether you will back Harry Reid?" MARY LANDRIEU: "Well, if he runs I will. I don't agree with Harry Reid on everything, I most certainly don't agree with Mitch McConnell on everything." (MSNBC's ["Morning Joe"](#), 5/29/14)

Reid Proclaimed That Obama Doesn't Have A "Better Friend" In Washington Than Reid And "No One Has To Worry About Me Or My Caucus Walking Away From The President." REID: "Everyone knows he called me and said 'I don't have a better friend in Washington than you.' We work very closely together... No one has to worry about me or my caucus walking away from the President." ([KSNV-NV](#), 8/21/14)

Landrieu Has Counted On Reid's Help To Run False And Misleading Ads Back In Louisiana

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Reid's Senate Majority PAC Has Become One Of The Most Successful Super PAC's In Spreading False Accusations. "Even as Democratic Party leaders denounce billionaire Republicans Charles and David Koch for filling the airwaves with misleading commercials, they're also playing with the facts. ... Reid's stamp is on some of the most successful Democratic outside groups. Susan McCue, his former chief of staff, runs the Senate Majority PAC, and Reid has solicited money on its behalf. The super-PAC raised \$26 million through the end of May for the November 2014 elections with the help of billionaires such as former money manager Tom Steyer, financier George Soros and Michael Bloomberg, the founder and majority owner of Bloomberg News parent Bloomberg LP." (Annie Linskey and Julie Bykowitz, "Democrats Gripping About False Ads Respond With Deception," [Bloomberg](#), 6/18/14)

- **As Of September 7, 2014, Reid's Senate Majority PAC Has Invested \$2,250,497 To Prop Up Landrieu's Floundering Campaign.** ("Senate Majority PAC – Independent Expenditures, Communication Costs And Coordinated Expenses," [Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 9/12/14)

Sheila Krumholz, Executive Director Of The Center For Responsive Politics: On The Facts, Democrats Have "Ceded The High Ground." "'The Democrats ceded the high ground,' said Sheila Krumholz, the executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a Washington-based nonprofit that tracks campaign spending. 'There is really no reluctance to embrace outside groups and all the opportunities that outside groups present, including this messaging that is not really defensible.'" (Annie Linskey and Julie Bykowitz, "Democrats Gripping About False Ads Respond With Deception," [Bloomberg](#), 6/18/14)

- **In April, The Washington Post Described The Senate Majority PAC's Fact Check Record As "Pretty Dreadful," Doing "Little For The Organization's Credibility."** "This is the third time in a month that the Fact Checker has given Four Pinocchios to an ad sponsored by Senate Majority PAC. That's a pretty dreadful track record, and does little for the organization's credibility more than six months before the midterm elections." (Glenn Kessler, "Senate Majority PAC's Nonsensical Attack Ad In Louisiana," [The Washington Post's The Fact Checker](#), 4/8/14)

Reid's Senate Majority PAC Has Flooded Louisiana's Airwaves With False Ad After False Ad

FactCheck.org: The Senate Majority PAC's Claim That Cassidy Sponsored A Bill That Would Set Up "Government-Run Health Care" In Louisiana Is "Pure Invention." "It claims Cassidy once sponsored a bill to set up 'government-run health care' in the state. That's pure invention; Cassidy's bill did nothing of the sort." (Brooks Jackson, "'Cassidycare?' Come On!" [FactCheck.org](#), 6/11/14)

- **FactCheck.org: "But Being Behind In The Polls Is No Excuse For Making False Claims About An Opponent's Record. That's What Voters Should Really Find Insulting."** (Brooks Jackson, "'Cassidycare?' Come On!" [FactCheck.org](#), 6/11/14)

The Washington Post's The Fact Checker Awarded Four Pinocchios To Senate Majority PAC's Ad Regarding Their False Flood Insurance Ad In Louisiana, Calling It "Highly Misleading." "Television stations in Louisiana should be ashamed of falling for such an obvious gambit. Individual lines may be true, but the net effect is highly misleading. Surely, the standards for political advertising in Louisiana need to be higher if residents are going to have a civil political debate." (Glenn Kessler, "Senate Majority PAC's Nonsensical Attack Ad In Louisiana," [The Washington Post's The Fact Checker](#), 4/8/14)

PolitFact Gave Senate Majority PAC's Ad In Louisiana A "Mostly False" Rating. "The Senate Majority PAC ad said the Koch brothers 'funded the fight to let flood insurance premiums soar ... Now they're spending millions to buy a Senate seat for Bill Cassidy so he can fight for them.' Two major Koch-funded groups opposed the legislative rewrite of the flood-insurance law, and AFP has been airing a lot of ads attacking Cassidy's opponent. But the ad's message is significantly undermined by its suggestion that

Cassidy is a puppet of the Kochs, particularly on flood insurance. The reality is that Cassidy sided with constituents and against the AFP position on flood insurance as recently as last month. ... We rate it **Mostly False.**" (Louis Jacobson, "Democratic Group Assails Koch Brothers' Role In Louisiana Senate Race," [PolitiFact](#), 4/8/14)

DESPITE CLAIMS THAT SHE HAS "CLOUT" IN D.C., LANDRIEU CAN'T DELIVER ENERGY JOBS TO LOUISIANA

Landrieu's Campaign Pitch To Louisiana Voters Is Her Chairmanship And Her Seniority. "U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu wants her ascension to the chairmanship of the Senate's energy committee to showcase her seniority and ability to champion Louisiana issues in Washington as she tries to persuade voters to keep her in office." (Melinda Deslatte, "Analysis: Landrieu's Clout Pitch Has A Weakness," [The Associated Press](#), 8/10/14)

- **Landrieu: "I Do Have Clout In The United States Senate, ... With It, I'm Able To Do Some Significant Things."** "'I do have clout in the United States Senate, 18 years. The way you get it is to stay there. You can't buy it. It's not given to you. You have to earn it,' Landrieu said. After the speech, she said of the clout factor: 'With it, I'm able to do some significant things.'" (Melinda Deslatte, "Analysis: Landrieu's Clout Pitch Has A Weakness," [The Associated Press](#), 8/10/14)

As Committee Chair, Landrieu's Lack Of Ability Pass Legislation Undermines Her "Clout Argument." "Her leadership of the committee could end up undermining her clout argument, however, as the Democratic senator rallies for positions at odds with the Obama administration and the Senate's Democratic leadership, and seems unable to gain traction on high-profile disputes." (Melinda Deslatte, "Analysis: Landrieu's Clout Pitch Has A Weakness," [The Associated Press](#), 8/10/14)

On Keystone XL, Landrieu Has Been Unable To Force A Vote On The Issue. "For example, Landrieu's support of the Keystone XL oil pipeline hasn't forced a Senate vote on advancing the long-delayed project. Proposed liquefied natural gas export terminals for Louisiana still await regulatory approvals." (Melinda Deslatte, "Analysis: Landrieu's Clout Pitch Has A Weakness," [The Associated Press](#), 8/10/14)

- **Senator Landrieu Has Pledged To Walk Away From Her Own Keystone Bill Once It Leaves Her Committee.** "'Then it's going to be up to [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid [D-Nev.] and [Senate Minority Leader] Mitch McConnell [R-Ky.] as to whether they can negotiate a straight-up vote on Keystone. That will be their negotiation. I will have done my part,' Landrieu said." (Zack Coleman, "Vote On Keystone XL Pipeline Set For Senate Panel," [The Washington Examiner](#), 6/12/14)
- **Landrieu Said That It Wasn't Her Job As Chairwoman Of The Senate Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Convince Obama To Approve The Keystone Pipeline.** *THE WASHINGTON POST*: "How to convince him to change his mind when he hasn't changed it already?" MARY LANDRIEU: "Well, that's not my job. I wish I could. And I'm going to do everything I can to try. But, you know, [Senate Minority Leader] Mitch McConnell has more power than I do and he hasn't been able to. The Chamber of Commerce has a tremendous amount of power; they've not been able to change the president's mind." (Vincent Bzdek, "16 Questions For Mary Landrieu," [The Washington Post](#), 5/27/14)

Landrieu Has Been Unable To Alter Obama's Job-Killing Carbon Regulations. "Meanwhile, Landrieu's criticism of President Barack Obama's plan to cut carbon dioxide pollution hasn't altered the proposal despite outcries that it could cost Louisiana tens of thousands of lost jobs." (Melinda Deslatte, "Analysis: Landrieu's Clout Pitch Has A Weakness," [The Associated Press](#), 8/10/14)

AND LANDRIEU STILL DEFENDS OBAMACARE, DESPITE THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR LOUISIANA

In A December 2013 Interview, Landrieu Insisted That She Would Still Vote For ObamaCare Again If Given The Chance. LANDRIEU: "The Affordable Care Act, as I said, the bill itself, it's got very good concepts. And yes, I would support it again." ([WAFB](#), 12/4/13)

In October Of 2013, Landrieu Declared On The Floor Of The Senate That If Her Constituents Don't Like ObamaCare, They Can "Unelect" Her. "If they do not like the bill, they can change the bill. We did not wake up one morning and declare this the law. The people of the United States declared this through us as their Representatives. If they do not like it, they can unelect us. Believe me, they will have a great chance because I am up for reelection right now. They will be able to do that." (Sen. Mary Landrieu, [Floor Remarks](#), 10/12/13)

According To Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon, 92,739 People Have Received Notices That Their Insurance Will Be Cancelled Due To ObamaCare. "His policy is among the 92,793 individual insurance plans that Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon reported would be discontinued because the coverage does not meet the coverage standards set by the federal Affordable Care Act." (Michelle Millhollon and Jordan Blum, "Business Owners Complain About Health Plan Changes," [The Advocate](#), 11/7/13)