

It is true this story is on the internet. That does not make this spin on the facts true. Big difference. The web site linked to at the end, is a hyper partisan web site with a dubious mix of cherry picked facts and heavy spin, with non of the fact checking that keep news outlets honest.

This theme about the Obama's using our tax money for fancy vacations seems to play well because authoritarian resentment is easily redirected. Instead of resenting the super rich who continue to concentrate their wealth, which shrinks the middle class and increases austerity pressures, we are directed to resent the low down interlopers in our White House, using our hard earned tax money to indulge themselves.

This particular riff on the assertions of Judicial Watch is all over the internet. But if you search to the third google page, you get the White House response from a real news outlet, instead of all the blogs with an ax to grind.

The cost of the family flight to Africa was inflated with inaccurate assumptions. The kids sat in the 'senior staff' section of the plane, they were not billed as senior staff for the trip. The family vacation part was tacked on to the end of the official trip.

The senior White House official says that private safari "was designated as a private event and paid for personally," and argues against any suggestion that this trip was a vacation. "It was an official trip with a 5-7 official events each day," the official says.

For the whole story that could help you calm your raging self righteous indignation, go to this abc news article.

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2011/10/wh-says-judicial-watch-wrong-about-first-ladys-africa-trip/>

Unless of course you believe only that which feels right and reinforces your rightness. The White House spokesman could be covering for his boss, but coverups are a crime. It is much more likely that partisan propaganda is at work here. But we believe what we want to believe. I want to believe the truth, so I research.

On Mar 21, 2012, at 8:09 PM,.....wrote:

Subject: Fwd: Obama daughters are now senior staffers

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:33:43 AM

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Well, here's another "heart warming" story that just might chap your behind like it does mine..... These folks are just common thieves!! Even though this took place in June 2011, it is relevant news! Chutzpah personified!!

----- Forwarded Message -----

Obama daughters are now senior staffers

I hope you are sitting down when you read this one. We are Michelle Obama's personal money suppliers. Just keep your taxes up to date. If you don't Michelle will be unhappy. When Michelle is not happy no one is happy.

Michelle Obama Listed Daughters as 'Senior Staffers' on African "vacation". Can you believe this? Now, if a Republican would do something like this, the press would be all over it and yapping about it for weeks. Michelle Obama Listed Daughters As 'Senior Staffers' To Justify Expensive African Vacation and Safari.

October 5, 2011 The most accountable administration: Judicial Watch said the U.S. Air Force provided a C-32 (a Boeing 757) modified by the military for the purpose of flying big-wigs around the world to fly the First Lady and her entourage to and from Africa , at a cost of \$424,142. Another \$928.44 was listed as bulk food costs of providing 192 onboard meals for the 21 people who made the trip.

The Obama daughters were listed on the manifest as 'senior staff.' This trip was as much an opportunity for the Obama family to go on a safari as it was a trip to conduct government business, said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. This junket wasted tax dollars and the resources of our overextended military. No wonder we had to sue to pry loose this information. I missed this story yesterday, but it's worthy of our attention. The nation is suffering with the economy sputtering, the national debt soaring and Obama's economic rescue policies not only failing but actively making things worse.

Meanwhile, the First Lady justifies an expensive trip to Africa to take a vacation and safari with her daughters by saying it's 'official business' and even going so far as to list her children as staffers. The level of arrogance and dishonesty on display here is nothing short of shocking. BUT, hope for change and yes we can..

It's a true story. Check out this link...

<http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2011/10/michelle-obama-listed-daughters-malia-and-sasha-as-senior-staffers-for-432142-african-trip/>