

## Sparse Attendance for Obama Chicago Fundraiser

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When Barack Obama campaigned for president in 2008, he gave speeches to large crowds that could fill sports stadiums and arenas. Nowadays even in Chicago, Obama is lucky if a few thousand people show up for re-election events. According to Politico, "Obama camp: 1,000 attended 'half-full' fundraiser. Republicans quickly jumped on a report that President Obama's largest fundraiser here Sunday was only 'half-full,' but the crowd for the event was larger than the Obama campaign had anticipated." Jodi Kantor of the New York Times wrote on Twitter, "at Obama fundraiser in Chicago. Admission only \$51, but room is half full." As reported by Politico, "the Romney campaign seized on Kantor's estimate, as spokesman Ryan Williams tweeted, 'Thrill is gone.' The Drudge Report also piled on, linking to Kantor's tweet, which has been reposted by a few hundred others. (Kantor quickly followed up with additional tweets noting that only some tickets to the event cost \$51 and that the campaign said the event was sold out.)" To read the entire article from Politico, link here: [Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com](mailto:Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com)