



# Political Piggybacking

*While ObamaCare Continues To Derail, Obama Is Taking His Presidency On The Road To Fundraise For His Party*

**TODAY, OBAMA HEADS TO NEW YORK FOR A PAIR OF FUNDRAISERS AND A SPEECH**

**"The Fundraiser In Chief Is Hitting The Road Again."** (David Jackson, "Obama Plans A String Of Fundraisers," [USA Today](#), 10/24/13)

**Today, Obama Will Raise Money For Democrats In New York.** "President Barack Obama will travel to New York next week to raise money for Democrats. The White House says Obama will be in New York on Friday. He'll attend a fundraiser for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which helps Democratic candidates running for the House. It's Obama's first fundraiser since the partial government shutdown that started at the beginning of October and lasted until Thursday. Obama and Vice President Joe Biden both had to cancel political events and trips during the shutdown." ("Obama To Travel Next Week To New York To Raise Money For House Democrats," [The Washington Post](#), 10/18/13)

- **"House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi And Rep. Steve Israel, Who Chairs The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Will Join Obama At The First Event."** (Josh Lederman, "Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems," [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)
- **"An Invitation Obtained By The Associated Press Says It Costs \$16,200 Per Person To Attend The Event, Hosted By Kathryn Chenault — The Wife Of American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault — And Two Other Prominent Democratic Donors."** (Josh Lederman, "Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems," [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)

**At A Second Fundraiser, Obama Will Raise Money For The DNC.** "Later that evening, Obama will raise money for the DNC, and Mrs. Obama will appear at the Women's Leadership Forum in Washington — another fundraiser for the DNC." (Josh Lederman, "Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems," [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)

**TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF AN AGGRESSIVE FUNDRAISING BLITZ**

**"Call The Caterer, And Fuel Up Air Force One. President Barack Obama Is Launching An Intense Fundraising Push For Democrats That Will Take Him To More Than A Half-Dozen States Before The End Of The Year."** (David Jackson, "Obama Plans A String Of Fundraisers," [USA Today](#), 10/24/13)

**Today, Obama Begins An "Aggressive Cross-Country Trip" In A Fundraising Blitz For Democrats.** "The aggressive cross-country trip comes after a government shutdown battered Republican approval ratings and raised Democratic hopes of keeping control of the Senate and winning back the House for Obama's final two years in office. Obama enjoyed having his party wield power during his first two years in office, and seeing Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) return to the House Speakership would dramatically

increase his sway while limiting his days as a lame-duck president. The fundraising push starts Friday in New York with events for House Democrats and the Democratic National Committee (DNC).” (Amie Parnes, “Obama To Go On Post-Shutdown Fundraising Blitz For Democrats,” [The Hill](#), 10/23/13)

- **“Obama Is Diving Head-First Into A Six-Week Stretch Of Top-Dollar Reception, Dinners And Photo Lines.”** “The overwhelming partisanship and gridlock that led to the shutdown made it clearer than ever that Obama's prospects for achieving his goals during his final years in office depend heavily on Democrats making major gains in next year's midterm elections. With the budget crisis averted — at least for the moment — Obama is diving head-first into a six-week stretch of top-dollar receptions, dinners and photo lines that will bring in campaign cash for Democrats ahead of the 2014.” (Josh Lederman, “Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)
- **Obama Has “At Least Nine Fundraisers From Florida To Texas To California” To Benefit The Democratic Party.** “In all, Obama has scheduled at least nine fundraisers from Florida to Texas to California, and first lady Michelle Obama plans a 10th event. Benefiting from the presidential appearances will be the national Democratic Party, plus the campaign committees that raise money for Democratic House and Senate candidates. Vice President Joe Biden is also expected to raise money for Democratic candidates.” (Josh Lederman, “Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)
- **Obama’s Fundraising Spree Will Take Him To New York Followed By Miami, Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles And Dallas.** “The president will then head to Boston for another House Democratic fundraiser on Oct. 30, before traveling early next month to Miami and Philadelphia to raise money at two events for Senate Democrats. Obama will then head to Seattle and San Francisco to raise money for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), the fundraising arm of House Democrats. In late November, Obama will do a joint event for the DCCC and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in Los Angeles. Obama is also expected to travel next month to Dallas, where he postponed an event because of the government shutdown earlier this month, for another fundraiser.” (Amie Parnes, “Obama To Go On Post-Shutdown Fundraising Blitz For Democrats,” [The Hill](#), 10/23/13)

**Next Week, Obama Will Head To Boston To Fundraise.** “Pelosi and Israel at his side, Obama will headline two other fundraisers for House Democrats this year — one next week outside Boston, and one in late November in the Seattle area. In between, he'll fly to Dallas, Miami and Philadelphia for events for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said a Democratic source, who demanded anonymity because the White House has not yet announced the events.” (Josh Lederman, “Obama Launches Major Fundraising Push For Dems,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/24/13)

**Obama Began “Stepping Up His Commitment” To Fundraising For The Democratic Party In September.** “By the DNC's count, the President has headlined 15 DNC fundraisers this year. In an indication Obama is stepping up his commitment, two of those took place last week alone -- the first tacked onto his trip to New York for the United Nations General Assembly meeting, and the second later in the week at The Jefferson, a posh hotel a half-mile north of the White House on 16th Street.” (Tory Newmyer, “The DNC Is Nearly Broke,” [CNN Money](#), 9/30/13)

- **“Obama’s Vigorous Campaign Schedule, Which Will Keep Him On The Road For Much Of November, Suggests A Real Focus On 2014.”** (Amie Parnes, “Obama To Go On Post-Shutdown Fundraising Blitz For Democrats,” [The Hill](#), 10/23/13)
- **“More Travel Is Planned For Next Year.”** “More travel is planned for next year, though

Democratic campaign committee officials are just beginning to have conversations with the White House about the schedule — and specific requests for where Obama will go, sources say.” (Amie Parnes, “Obama To Go On Post-Shutdown Fundraising Blitz For Democrats,” [The Hill](#), 10/23/13)

## **OBAMA WILL TACK ON OFFICIAL EVENTS TO HIS FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE, JUST LIKE HE DID DURING THE ELECTION SEASON**

### ***Obama Has Walked The Fine Line Between Governing And Politicking Throughout His Presidency***

**Today, Obama’s Only Official Event Will Be A Visit To A Brooklyn High School To Give A Speech On The Economy.** “President Barack Obama will visit Brooklyn’s cutting-edge Pathways in Technology Early College High School on Friday to discuss preparing students for the global economy.” (Ben Chapman, “Obama To Visit Brooklyn’s Cutting-Edge P-TECH High School,” [NY Daily News](#), 10/21/13)

**During The 2012 Campaign, Obama Prominently” Demonstrated The “Act Of Presidential Piggybacking” In Mixing Official And Campaign Events.** “President Obama jets to Florida today for a mix of official and political business that will steal some headlines in the Sunshine State and line his campaign coffers with at least \$4 million. The act of presidential piggybacking -- coupling official duties, in this case a speech on the economy, with political fundraising -- was not pioneered by Obama but is prominently on display this year.” (Devin Dwyer, “Presidential Piggybacking: Obama Trips Combine Official, Political Business,” [ABC News](#), 2/23/12)

- **By March Of 2012, Obama’s Schedule Had Already Become “Increasingly Crowded By Fund-Raisers” So That It Grew “Harder And Harder” To Deny That He Had Launched Into Campaign Mode.** “The White House insisted this week that Mr. Obama still spends ‘the vast preponderance of his time on his official duties.’ But with his schedule increasingly crowded by fund-raisers and speeches that could easily double as campaign rallies, that case is getting harder and harder to make.” (Mark Landler, “Obama Parries Criticism As Fund-Raising Eats Into His Schedule,” [The New York Times](#), 3/17/12)

**Expenses For Presidential Travel Include Air Force One, Which Costs \$179,750 An Hour, A Backup Plane, A Military Cargo Plane, Helicopters, And The President’s Customized Limousine.** “Expenses are not limited to Air Force One, which costs \$179,750 an hour for ‘fuel, flight consumables, depot repairs, aircraft overhaul and engine overhaul,’ according to the Pentagon. For years, presidential travel has included at least two other aircraft: a backup plane and a military cargo plane to ferry Secret Service vehicles, helicopters on occasion and the president’s customized limousine, nicknamed ‘the Beast.’” (Jackie Calmes, “‘Presidential’ Vs. ‘Political’ Trips: A Blurry Line, And Tricky Math,” [The New York Times](#), 4/21/12)

- **Although “Obama Is Entitled To Use Air Force One For Political Trips,” Taxpayers Are Reimbursed For Only A “Small Portion” Of The Costs.** “Being president cuts into a candidate’s fundraising time, but it also facilitates travel. As chief executive, Mr. Obama is entitled to use Air Force One for political trips, though his campaign must reimburse the government for a relatively small portion of the \$100,000-per-hour operating costs of flying aboard the 747-version of Air Force One.” (Mark Knoller, “Obama Seeks To Bring In Big Bucks For 2012 Campaign,” [CBS](#), 4/4/11)