

SCHULTZ CRITICAL OF ROMNEY'S SPEAKING FEES

In January 2012, Schultz Criticized Romney For Taking In \$374,327 In Speaking Fees. “SCHULTZ: Good for you, Mitt. Romney is already under pressure to release his tax returns. So here he is, trying to break the news to the American people about how he pays a lower tax rate than many middle class Americans? Then he casually says the money he gets from speakers fees is not very much. But according to his own financial disclosure forms, Mitt Romney made \$374,327 in speaker fees in one year. That ain't bad on the rubber chicken circuit, folks. That is what Mr. Out of Touch thinks is not very much? No, it's real good. The median household income in American is just \$49,445. So you tell me, is he in touch? Romney 's speaking fees were more than seven times the median household income in this country?” (MSNBC's, “[The Ed Show](#),” 1/17/12)

- **Schultz Tweeted That Romney Is “Out Of Touch” For Saying His Speaking Fees Did Not Account For Very Much Of His Income.** “\$374K in speaking fees ‘not very much.’ How out of touch is Mitt Romney? #edshow from Madison at 8pET! <http://fb.me/MyZsbq5S>” (Ed Schultz, [Twitter Feed](#), 1/17/12)

Schultz Called Romney's Speaking Fees Unfair. “SCHULTZ: The income inequality, the chart that we show all the time on this network, that's where America is right now. There's a sense of unfairness that's going on. And when a candidate comes out and says, well, I don't know, I made \$375,000 in speaking fees, not that much. It just doesn't fly with people. It's not practical.” (MSNBC's, “[Special: South Carolina Primary Coverage](#),” 1/21/12)

Schultz Said Romney Can't Relate To The Middle Class Because He Took \$375,000 In Speaking Fees. “Romney, you know, this guy, I think he's just got ice in his veins. He can't relate to the middle class in any way, shape or form. The money Romney makes in speaking fees, if you look at it, is really a life-changing number for most Americans. I mean, what would you do with \$375,000? Down in South Carolina alone, the median income is just over \$42,000. But, you know, that \$375,000 is really not that much.” (MSNBC's, [The ED Show](#), 1/18/12)