

FACT CHECK: Pro-Hawley Super PAC Swoops in to Prop Up His Campaign with Misleading Attack on Claire's Background

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CLAIRE IS A DAUGHTER OF RURAL MISSOURI THAT COMES FROM MODEST ROOTS AND STILL CALLS MISSOURI HOME

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- Claire was a single mother of 3 and spent seven years in office with three small children.

REPUBLICANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK CLAIRE USING HER HUSBAND’S BUSINESS SUCCESS

- Claire’s family’s wealth comes from her husband’s business, which was already well-established when they married in 2002.
- Claire responded to Republican criticism of her family’s wealth by noting that her husband had “done exactly what you’re supposed to do in this country” by working hard and creating thousands of jobs.

CLAIRE RETURNED ALL THE MONEY TO THE TREASURY FOR FLIGHTS SHE TOOK ON HER PLANE IN 2011 AND TAXPAYERS HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGED FOR THE PLANE SINCE

- Even though the flights were legal and cheaper than other options, Claire sent an \$88,000 check to the Treasury Department to cover the costs of flights on her family’s plane.
- When Claire’s husband’s company bought a new plane, safeguards were put in place to ensure no taxpayer dollars would ever go towards flights on the plane.

CLAIRE SPENT THE MAJORITY OF THE TOUR ON THE RV AND ONLY USED THE PLANE FOR AN ADDED STOP

- Claire was on the RV for the majority of her Veterans Tour and only used the plane to make an additional unscheduled stop.
- Claire paid for the flights on her own so that she could visit more Missouri veterans.

THIS AD WAS FUNDED BY A SUPER PAC, A TYPE OF UNLIMITED MONEY GROUP THAT JOSH HAWLEY HAS ADVOCATED FOR

- Missouri Rising Action is a Super PAC specifically dedicated to supporting Josh Hawley that can take unlimited contributions.
- Hawley was endorsed by Citizens United, the group that won the Supreme Court case lifting limits on campaign finance reform.

- Hawley called political contributions a form of speech and supported the Supreme Court’s decision on campaign contributions.

AD CLAIMS	THE FACTS
<p>Ad:</p> <p>Washington politician Claire McCaskill. After 30 years of political office, McCaskill’s a multimillionaire. So out of touch!</p> <p>On-Screen Graphic:</p> <p>Washington Politician Claire McCaskill</p> <p>“Capitol Hill Newspaper Says McCaskill Richest Of All ‘Vulnerable’ Incumbents” -St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 2/27/18</p>	<p><u>CLAIRE IS A DAUGHTER OF RURAL MISSOURI AND STILL CALLS MISSOURI HOME</u></p> <p>McCaskill Was Born In Rolla, Missouri And Attended Missouri Public Schools. “Claire has lived in Missouri her whole life. She was born in Rolla (because her hometown was too small to have a hospital) and raised in Houston and Lebanon, where her mom’s family ran the corner drug store. Claire attended Missouri public schools and began waiting tables immediately after graduation to help put herself through college and law school at the University of Missouri in Columbia.” [Claire McCaskill Campaign Website, Accessed 2/20/18]</p> <p>McCaskill Worked Her Way Through College And Law School Waiting Tables At The Lodge Of The Four Seasons. “After graduating from high school, she worked her way through college and law school waiting tables at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. She began her political career at age 29, when she was elected to the state House, giving birth to her first child while in office.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 3/27/11]</p> <p>McCaskill Returns Home To Missouri Nearly Every Weekend. “Claire returns home to Missouri nearly every weekend to spend time with her husband, Joseph, and their blended family of seven children and nine wonderful grandchildren.” [Claire McCaskill Campaign Website, Accessed 2/20/18]</p> <p><u>CLAIRE WAS A SINGLE MOTHER OF 3</u></p> <p>When McCaskill First Ran For Office, She Was 28 Years Old, Single, And A Renter With No Money Or Political Organization. “Street after street, door after door, I walked and knocked. “Hello, I’m Claire McCaskill, and I’m an assistant prosecutor. I’m running for state representative, and I’d appreciate your vote.” I was twenty-eight years old, single, a renter with no money or political organization backing me up. It was 1982, and I was a young prosecutor with courtroom experience who was comfortable making a case and doing hard work.” [Plenty Ladylike: A Memoir, Claire McCaskill, p.1]</p> <p>McCaskill Was The First State Lawmaker To Give Birth While In Office. “Austin, my first child, was born in 1987 while I was serving in the Missouri state legislature. I was the first state lawmaker to give birth while in office. There was actually a bassinet by my desk and a jump-up right in the doorway—a great</p>

way to block lobbyists because they had to try to get around Austin in his jumper seat to get in my office. Joking aside, it was eye-opening for the lobbyists and the other legislators. My baby's presence in my office brought the issue of what it means to be a working mother home to them in a way they hadn't really encountered before." [Working Mother, [5/13/07](#)]

McCaskill Spent Seven Years In Office As A Single Mom With Three Small Children. "When I declared my candidacy for Jackson County prosecutor in 1991, I was looking after two toddlers and a baby girl, Lily, who's now 15. Nonetheless, I was the first woman to run for and successfully hold that office. It was my dream job. [...] That's a challenge for women who have children: managing the unforgiving clock of opportunity in politics with the responsibilities of motherhood. I spent seven years in office—while I was prosecutor and state auditor—as a single mom with three small children." [Working Mother, [5/13/07](#)]

CLAIRE COMES FROM VERY MODEST ROOTS

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "Aides Say There Was A Time, When [McCaskill] Was A Single Mother, When She Had To Wait Until Her Paycheck Cleared To Pick Up Her Dry Cleaning." "The high-flying lifestyle is relatively new for McCaskill. Aides say there was a time, when she was a single mother, when she had to wait until her paycheck cleared to pick up her dry cleaning and save for months to take her three children to Disney World. In state government, her salary topped out at about \$97,000 as state auditor, before she became a senator." [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [3/27/11](#)]

Growing Up, McCaskill Sewed Her Own Clothes. "Growing up, McCaskill sewed her own clothes. Before her father was appointed state insurance commissioner, he worked at the family mill in Houston, Mo. McCaskill still has an old flour bag from the McCaskill Milling Co. encased in a frame that hangs in her Senate office." [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [3/27/11](#)]

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McCaskill Responded To Attacks On Her Family's Wealth By Noting That Her Husband Had "Done Exactly What You're Supposed To Do In This Country." "'My husband has done exactly what you're supposed to do in this country. He's worked really hard, he's created thousands of jobs and in the process, great wealth,' McCaskill said of her real estate developer spouse, Joseph Shepard, at the start of a 10-hour day aboard the RV. 'I married a wealthy guy! And that somehow transforms me into a different person? It's total bullshit.'" [Politico, [7/10/18](#)]

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<p>Ad:</p> <p>McCaskill billed taxpayers nearly 76 grand for private flights, jet setting between her Missouri mansion and her multi-million dollar DC condo.</p> <p>On-Screen Graphic:</p> <p>“Sen. McCaskill Used Office Funds To Pay For Chartered Flights” -Talking Points Memo, 3/9/11</p> <p>Video of Claire stepping into plane</p> <p>McCaskill Bought “The Most Expensive Condo Unit” -Washington Business Journal, 3/17/14</p>	<p><u>CLAIRE RETURNED ALL THE MONEY TO THE TREASURY FOR FLIGHTS SHE TOOK ON HER PLANE IN 2011</u></p> <p>Even Though The Flights Were Legal And Cheaper Than Other Options, McCaskill Sent An \$88,000 Check To The Treasury Department To Cover The Costs Of Flights On Her Family’s Plane. “After POLITICO contacted McCaskill’s office Tuesday about this issue, a McCaskill aide said Wednesday that the senator — while stating that the all the flights were legal, in accordance with Senate ethics rules and actually cheaper than other travel options — will send a check worth more than \$88,000 to the Treasury Department to cover all costs associated with the flights. In a statement, McCaskill spokeswoman Maria Speiser insisted the senator had not violated any laws or Senate rules, and that neither she nor her family have personally profited from using the charter plane for official Senate business. There does not appear to be any specific rule covering use of a personal aircraft for official business, although lawmakers and staffers are reimbursed for such activities for their own cars.” [Politico, 3/9/11]</p> <p>McCaskill Spokesperson: “Safeguards Have Been Implemented To Ensure That No Taxpayer Dollars Will Ever Be Used To Pay For Or Reimburse Any Costs Associated With The Plane.” “LaBombard said McCaskill has put in place strict rules to make sure there are no lapses with the new plane. ‘Safeguards have been implemented to ensure that no taxpayer dollars will ever be used to pay for or reimburse any costs</p>

	<p>associated with the plane, and that every cost associated with the plane is paid fully and on-time,’ he said. LaBombard said an independent company would manage compliance with tax laws, financial reporting and any disclosures associated with the plane to ensure ‘that all payments associated with the plane are paid fully and on time.’ He said McCaskill would ‘never’ seek Senate reimbursement for travel on the plane even if she uses it for official Senate work.” [Springfield News-Leader, 12/27/13]</p>
<p>Ad:</p> <p>Now McCaskill’s misleading us, claiming to be on an RV tour, but using a private plane between stops. Dishonest. Out of touch. McCaskill is out for herself. Not us.</p> <p>On-Screen Graphic:</p> <p>Fox News Chyron: “Sen McCaskill Uses Private Jet On RV Tour”</p> <p>Using A Private Plane Between Stops -Politico, 6/12/18</p> <p>Dishonest</p> <p>Out-of-Touch</p> <p>Millionaire Claire McCaskill Out For Herself. Not Us.</p>	<p><u>CLAIRE SPENT THE MAJORITY OF THE TOUR ON THE RV AND ONLY USED THE PLANE FOR AN ADDED STOP</u></p> <p>McCaskill Was Physically On The RV Throughout The Originally Scheduled Travel And Stops On The Tour. “McCaskill’s campaign said Tuesday that she was physically on the RV throughout the originally scheduled travel and stops on the tour. A spokeswoman said her plane did take her to overnight stays in Kansas City and St. Louis at the end of each day of touring. Her campaign said it also took her to a stop in St. Joseph that was added after the tour was originally scheduled, because the RV didn’t have time to get to it and still make a later stop already scheduled for Columbia.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6/12/18]</p> <p>The Plane Took McCaskill To And From An Additional Stop That Was Scheduled. “McCaskill’s campaign said Tuesday that she was physically on the RV throughout the originally scheduled travel and stops on the tour. A spokeswoman said her plane did take her to overnight stays in Kansas City and St. Louis at the end of each day of touring. Her campaign said it also took her to a stop in St. Joseph that was added after the tour was originally scheduled, because the RV didn’t have time to get to it and still make a later stop already scheduled for Columbia.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6/12/18]</p> <p>McCaskill: “I Spent 2+ Days On The RV And Only Used The Plane When We Added A Stop In St. Joe.” “‘I was on the RV so much that the broken drawer was driving me crazy,’ McCaskill said in a written statement provided to the Post-Dispatch. ‘I spent 2+ days on the RV and only used the plane when we added a stop in St. Joe (where the RV was unable to travel) and to get to my overnights.’ Her office stressed that no public money was used in connection with the plane.” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6/12/18]</p> <p><u>CLAIRE PAID FOR THE FLIGHTS ON HER OWN IN ORDER TO VISIT MORE VETERANS</u></p> <p>No Public Money Was Used In Connection With The Plane. “‘I was on the RV so much that the broken drawer was driving</p>

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the next generation of conservative leadership for Missouri and America. We hope you'll join our fight." [Missouri Rising Action, "About Us," Accessed [7/11/18](#)]

HAWLEY HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF SUPER PACS AND UNLIMITED POLITICAL SPENDING

Citizens United Endorsed Hawley In 2016 Attorney General Election. "In endorsing McCaskill, the End Citizens United group notes that Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley was endorsed in his 2016 election by Citizens United, the conservative group that brought its successful challenge of campaign finance spending laws to the Supreme Court. Hawley has been raising money to mount a potential challenge to McCaskill in 2018, but has not yet announced whether he will run." [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [10/5/17](#)]

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Citizens United President David Bossie Said He Had Been An Early Supporter Of Hawley's Senate Bid, Had Been "Talking Up" Hawley Around Country While "Establishment Types" Were "Talking Up Their Own Preferred Candidate." "In Missouri, I was proud to be an early supporter of Josh Hawley for Attorney General and will support him again in his race for the Senate against liberal incumbent Claire McCaskill. When I was talking up AG Hawley around the country earlier this year, establishment types were very cool to him and were talking up their own preferred choice at the time. We were drawn to Hawley very early because of his fine work fighting for religious liberty in the Hobby Lobby case at the U.S. Supreme Court." [Fox News, David Bossie Op-Ed, [10/23/17](#)]

Hawley Supported The Supreme Court's Recent Direction On Campaign Contributions, Calling Political Contributions A Form Of Speech. A host asked, "What's your thought about capping campaign contributions? Because I know both you, and Senator Schaefer, and the two Democrats have taken large donations in this race. Is that a problem that should be fixed?" Hawley replied, "I don't think that free speech is a problem, and I tend to think the Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, has gotten it about right here. When they say that in our modern culture, and this has been the court doctrine for almost 40 years now, political contributions are a form of speech. They're a way to participate in the democratic process, and so I am pro-speech, I am pro-participation." [St. Louis Public Radio, Politically Speaking Podcast, Timestamp 8:13, [6/6/16](#)] (AUDIO)