

Gov. Bobby Jindal takes fundraising efforts to Texas

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BATON ROUGE -- As Gov. Bobby Jindal continues to draw attention as a rising star and possible national candidate for Republicans in 2012 or 2016, he insists that he has the job he wants right here in Louisiana. But that doesn't mean he won't leave the state to raise a little cash for his campaign account.

His next such trip starts today, with plans for a fundraiser tonight in San Antonio and Friday afternoon in Houston.

The fundraisers were described in his official schedule only as "private events" for Jindal's re-election campaign. Melissa Sellers, Jindal's communications director, declined to share more information about where the events would be, who is hosting and how much is being sought from potential donors.

The one-day swing through the Lone Star state follows several recent trips out of state for Jindal, including a previous trip to Houston, though on that October stop he was attending a fundraiser for a Republican congressional candidate.

Jindal's most high-profile jaunt was a weekend in Iowa, long the first presidential caucus state, last month. He visited officials in communities affected by Mississippi River flooding and addressed an Iowa Family Policy Center dinner attended by several social conservative leaders with strong sway in the state's Republican presidential sweepstakes.

The 37-year-old governor also logged miles to Washington, D.C.; Greenwich, Conn.; and Gainesville, Fla., the last stop falling on the day of the LSU-Florida football game, which Jindal did not attend. Florida donors paid \$1,000 each to attend the event at a private residence.

In a recent interview, Jindal described his out-of-state efforts, whether on his own behalf or for other candidates, as a way to build relationships that can generate good will for Louisiana.

Sellers cast the trips as mostly low-profile, with Jindal's campaign account paying for him to take commercial flights. That is the plan for Texas, she said, with the campaign also covering his San Antonio hotel expenses Thursday night. Other than his state security detail, Sellers said, none of his state-paid aides will travel with him.

Jindal's campaign committee is not registered as a federal political account, meaning he could not use the money to run for federal office. But he can -- and has -- contribute to candidates around the country, a common tactic for rising politicians.

The governor began the year with about \$800,000 in his campaign account, a fraction of what it would cost him to seek re-election in 2011. His next disclosure reports are due Feb. 15, 2009.

Besides his activity outside Louisiana, those filings should reflect an active in-state effort. Most recently, according to an invitation obtained by The Times-Picayune, a fundraiser hosted by Jefferson Parish landfill owner Fred Heebe and his wife, former Jefferson Councilwoman Jennifer Sneed. Attendees at the Tuesday reception were asked to contribute \$5,000 to join "Bobby's Club."

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Comments

chris44gwlsu says...

The obama internet hit squad will be here in a second

Posted on 12/04/08 at 9:54AM

btlincec says...

I've been waiting for them. It's funny seeing the Obama progeny and their attempts at wit. Buncha clusterf_cks

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:00AM

ranger71 says...

chris44gwlsu on 12/04/08 at 9:54AM-----

"The obama internet hit squad will be here in a second"

LOL...seems like you're a hit squad of your own for President-elect Obama.

Jindal, well, I guess as long as he has his "Blackberry," he can govern from all over the country while he raises money for his next political office.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:02AM

shadow08 says...

Is Bobby still our Gov.? He has been spending so much time away from louisiana I thought he had resigned!

Now, I wonder how can anyone do an effective job

while being away? Must be all the new technology that allows Bobby to do whatever it is he is doing from far away places.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:05AM

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buddhahood says...

Stay Bobby Stay!

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:08AM

suicidenote says...

I have one opinion that EVERYONE should share.

So, the Republicans want to groom Jindal to be their new guy? Cool, go ahead.

Here's the thing: Let him FIX Louisiana.

I voted for Obama and am anxiously awaiting his term. But, that being said, if Jindal is this sharp political mind, fix this city and the state.

If you can make it work here and make it work well, I'll tip my hat to you sir and happily await your campaign.

If you go around prancing like a dog getting it's testicles checked at a dog show, pretending to govern, I'll do everything in my power to promote how much of a fraud you are.

This place is a steaming mess of screwed up, prove your worth here and you've got my vote.

I'd like to hope that I'll see a New Orleans that isn't full of crackheads and shootings.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:14AM

Talamasca says...

Do what ever it takes Bobby.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:17AM

ranger71 says...

btlincec on 12/04/08 at 10:05AM---

"See what I mean? Isn't it great?"

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What's interesting is the hate you and your buddy-poster have for President-Elect Obama. Huh? What's that you say? You don't hate him? Than why should you involve his name in a article that has nothing to do with him?

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:17AM

agiop says...

Run Piyush, Run

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:38AM

Agiop says...

To do what???

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:39AM

btlincec says...

I don't mind PE Obama, I think he's a scheming, lying politician, but I feel that way about basically everyone in Washington and this state, including, to a degree, Jindal.

I do, however, mind individuals like you who spout party propaganda non-stop and feel as if they are in a position to judge me when they don't even know me.

It's so refreshing having someone else prove your own point for you. I'll use small words here in order to not lose you. This article may not directly name Obama, but what it does directly discuss is Bobby Jindal at a fundraiser and speculation that his reasons for having the fundraiser is possibly to start stockpiling money to run against Obama in 2012, or possibly just secure political favor by contributing to other political campaigns from his funds.

Follow that? If you are still with me, we'll move on a little further. The poster you so indiscriminately labeled my 'buddy-poster' and I both knew that inevitably some goon that thinks the fact that a Democrat is in office actually makes a difference would come around and start mouthing off about Obama and how he's so much better than Jindal, or how the Repubs are dieing out, and just making generally asinine remarks proving they lack political understanding. Hence why we both mentioned not Obama, despite your errant deducement from our postings, but people such as yourself who can't help but prove us correct.

Have a nice day, and try to avoid drinking water from your sink.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:41AM

dimdingleon says...

Who pays for this Bobby or the State of LA (Not just the cost of the trip, but also his salary while he is away from the governor's office doing personal business)? If you are going to be the reform governor, reform all the way.

What other profession/occupation will pay you for your current job while you go look for another job? Get back in touch with the everyday people.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:44AM

yaktechizu says...

Please wake up Average-Joe-American. We are continually falling prey to being used, brainwashed, manipulated, lied to, and kick square in the middle. We, Average-Joe-Americans, continually sit on our tired horse (not high horse) to criticize the less socially adept, physically capable, monetarily sound, or intellectually equipped fellow Americans. Wake up Average-Joe-Americans!!! We are losing our jobs, our homes, our life savings, our families, our respect, or sanity.

We, Average-Joe-American, continue to take our frustration on our fellow Average-Joe-American. The laughing media continues to manipulate us to blame the next Average-Joe-American for our plights. The media works us into a frenzy of blame and hate. Blame the Jews, the Irish, the Dagos, the Blacks, the Mexicans, the Germans, the Russians, the Muslims and hate them all. We continue to fall for this trick, divide and conquer, as we hear a hate message over and over and over again until the Average-Joe-American is enraged and walks around as a ticking time bomb. When we, Average-Joe-American become overly frustrated, irate, and desperate we do desperate things. We initially strike out verbally then physically. And who do we, Average-Joe American, strike out against? We strike out against those near us, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or surrounding communities. As the economy worsens, more and more crimes will be committed by Average-Joe-American. Average-Joe-American will become more bitter and hostile as his fate looks bleaker each day.

All the while, the rich are getting richer and the middle-class and below are getting poorer, more frustrated, more desperate and more hostile.

Corporate America has been shifting jobs from America for a long time. There are multiple companies with plants right across the Texas/Mexico border. Corporations have been buying cheaper goods from other companies and putting small businesses, mom-and-pop stores, and American workers out of jobs for many years. The media tells us that is to bring us cheaper goods but have you ever seen the prices go down or they keep the price the same and increase the size or the amount of the product. We are continually victimized by just the opposite. Corporate America continues to work the pyramid scheme. And with no control the CEOs and cronies (smiling all the way to the bank) continually rape America with the help and ignorance of our government.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:49AM

btlincec says...

Yeah, all those damn Senators campaigning for President was just terrible.

That was a nice attempt Dim, but fundraising and campaigning during daylight hours is not a dereliction.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:51AM

dimdingledon says...

btlincec

It goes for the Senators too. All I am saying is don't just talk reform.

What other job can you leave the job, not have to take a vacation day, look for another job, and get paid?
None that I ever held and probably none the average worker has either.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:58AM

doctorjoe says...

I think this is all evidence of Bobby Jindal's organizational skills. It's a VERY smart move to start stockpiling funds and shaking hands so far in advance. Can you imagine what condition his "war chest" will be in if he runs for president in 2016? He'll be far ahead of the curve, I'm guessing.

And I hope he doesn't play the moral high ground card and only take the public financing route. I think that was McCain's big mistake, or at least one of them. Obama, in relenting on his promise (yeah, lying), got to tap into millions of bucks of support from "private" sources. I hope the Republicans don't make THAT mistake again.

Jindal is a smart guy and he stands for the right ideals. But he still has to play the game. Just hope that he plays it smart and right. That'll be good for all of us.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 10:58AM

dayspast says...

This is exactly why we need to change the terms for Presidents and others.

They should all have ONE 6-year term and that is it. This guy hasn't been in office long enough to get his chair warm and he takes off to get money for running again in 4 years?

This is ludicrous. Just like a President. Once in office, they spend the next 2-3 years spending all their time trying to win for another term. All that money could be spent helping all the people he plans on diverting our money to.

If an official got 1 6-year term, they would have enough time to do their thing. After that, they do not need more time. This would be "REAL" change.

This whole system needs to be "changed." Where is the "promised real change." White people sure are stupid. They believe anything that sounds good.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:00AM

StuckOstupid says...

WWL aired a report on yesterday (12-3-2008) about the sorry state of Louisiana's educational system, public schools including public colleges. It's not even close to surprising why the KKK flourishes here, and the so-called Christian Neocon Jindal lemmings as well.

Did yawl say Obama Hit squad? You Red State haters murder, lie and incest even you own- and you accuse some of being an Obama Hit Squad?

"Rural Food Stamp ignorance is, as rural food stamp ignorance does" - On the real!-

Get off these post and back into your elementary schools, if you're not too old.

BTW,

Lot of villages are missing their idiots, aren't you homesick at all Bubbas and Bubbets?

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:00AM

btlincec says...

Dim, it is, has, and likely always will be considered acceptable to campaign while you are in office. There are many more things that we as a populous need to be focused on besides Bobby spending a day in Texas asking for money.

Dayspast, not a bad idea at all.

Stuck, your name says it all for us. The rest of your post proves it. Before you ignorantly insult an entire demograph while cowering behind the anonymity of the internet, try to at least seem educated, tolerant, and informed yourself.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:08AM

usmcno1 says...

So white people sure are stupid? Whatabout the black people who vote only on race and re-elected Jefferson?

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:14AM

btlincec says...

populace*

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:15AM

sleepfriend says...

StuckOstupid, sometimes the name makes the person

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:20AM

Damn says...

On the road again ...

Piyush wants to get on the road again,
the life he loves is making money for him and his friends,
Piyush just can't wait to get on the road again.

On the road again,
down here in NO, we're more screwed than we've ever been,
the Saints season is over and they will never win,
maybe we all need to follow our leader and get on the road again.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:26AM

sleepfriend says...

It would be interesting to see a comparison between the educational level of the people who voted for Obama

and the people who voted for McCain and leave the racial context out. Also of interest would be a general comparison of occupation, as in who did the 10 grade drop out burger flippers support and who did the college educated white collar professionals support.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 11:31AM

DunesRiver says...

sleepfriend: Obama did incredibly well among the well educated, white collar voters, especially in states such as Oregon, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, the entire eastern seaboard, the Pacific Northwest, the Midwest and the areas such as the Raleigh triangle in North Carolina. Take Bloomington, Indiana. There were more Obama signs there than one could imagine.

Conversely, McCain-Palin did very well in the deep south, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, West Virginia (Virginia tends to be more educated, and they went for Obama.)

I know you want to leave race out of it, and I'm ok with that. So were the people in Vermont, Iowa, New Hampshire, Oregon.

Let's face it, sleepfriend. Louisiana may try to use its conservative values to mask its true sentiments but the fact is Louisiana lags behind the rest of the country in all of the above areas, and that is because of a personal choice.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 12:27PM

DunesRiver says...

dayspast: Clarification please. Are you talking about the white people who voted for Jindal?

Posted on 12/04/08 at 12:31PM

Astrid says...

The governor of a state is the top executive officer. He directs his staff to work according to his agenda. The governor does not have to sit in his office every day if he has hired a capable and trustworthy group of people to follow his orders in the working of his state.

A Senator on the other hand, is expected to sit in when the senate is debating, listen to all sides of the argument perhaps take part in the argument as it is presented and cast a vote HIMSELF. If he or she neglects to cast a vote, or votes "present", he is not doing the job for which he is receiving pay. His electorate is getting bamboozled.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 12:52PM

arsaintfan says...

I voted for Jindal to fix the problems of the state, not to run around fundraising to possibly become president.

Bobby- come back and do something for us besides ethics reform. We are the poorest, dumbest, and least respected state in the country...but at least we have ethics reform...what a joke. Come back and do something to fix education and bring some worthwhile jobs to the state and then your campaign will be easy. People will

be falling all over themselves to vote for you if you make a difference, but relying on ethics reform isn't good enough.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 12:53PM

btlincec says...

Dunes, conversely you could say that Obama benefitted in the uneducated vote in the South as well considering how much of the minority vote he won, and the fact that minorities by and large are less educated than whites for reasons that are unimportant to this discussion. Let's don't pretend that intelligent people vote Democrat all the time. It's true that people with higher education tend to be more socially liberal, but that has little to do with who we vote for as has been proven by the fact that Obama overwhelmingly won minority votes, but those same minorities vote against many of the social views he holds, such as abortion, and gay marriage.

The unfortunate truth of the matter is that rarely do people use the education they have to come to an actually educated decision about which candidate to vote for, no matter who they are.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 1:00PM

sleepfriend says...

Actually, I have heard so much about the ignorance of the people in Louisiana who voted for McCain and since ignorance refers to a lack of knowledge, that I would like to see a comparison of the educational level of the people in Louisiana who supported Obama and the level of education of the people who voted for McCain.

What is this supposed to mean?

"Let's face it, sleepfriend. Louisiana may try to use its conservative values to mask its true sentiments but the fact if Louisiana lags behind the rest of the country in all of the above areas, and that is because of a personal choice."

Personal choice?

Are you talking about the dropout rate, the ACT scores, or something beyond the scope of education and occupation? It is a personal choice as to whether to finish high school and maybe go to college or drop out of the 10th grade. It is a personal choice as to whether to be a working productive member of society or to be a drug dealer. There is no doubt that Louisiana would not lag behind if its citizens made choices that lead to higher levels of education and employment.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 1:04PM

btlincec says...

Sleep, I agree with you that it is often ultimately someones choice as to whether to drop out or not. There are frequently external circumstances involved that can explain the predisposition to making certain choices. We are creatures of our environment far more often than not. It may not be a necessity, but it is a fact.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 1:23PM

sleepfriend says...

btlincec, I think your post sums up the problems that we have allowed to creep into society that robs our youth of a large portion of their potential. We have allowed behaviors that are self destructive to become so socially acceptable that they have become the norm. Many of the things that interfere with the completion of high school are due to such behaviors. It is also true that there are things that are beyond human control that occur and prevent a portion of the youth from reaching greater heights but I think those things are the exception and not the rule. The answers lie in the people and not the government. The government is only a reflection of the people and can only do what the people demand.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 2:07PM

btlincec says...

I agree, but I don't think that the situation we are in currently can be solved just by the people. We are too fractured, and many don't want or need to take responsibilities for themselves. This is one of the very few areas that I would actually like to see more federal involvement as well as state. The problem is too large now for a simple solution.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 2:25PM

ranger71 says...

btlincec---

Have you remembered your Prozac today?

Didn't mean to get under your skin, and hopefully didn't cause your pressure to spike, but man, you're long winded about a lot of nothing, on a "blog" in cyber-space. But hey, if it makes you feel good, go ahead, poke your chest out, isn't anonymity wonderful?

Unlike you, I don't belong to a club, I'm independent and vote my conscious, not political affiliations or skin color.

I'll allow you to have the last word.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 2:55PM

btlincec says...

How very gracious of you.

I would only like to point out that not everyone is dependent on psychiatric drugs.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 3:08PM

Damn says...

At least my little song was on point and relevant, its better than these off topic pee contests. Thanks for nothing you arrogant *icks.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 4:01PM

btlincec says...

Watch it, the dream policeman is come.

Posted on 12/04/08 at 4:20PM

guynolan says...

THE LAST SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR PRESIDENT FROM HERE

was Huey Long, a demagogue. Jindal should not be compared to him. He shouldn't be assassinated as Long was, either literally or figuratively. This state had lost most of its respect, credibilty and influence nationally until Jindal entered. He has begun to reclaim and restore the state's reputation. If we want any help from Washington we need that. I don't agree with everything he says or does but overall he has done well.

Posted on 12/05/08 at 8:14AM

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