

Subject: White House Pay Raises....grrrr!

This will make your blood pressure soar!

And I'm sure if we don't raise the debt limit, these checks will not be affected.

How did your social security increase work out for you this year? Was it comparable at all to the increases that Obama gave his staff during this difficult financial period?

Top pay raise of + 86% increase was to the Director of African-American Media. What the Hell is that?

The guy must have done a great job doing whatever the Director of African-American Media does these days.

White House's Top 20 Raises				
Name	Title	Salary Increase (2010-11)	% Increase	\$ Increase
Matthew Vogel	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY	\$71,400 to \$130,500	83	\$59,100
Heather Zichal	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE	\$100,000 to \$140,000	40	\$40,000
Kevin Lewis	DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEDIA	\$42,000 to \$78,000	86	\$36,000
Elizabeth Olsen	SPECIAL ASST TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE	\$76,500 to \$110,000	44	\$33,500
Jessica Wright	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING	\$96,900 to \$130,000	34	\$33,100
Lauren Paige	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF MESSAGE PLANNING	\$62,000 to \$95,000	53	\$33,000
Elizabeth Nelson	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING	\$45,900 to \$75,000	63	\$29,100
Ashley Tate-Gilmore	DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL OFFICE	\$45,900 to \$75,000	63	\$29,100
Carlos Monje Jr.	SPECIAL ASST TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL	\$91,800 to \$120,000	31	\$28,200
David Cusack	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE AND OPERATIONS	\$102,000 to \$130,000	27	\$28,000
Kimberley Harris	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT	\$130,500 to \$158,500	21	\$28,000
Jonathan Samuels	DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND HOUSE LIAISON	\$130,500 to \$158,500	21	\$28,000
Thomas Vietor	SENIOR DIRECTOR AND NATL. SECURITY STAFF SPOKESMAN	\$78,000 to \$105,000	35	\$27,000
Frederico Gardaphe	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	\$50,000 to \$75,000	50	\$25,000
Denis McDonough	ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR	\$147,500 to \$172,200	17	\$24,700
Johanna Maska	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE AND DIRECTOR OF PRESS ADVANCE	\$56,100 to \$80,000	43	\$23,900
Kwesi Cobbina	CHIEF OF STAFF, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	\$42,000 to \$65,000	55	\$23,000
Semonti Stephens	DEPUTY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	\$53,550 to \$75,000	40	\$21,450
Amanda Anderson	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS ADVISOR	\$60,000 to \$80,000	33	\$20,000
Stacy Koo	DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL	\$55,000 to \$75,000	36	\$20,000
Andrea Turk	DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES	\$50,000 to \$70,000	40	\$20,000

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Subject: Re: White House Pay Raises....grrrr!

Hi Mom,
When I googled the title of the chart, the first hit was factcheck.org.

Q: Is a chart claiming to show the "top 20 raises" to White House staffers accurate?

A: It's misleading. The salary increases for 19 of the 21 employees listed resulted from promotions. Average pay for White House staff actually declined.

Read the full analysis here. The bottom line is, the featherbedding implication is politically motivated and unfounded. Since reality is bounded by one's beliefs, facts not congruent with one's beliefs are usually ignored. I prefer to investigate. I trust factcheck.org. They value impartial truth as I do, and report accordingly.

Remember, if the chain mail has no author attributed, it is usually because it is a pack of lies and malicious insinuations, even if some of the facts are true.

As to the snarky comments before the chart, just because you don't understand something, that doesn't mean your cynical self serving explanation is any more valid. A communication team is vital for the president to get his message out to all the different media segments. I am sure the writer would prefer Obama not have first rate staff, but that is not his call.

Dale

From:

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am so tired of this crap I don't know what to do. You can believe I will take your mom's name out of my address book. I have very good friends ,both Democrats and Republicans. As I said before we have an agreement, just use you brain and delete it for goodness sakes. These things are sent to have people think about both sides. Not to get you tail up over the damned dash! Stop acting like idiots!