



Another Date With Wintour

While Americans Continue To Struggle Under Obamanomics, Obama Takes Another Break To Party With Celebrities

TONIGHT, OBAMA WILL ATTEND ANOTHER ANNA WINTOUR FUNDRAISER "PACKED WITH HOLLYWOOD STARS"

"President Obama Will Attend Another High-Powered Fundraiser Packed With Hollywood Stars."

"President Obama will attend another high-powered fundraiser packed with Hollywood stars early next month, with a fundraiser at the Westport, Conn., estate of producer Harvey Weinstein. The Aug. 6 event will be co-hosted by Vogue editor Anna Wintour and tickets will cost \$35,800 per plate, according to Connecticut's Democratic State Central Committee." (Justin Sink, "Vogue Editor Anna Wintour And Producer Harvey Weinstein To Host Obama Fundraiser," [The Hill's "Blog Briefing Room."](#) 7/23/12)

Anna Wintour And Harvey Weinstein Are Throwing A Fundraiser For Obama In Greenwich, CT.

"Harvey Weinstein and Anna Wintour are teaming again to throw a fund-raiser for President Obama. The shindig will take place Aug. 6, in Greenwich, Conn., we hear. The movie mogul and the Vogue editor will co-host, sources said, while other co-chairs remain to be announced." ("Political Party," [New York Post](#), 7/23/12)

- **"Tickets Will Go For \$35,800 Per Head."** ("Political Party," [New York Post](#), 7/23/12)

The Guest List Includes Anne Hathaway, Jim Naughton, Aaron Sorkin And Joanne Woodward. "The guest list for the Obama campaign fundraiser at Harvey Weinstein's Westport home Monday night includes Anne Hathaway, Jim Naughton, Aaron Sorkin and Joanne Woodward. Woodward, who lives in Westport, is the widow of Paul Newman. She is co-hosting the event, along with Sorkin, Hathaway and Weinstein and his wife, Georgina Chapman." (Daniela Altimari, "Anne Hathaway, Joanne Woodward, Aaron Sorkin On The Guest List For Obama Fundraiser," [Hartford Courant](#), 8/3/12)

"Wintour And Weinstein Have Both Been Prolific Fundraisers For The President This Campaign Cycle... And The Pair Have Been Able To Attract Big Names To Obama Fundraising Events."

"Wintour and Weinstein have both been prolific fundraisers for the president this campaign cycle, and are both listed as having raised more than half a million dollars for Obama's reelection campaign. And the pair have been able to attract big names to Obama fundraising events. A June event co-hosted by Wintour and "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker drew actress Meryl Streep, designer Michael Kors and Bravo's Andy Cohen." (Justin Sink, "Vogue Editor Anna Wintour And Producer Harvey Weinstein To Host Obama Fundraiser," [The Hill's "Blog Briefing Room."](#) 7/23/12)

News Of Obama's Last Fundraiser With Wintour Fell The Same Day As "Grim Economic News"

Obama's Campaign Released A Video Invitation From Anna Wintour To The June 14 Fundraiser The Same Day As "Grim Economic News — A Jobs Report That Put An Exclamation Point On The Financial Struggles Of Average Americans." "Friday was a day of grim economic news — a jobs report that put an exclamation point on the financial struggles of average Americans. But it was also the day that President Obama's campaign chose to put out a video appeal from Anna Wintour, the oh-so-fabulous editor in chief of Vogue magazine, inviting supporters to compete for a chance at a dinner with her, the Obamas and Sarah Jessica Parker in New York City." (Michael D. Shear, "After A Day Of Bad Economic News, An Invitation From Anna Wintour," [The New York Times](#)' "The Caucus," 6/1/12)

- **"But The Timing Of The Video Of Ms. Wintour, Coming On The Same Day As The Jobs Numbers, Might Not Have Been Ideal."** (Michael D. Shear, "After A Day Of Bad Economic News, An Invitation From Anna Wintour," [The New York Times](#)' "The Caucus," 6/1/12)

Fox's Juan Williams: "That Was Hilarious. That Looks Like A Parody... It's Just Unbelievable."

WILLIAMS: "By the way, that was hilarious. That looks like a parody. It looked like the Romney campaign planted Dr. Evil in the house of Obama and he said, 'you know on the day the grim job numbers come out let's have someone who reeks of ornamental excess announce that the peasants can have a place at the table.' It's just unbelievable. I mean, so you know, just a mistake." (Fox's ["Fox News Sunday,"](#) 6/3/12)

OBAMA IS RELYING ON HOLLYWOOD'S DEEP POCKETS TO FUND HIS REELECTION

Needing To Boost His Donor Base And Campaign Cash, Obama Is Banking On Elite Entertainers For Help So Often They Have Essentially Become A Cast Of Characters In His Campaign. "It will be Sarah Jessica Parker's house, but President Barack Obama's show. You could call it 'Checks and the City.' Needing to boost his donor base and campaign cash, Obama is banking on elite entertainers for help so often they have essentially become a cast of characters in his campaign." (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press,](#) 6/14/12)

- **Obama "Is Using His Hollywood Access And Raffling It Off As A Prize To Others, Tapping Into A Nation That Revels In Celebrity Even In Hard Economic Times."** "He is using his Hollywood access and raffling it off as a prize to others, tapping into a nation that revels in celebrity even in hard economic times. Obama's big-name tour makes its next stop on Thursday at Parker's place in the West Village of New York City. The 'Sex and the City' star, who is married to fellow actor Matthew Broderick, is hosting a cozy \$40,000-per-person fundraiser along with Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour." (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press,](#) 6/14/12)

"From Tinseltown To Broadway, Obama Has Surrounded Himself With Blockbuster Names Lately: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Reese Witherspoon, Spike Lee, Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen Degeneres, Cher And Many Others Who Make More In One Year That Most People Do In A Lifetime." (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press,](#) 6/14/12)

Obama Has "Aggressively Employed Star Power To Open Pocketbooks, Build Buzz And, Perhaps Most Notably, Deploy Celebrities To Target Specific Constituencies." "If Obama was the candidate of cool in 2008, when celebrities such as musician Will.I.Am produced viral campaign videos, he has even more aggressively employed star power to open pocketbooks, build buzz and, perhaps most notably, deploy celebrities to target specific constituencies." (David Nakamura, "GOP Attacks Celebrity Support For Obama," [The Washington Post,](#) 6/4/12)

Some Of Obama's Celebrity Supporters Worry His Reliance On Hollywood Will Backfire

Some Of Obama's "Most Ardent Entertainment Industry Supporters" Worry That His "Increasing Reliance On Stars And Celebrity Contests Could Backfire With Swing Voters." "Some of the president's most ardent entertainment industry supporters quietly tell The Hollywood Reporter that while they realize he needs to deploy all of his weapons to compete with deep-pocketed Republican super PACs, they fear the increasing reliance on stars and celebrity contests could backfire with swing voters and mobilize the right." (Tina Daunt, "Obama Celebrity Fundraiser Barrage Worries Some In Hollywood," [The Hollywood Reporter](#), 6/21/12)

Critics Feared Obama's Fundraiser With Sarah Jessica Parker And Anna Wintour "Risked Creating The Impression Of An Elitist, Out-Of-Touch Candidate In A Period Of Ongoing Distress And Growing Economic Inequality." "Reaction was particularly strong to the \$40,000-a-plate dinner co-hosted June 14 by Sarah Jessica Parker and Vogue editor Anna Wintour with guests including Meryl Streep, Aretha Franklin and Bravo's Andy Cohen. Critics say the tony, heavily promoted event -- Parker sent an e-mail to supporters promising the evening would be 'fabulous,' and Wintour posted a video online urging supporters to enter a lottery for two tickets -- risked creating the impression of an elitist, out-of-touch candidate in a period of ongoing distress and growing economic inequality." (Tina Daunt, "Obama Celebrity Fundraiser Barrage Worries Some In Hollywood," [The Hollywood Reporter](#), 6/21/12)

- **A Veteran Hollywood Exec: "He's Supposed To Be A Man Of The People, And He's Hanging Out With Anna Wintour? Is He Trying To Turn The Election Into A Celebrity Reality Show?"** "'It's a mistake,' a veteran Hollywood exec says flatly of the event, which the Drudge Report headlined 'Checks in the City.' The exec adds: 'He's supposed to be a man of the people, and he's hanging out with Anna Wintour? Is he trying to turn the election into a celebrity reality show?'" (Tina Daunt, "Obama Celebrity Fundraiser Barrage Worries Some In Hollywood," [The Hollywood Reporter](#), 6/21/12)

But That Won't Stop Him From Attending Another Celebrity Bash Next Week

The Obama Campaign Is Holding A Fundraiser With The Cast Of The Wire On August 15th In Martha's Vineyard. "The Obama campaign is holding a fundraiser with the cast of HBO's award-winning show 'The Wire,' according to an invitation obtained by the Sunlight Foundation's 'Party Time.' The \$500-per-person reception will take place on August 15 at the Martha's Vineyard abode of Judy and Ron Davenport, longtime Obama supporters who founded Sheridan Broadcasting in Pittsburgh and own a lovely spot in Oak Bluffs." (Jake Tapper, "'The Game's Out There, And It's Play Or Be Played' — Obama Campaign Holding Fundraiser With The Cast Of 'The Wire,'" [ABC News "Political Punch"](#), 7/23/12)

WHILE OBAMA PARTIES WITH CELEBRITIES, THE MIDDLE CLASS SUFFERS UNDER HIS FAILED ECONOMIC POLICIES

Since President Obama Took Office, The Nation Has Lost 316,000 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 7.8 Percent To 8.3 Percent. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/4/12)

- **The Unemployment Rate Has Remained Above Eight Percent For A Record 42 Straight Months.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/4/12)

The Idea That Living Standards Inevitably Improve From One Generation To The Next Is Under Threat. "For the first time since the Great Depression, middle-class families have been losing ground for more than a decade. They, and the poor, have struggled particularly badly since the financial crisis led to a global recession in 2008. The idea that living standards inevitably improve from one generation to the

next is under threat.” (David Leonhardt, “A Closer Look At Middle-Class Decline,” *The New York Times*’ [“Economix.”](#) 7/23/12)

“More Than Three Years After Economists Declared The Recession Had Ended In June 2009, The Economy Is Growing Too Slowly To Generate Enough Jobs To Lower The Unemployment Rate.”

“More than three years after economists declared the recession had ended in June 2009, the economy is growing too slowly to generate enough jobs to lower the unemployment rate. Growth slowed to an annual rate of 1.5 percent in the April-June quarter, down from 2 percent in the first quarter and 4.1 percent in the final three months of 2011.” (“Weak U.S. Hiring Expected For Fourth Straight Month,” *The Associated Press*, 8/3/12)

Mark Zandi, Chief Economist At Moody’s Analytics, Says That “Nobody Is Going To Be Really Happy With The Economy Going Into The End Of The Year.”

“‘Nobody is going to be really happy with the economy going into the end of the year,’ said Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody’s Analytics.” (Patrick Reis and MJ Lee, “New GDP Numbers Add To Old Worries For Obama,” *Politico*, 7/27/12)