

From: maria swanson
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Press Secretary behavior towards a private business
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 4:17:47 PM

Dear Sirs

Today Sarah Huckabee Sanders singled out a business, The Red Hen in Lexington VA for refusing to serve her. Her tweet, according to Walter Schaumburg, infringes the rules government employees should abide by. Respectfully we ask you to look into this matter

Sent from my iPhone

From: Precious Daniels
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 4:40:19 PM

She used her official Twitter account to intimidate the owner the RedHen restaurant.
I know this is an ethics violation.
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From: Kate Shaner
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Sarah Sanders Twitter Account
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:22:21 PM
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[ATT00001.txt](#)

To whom it may concern,

The White House Press Sec. utilized her personal Twitter account to condemn a business in Virginia for acting within their rights. It's my understanding the owners are now receiving death threats. I'm fairly certain this is unethical behavior, potentially illegal. I'm also fairly certain nothing will happen to her as no one is held accountable in this regime however I refuse to stop calling out their abhorrent behavior. Please stand up for the American people and help us try to regain some moral and ethical standards in this country.

Thank you,

Rev. Kate Shaner

From: Gail Cornelius
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Using a Government Twitter ACCOUNT to discredit a privately owned business
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:48:54 PM

I think it is in poor taste for Sarah Huckabee Sanders to use her Government Official Twitter account to discredit a private owned business for executing their moral rights to serve patrons. The Courts have agreed that the owner of a bakery shop did not have to serve a LBGTQ couple for a wedding cake based on moral values and the same rule should apply to this restaurant. Sarah has caused this business many harassing phone calls.

Gail Cornelius

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From: Sean Russell
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: White House Press Secretary Sanders
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 7:08:42 PM

Hi,

This weekend, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders used her official government twitter account, @PressSec, to harass a private business over a personal matter. This has to be against regulations and should be punished as such. The tweet in mention is at <https://twitter.com/pressec/status/1010536237457924096?s=21>

Thank you
Sean Russell

From: Mona
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Ethics violation
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 9:50:52 PM

Hello,

Per the law, Sarah Huckabee Sanders has committed an ethics violation by tweeting on her governmental Twitter account about a personal/private matter. I would hope this will be addressed?

From: Patti Shaffer
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 9:45:12 AM

Dear Sirs,

How do I file a formal complaint against Speaker Sarah Huckabee Sanders for using her official Twitter account to address not being served at a restaurant & naming restaurant. This is a clear violation of using her position and resources to punish someone.

Sincerely,

Patti Shaffer

From: Scott Walker
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Sarah Sanders
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:29:26 AM

Please respond to a clear violation of government ethics rules by Sarah Sanders who used her position and government twitter account to share a personal grievance against the Red Hen Restaurant in Virginia. Her action was deplorable and could cause harm to the owner, employees, and patrons.

Sent from my iPad

From: D S Davis
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Federal Employees" Behavior
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:39:38 AM

Dear OGE,

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Donald J. Trump, and ANY U.S. government employee, elected or appointed, should be prohibited from publicly calling for actions against ANY private citizen or business. Amazon, Red Hen, pro athletes - represent a very short list of recipients of the ire of Trumpkampf.

Their behavior is outrageous at least, and I believe, illegal.

STOP THIS NONSENSE!

Thank you,

D S Davis

From: Google Alerts
To: [Christopher J. Swartz](#)
Subject: Google Alert - office of government ethics
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 11:01:18 AM



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Denton Record Chronicle

David Cicilline of Rhode Island, had written to the **Office of Government Ethics** in May asking that the agency investigate reported Chinese government ...

[The government's top ethics official said Trump's business deals 'raise serious concerns' — but he ...](#) - Business Insider

['Serious concerns': Top government ethics official wants to investigate Trump business deals — but ...](#) - Raw Story

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[Ex-White House ethics chief: Sarah Sanders tweet violates ethics laws](#)

The Hill

The former director of the **Office of Government Ethics** said on Saturday that White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders's decision to tweet ...



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[Here is another huge Trump administration corruption scandal that no one is talking about](#)

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"Everything that's been done has been done in compliance with the **Office of Government Ethics**. So these are people second-guessing everything..."



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From: Joi Jackson
To: donotreply@tillis.senate.gov (b)(6) - Richard Burr Email Address
Cc: nprpolitics@npr.org; [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Federal Ethics Complaint
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 5:28:02 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

Sarah Sanders used her official government twitter account to condemn a private business for personal reasons. Sanders to coerce business by using her office to get public to pressure it. Violating endorsements ban too, which has an obvious corollary for discouraging patronage. Misuse regulation covers both. Opening sentences of 5 CFR 2635.702 cover both; 702(a) gives example of coercion; 702(c) gives example of endorsement. Also 2635.101(b)(8) bars preferential treatment, with obvious corollary for singling out. She can lob attacks on her own time but not using her official position.

Senators, what are you doing to address this egregious breach of ethics? I would like to know since the disciplinary actions taken against Kellyanne Conway for violating the same rules was not disclosed.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Charles Hicks
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:24:24 PM

Nothing else needs to be said. Used her Official Government Account to harm a local business!

From: Farhi, Arden
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: CBS News inquiry
Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:37:47 PM

Does OGE have any plans to weigh in on WH press secretary Sarah Sanders' tweet about being kicked out of a Virginia restaurant over the weekend? Will your office send a letter about the issue to the WH?

Arden

Arden Farhi
White House producer
CBS News
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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15533

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Initiation Date*:	2018-06-25
Title*:	CBS News inquiry
Question*:	Does OGE have any plans to weigh in on WH press secretary Sarah Sanders' tweet about being kicked out of a Virginia restaurant over the weekend? Will your office send a letter about the issue to the WH?
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Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Arden
Last Name:	Farhi
Title:	CBS Reporter
Position:	
Email:	(b) (6)
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Patrick Shepherd
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
<i>created by:</i>	Patrick Shepherd

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-06-25
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	Communicated to reporter that we do not comment on individual allegations of misconduct and that we did not have any comment about any possible actions at this time. (Assigned to: Patrick Shepherd)
Complexity (level):	1 [Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]
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From: jamie j
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: sarah sanders totally right in her tweet
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 1:18:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Lefty morons is targeting government workers

Targeting government workers for violence and harassment over not liking others politics makes this a government problem

Not just sarah sanders but look at the whole problem of even ice getting hits put out on them

Sarah using government twitter account for this just completely right

If you target government workers for doing their job like lefty idiots keep doing then yes government got to step in and put a stop to things

Lefty is communists trying and take over our country and this shit got to be stopped – government problem not some personal thing

If ever in a place this harassment happens then not really care what security you got – you always better if 1 more stand with you against violent mob

Tell secret service just let supporters help stand against these violent mobs when stuff happens – more than just the bikers for trump out there willing stand against violent mobs

Do the old extreme force show—they bring 400 and you let 1000 supporters stand and help you

Put it in their minds if you put 1 of ours in the hospital and we put 10 of you in the morgue – psyops like that makes most idiots back down

jamie

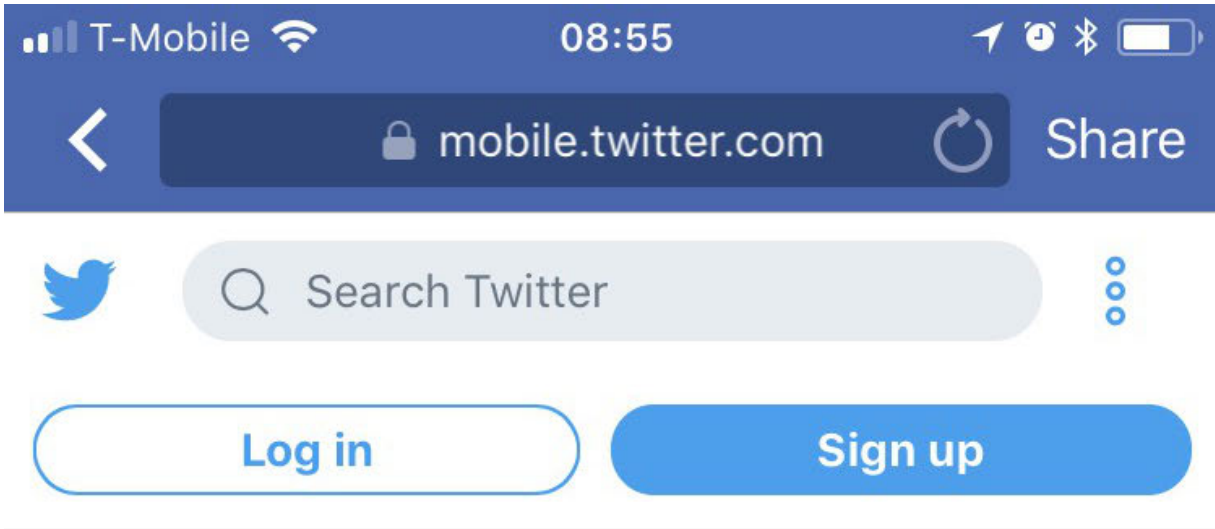
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From: Mary Marceluk
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 8:59:02 AM

It can not be appropriate for the POTUS to use his office to attack businesses. Please bring some level of norms and decency back to the office and investigate.



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump



The Red Hen Restaurant should focus more on cleaning its filthy canopies, doors and windows (badly needs a paint job) rather than refusing to serve a fine person like Sarah Huckabee Sanders. I always had a rule, if a restaurant is dirty on the outside, it is dirty on the inside!

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From: Angelique Schmidt
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: I wish to file a complaint
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:31:30 AM

I am a resident of Pennsylvania, zip code 18049. I am looking to file an ethics complaint against Sara Huckabee Sanders, Press Secretary, for her misuse of position. She used her federal government twitter account on June 22, 2018, to disparage a business. This violated code 5 CFR 2635.702(a). She used her federal employee twitter account for a personal vendetta, which is against code.

Please let me know the next step.

Thank you!!

- Angelique M. Schmidt

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From: Google Alerts
To: [Christopher J. Swartz](#)
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Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 11:00:49 AM



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[Ex-White House **Ethics** Chief: Sanders' Tweet on Restaurant Eviction Violates the Law](#)

Slate Magazine

It also amounted to a violation of federal ethics laws. At least according to the former head of the U.S. **office of Government Ethics**. "Last night I was told ...

[Sarah Huckabee Sanders May Have Committed An **Ethics** Violation With Her Red Hen Tweet](#) - Refinery29

[Sarah Huckabee Sanders' tweet about restaurant eviction violates law, ex-ethics chief says](#) - MyPalmBeachPost

[Sarah Sanders Restaurant Tweet May Be Violation, Says Former **Ethics** Chief](#) - Deadline Full Coverage



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[Obama administration official accuses Sarah Huckabee Sanders of **ethics** violation for Red Hen tweet](#)

Washington Times

Walter Shaub, who served as director of the **Office of Government Ethics** under President Barack Obama before being replaced last year by President ...

[Former **ethics** chief calls Sarah Sanders' tweet on being thrown out of restaurant a violation](#) - Washington Examiner

[Former **Ethics** Chief Calls Sarah Sanders Tweet About Getting Booted from Red Hen 'Clear ...](#) - Mediaite

[Sarah Huckabee Sanders Could Be In Legal Trouble For Tweet Attacking The Restaurant That ...](#) -

The Inquisitr

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HuffPost

The head of the U.S. **Office of Government Ethics** said that a multi-million-dollar loan by the Chinese government to a project designed to enrich ...



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From: betty grandis
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Re: Action against Mrs. Huckabee-Sanders
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 11:04:39 AM

As I requested, please forward to the appropriate office. Thank you for your quick response.

From: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 7:56 AM
To: 'betty grandis'
Subject: RE: Action against Mrs. Huckabee-Sanders

Dear Ms. Grandis:

Thank you for your email to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

OGE is a small agency within the executive branch which assists other executive branch departments and agencies to implement ethics rules and policies that deal with conflict-of-interest laws, post-employment restrictions, the standards of ethical conduct, and the public and confidential financial disclosure systems.

OGE's jurisdiction extends only to the specific ethics issues described above within the executive branch of the U.S. Government. OGE does not undertake for investigation the allegations of misconduct of the type you describe in your e-mail.

In most cases, it would be the Inspector General of the department or agency involved who would determine whether to investigate any alleged misconduct. In addition, in appropriate cases, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may determine to investigate alleged misconduct of federal employees.

Please see OGE's [Missions and Responsibility](#) page on the OGE website for further information, including where to [report misconduct](#). For additional information on the use of public office for private gain, please see [Section 2635.702](#).

Thank you.

Contact OGE

From: betty grandis [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, June 23, 2018 10:45 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: Action against Mrs. Huckabee-Sanders

Mrs. Huckabee-Sanders utilized her government twitter account to cast aspersions on a restaurant. This is a misuse of her account and I would ask that she face suspension and closure of her account.

Please forward on to the appropriate authorities if you are unable to handle -- meaning, forward this along, don't tell me this is not within your purview.

You might wish to encourage administration employees to avail themselves of dining/lodging facilities in Trump properties, room service, take-out, or simply disclose their identities when making reservations to allow restaurateurs and hoteliers to make informed decisions in advance. This suggestion might be worthwhile to share with members of virtually every department.

Thank you,

Betty Grandis

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From: [Grant Anderson](#)
To: [Agency Wide: News Clippings](#)
Subject: Legislative Update for Monday, June 25, 2018
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 12:15:30 PM

The Senate reconvenes at 3:00 p.m.

According to *CQ*, the Senate reconvenes at 3 p.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the fiscal 2019 three-bill spending package (HR 5895). At 5:30 p.m. the Senate is expected to vote on passage of the fiscal 2019 three-bill spending package (HR 5895), as amended. Additional roll call votes are possible.

The House reconvenes at 2:00 p.m.

According to *CQ*, the House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report on a letter from OGE Acting Director David Apol last week to 66 Members of Congress. [Trump business dealings raise 'serious concerns,' ethics office says \(Washington Post\)](#); [The government's top ethics official said Trump's business deals 'raise serious concerns' — but he doesn't have the authority to investigate \(Business Insider\)](#); [Trump Chinese Business Deal Raises 'Serious Concerns,' Says U.S. Ethics Chief \(Huffington Post\)](#)

The New York Times and *Vanity Fair* report that ethics experts are raising concerns about challenge coins created in the Trump Administration, including coins featuring President Trump's properties, such as Mar-a-Lago. [Trump Leaves His Mark on a Presidential Keepsake \(New York Times\)](#); ["Thicker, Wider, and More Gold": Even Trump's Challenge Coins are a Tacky Ethical Nightmare \(Vanity Fair\)](#)

The Washington Post and *The Hill* report that a watchdog group has asked for an investigation into whether Commerce Secretary Ross made a false statement to OGE and violated insider trading rules. [Watchdog group calls for investigation into Wilbur Ross's financial dealings \(Washington Post\)](#); [Scrutiny ramps up over Commerce secretary's stock moves \(The Hill\)](#)

Multiple outlets report that former OGE director Walter Shaub said that the White House press secretary's decision to tweet from her official account about being kicked out of a restaurant violated federal ethics regulations. [Ex-White House ethics chief: Sarah Sanders tweet violates ethics laws \(The Hill\)](#); [Sarah Huckabee Sanders' Restaurant Tweet Was Illegal, Says Ex-Ethics Chief \(Huffington Post\)](#); [Obama administration official accuses Sarah Huckabee Sanders of ethics violation for Red Hen tweet \(Washington Times\)](#)

Multiple outlets report that EPA Administrator Pruitt discussed hiring a friend of a lobbyist family that owned a condominium he was renting for \$50 a night. *The New York Times* notes that the Standards of Ethical Conduct guidelines urge agency officials to "avoid any actions creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards." [New Emails Suggest Scott Pruitt Discussed Hiring a Friend of Lobbyist Landlord \(New York Times\)](#); [Lobbyist tied to Pruitt's condo rental pushed for EPA to hire family friend, emails show \(Washington Post\)](#); [Pruitt staff had extensive relationship with lobbyist tied to 'sweetheart' condo deal, emails show \(ABC News\)](#)

Politico reports that the U.S. Office of Special Counsel is reviewing claims that EPA Administrator Pruitt retaliated against a handful of employees who pushed back against his spending and

management. [Pruitt faces another probe for employee retaliation allegations](#)

Politico reports on the White House tapping outsiders as volunteers for intensive planning for international trips, which could raise ethics issues, according to experts. [‘A potential gold mine’ for Trump’s summit planner](#)

The Wall Street Journal reports on legal defense funds, specifically referencing the Patriot Legal Expense Fund Trust and OGE guidance. [Trump Associates Facing Mounting Legal Bills Turn to Financial Backers for Help](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: June 29-July 9

Senate: July 2-6

From: Gail Cornelius
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Using Government Accounts
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 12:23:50 PM

I think it's time for Donald Trump to stop using his Presidential account to degrade American businesses. If he has a personal opinion he should use a personal ACCOUNT.

Gail Cornelius

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From: Peggy Carter
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Ethics Violation?
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 1:23:46 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm assuming that the President is using a government phone. Is Trump's disparaging tweets about the Red Hen Restaurant (see below) an ethics violation? It appears to me that he's using Twitter on behalf of the government to blackball this restaurant.



[Donald J. Trump](#)
[@realDonaldTrump](#)

The Red Hen Restaurant should focus more on cleaning its filthy canopies, doors and windows (badly needs a paint job) rather than refusing to serve a fine person like Sarah Huckabee Sanders. I always had a rule, if a restaurant is dirty on the outside, it is dirty on the inside!

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Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

Peggy Carter

From: Sandycdt
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Director of Government Ethics
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 1:31:10 PM

We the people of the United States demand an immediate investigation of Press Secretary Sarah H. Sanders and President Donald Trump for violations of Ethics Laws pertaining to the use of their Government accounts to illegally disparage a private business, the Red Hen restaurant in Lexington, VA on June 23 and 24. Their phones should have been impounded first thing this morning and proceedings should have started against them both for their criminal behavior.

NO ONE is above the law.

DO YOUR JOB!!!

Saundra R Stehlin

Cincinnati, Ohio

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Juliann Olson
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Violations from the Office of the President and the White House Press Secretary
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 2:48:38 PM

Office of Government Ethics,

Notification of violations of both the President and the White House Press Secretary using their Government positions to publicly defame a private business, Red Hen, and the Presidents use of verbal threats to go after a business and threatening the personal safety of Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

Requesting an immediate investigation into these matters and seeking a resolution and sanction of these two Government Officials.

Thank you,

Mrs. Juliann Olson

From: Patrick Shepherd
To: Contact OGE
Subject: RE: WUSA9 MEDIA REQUEST- SARAH SANDERS ETHICS
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 3:06:35 PM
Attachments: image001.png
image002.png
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image004.png
image005.png

Suzanne,

Thanks, I have spoken with Eliana

Best,
Patrick

From: Contact OGE
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Patrick Shepherd
Subject: FW: WUSA9 MEDIA REQUEST- SARAH SANDERS ETHICS

Patrick,

Pls see below

Suzanne

From: Block, Eliana [mailto:eliana.block@wusa9.com]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 12:50 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: WUSA9 MEDIA REQUEST- SARAH SANDERS ETHICS

Good Afternoon,

My name is Eliana Block with WUSA9, the CBS-affiliate in Washington, D C
I would like to know whether Sarah Huckabee Sanders violated ethics laws by posting a negative tweet about a restaurant with her official Press Secretary Twitter Account



Sarah Sanders ✓
@PressSec

Following

Last night I was told by the owner of Red Hen in Lexington, VA to leave because I work for @POTUS and I politely left. Her actions say far more about her than about me. I always do my best to treat people, including those I disagree with, respectfully and will continue to do so

11:53 AM - 23 Jun 2018

48,629 Retweets 170,128 Likes



157K 49K 170K



Walter Shaub ✓
@waltshaub

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Sarah, I know you don't care even a tiny little bit about the ethics rules, but using your official account for this is a clear violation of 5 CFR 2635.702(a). It's the same as if an ATF agent pulled out his badge when a restaurant tried to throw him/her out.

Sarah Sanders ✓ @PressSec

Last night I was told by the owner of Red Hen in Lexington, VA to leave because I work for @POTUS and I politely left. Her actions say far more about her than about me. I always do my best to treat people, including those I disagree with, respectfully and will continue to do so

4:39 PM - 23 Jun 2018

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3.4K 40K 115K

Please give me a call as soon as you can,
I am on deadline,
Thank you,

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From: Laurie Lenahan
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Ethics violation - sarah huckabee sanders
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 3:25:10 PM

Sara Huckabee Sanders used her official government Twitter account to retaliate against a private business that requested she leave.

How do i file an official complaint for ethics violation?

From: Joni Dalgar
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Ethics question / Request
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 4:50:56 PM

Dear OGE representative,

I got to thinking today after seeing an article stating that a former OGE Officer claims that Sarah Huckabee Sanders may have breached an ethics standard by tweeting about the incident at the restaurant and I decided to reach out to you.

First let me say that I think just about everything on both sides is out of control. The restaurant didn't need to ask her to leave. She didn't need to tweet about it and Trump sure as heck should not have added his nastiness.

So that's what got me thinking. If she may have erred in using the gov't twitter account, how can Mr Trump not ever be in violation of any ethics standards?

FYI - I am Unaffiliated and have voted both ways. This isn't about my political leaning because I vote based on the issues of the time and integrity of the candidate. I look for good leaders. (And I don't consider him a Republican - or a leader.) He has been so divisive, zeroing in on the folks that are easier to get charged up, encouraging nastiness, crudeness, and name calling. He says false things enough to get people believing them - but there is no ethics breach?! More than 1/2 this country did not vote for him so he leading only half the country and calling the other half an array of nasty names - how is that ethical?

I understand his twitter account might not be a gov't one but he is the President. It shouldn't matter. His ethics, his (lack of) honesty, his (lack of) leadership ability (rather than finding half the country his enemy), should matter. With world opinion of us dropping at warp speed... How can he not be breaching any Government Ethics standards?

Please help me understand.

Thanks so much for your time.

Joni Dalgar, Clearwater, FL

From: Google Alerts
To: [Christopher J. Swartz](#)
Subject: Google Alert - office of government ethics
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 11:05:00 AM



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[VERIFY: Yes, Sarah Sanders' restaurant tweet violates **government ethics** rules](#)

WUSA9.com

The debate took off after Walter Shaub, the former Director of the U.S. **Office of Government Ethics** said Sarah violated ethics rules. Then a bunch of ...

[Ethics being questioned after Trump, Sanders tweet about local restaurant](#) - WSET

[Was Sarah Sanders' Tweet About Red Hen An **Ethics** Violation? A Former **Ethics** Chief Thinks So](#) - Elite Daily

[Ex-**Ethics** Chief: Sanders' Restaurant Tweet Broke Federal Rules](#) - Newser

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Politico

If it were me, I would advise against it," said Marilyn Glynn, who was acting director of the **Office of Government Ethics** under Bush. POLITICO spoke to ...



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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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[Ex-**Ethics** Chief: Sanders' Tweet Was Illegal](#)

HuffPost

Sarah Huckabee Sanders violated federal law, according to the former head of the U.S. **Office of Government Ethics**, Walter Shaub.



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[Trump calls Waters 'extraordinarily low IQ person' in wake of restaurant controversy](#)

ABC News

Sanders violated ethics laws when she used her official White House ... "I personally think she should be referred to the **Office of Government Ethics**."



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[Trump Associates Facing Mounting Legal Bills Turn to Financial Backers for Help](#)

Wall Street Journal

The **Office of Government Ethics** reviewed and blessed the fund in February. Its interim manager, former New York Rep. Nan Hayworth, has sole ...



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The Cryptocurrency Analytics

The **Office of Government Ethics** of United States recently commanded federal workers to report their holdings of digital currency. This is according to ...



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Salon

Tom Price, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Reince Priebus ... Walter Shaub, director of the **Office of Government Ethics**.



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Hot Air

The Forbes piece levels harsh accusations at the former banker mainly that he wasn't honest in multiple **Office of Government Ethics** filings in 2017 ...



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From: Shane
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Re: Contains CUI
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:15:07 PM

Thanks for taking the time to respond. I hope someday we get back to a time when the president conducts himself more professionally.

On Jun 26, 2018, at 3:20 PM, Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov> wrote:

CONTROLLED

Dear Shane:

Thank you for your email to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

OGE is a small agency within the executive branch which assists other executive branch departments and agencies to implement ethics rules and policies that deal with conflict-of-interest laws, post-employment restrictions, the standards of ethical conduct, and the public and confidential financial disclosure systems.

Most of the [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#) do not apply to a President or Vice President. For instance, OGE's regulations on gifts from outside sources and gifts from employees apply to a President, but OGE's regulations on impartiality in performing official duties and misuse of position do not. Since 1983, however, when OGE issued [Legal Advisory 83x16](#), OGE has consistently held that a President should conduct himself "as if" he or she was bound by the same [criminal conflict of interest laws](#) and standards of conduct applicable to executive branch employees.

A President is also bound by the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act (STOCK Act), which imposes limited ethics-related restrictions on the President. For instance, The STOCK Act bars the President from: using nonpublic information for private profit; engaging in insider trading; participating in an initial public offering; intentionally influencing an employment decision or practice of a private entity solely on the basis of partisan political affiliation; and participating in a particular matter directly and predictably affecting the financial interests of any person with whom he has, or is negotiating for, an agreement of future employment or compensation. In addition, OGE is authorized to review the President's annual, periodic transaction, and termination financial disclosure reports.

Ultimately, under the Constitution, the primary authority to oversee the President's ethics rests with Congress, and, ultimately, with the American people.

For more information on the ethics laws and rules which apply to a President, Vice President and executive branch employees, education materials, letters to Congress, where to report misconduct, and more, please visit the [OGE website](#).

Thank you.

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U.S. Office of Government Ethics

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane [mailto:**(b) (6)**]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 9:57 AM

To: Contact OGE

Subject:

Hi, I don't understand how Trump's tweet about the Red Hen is not an ethics violation. Please explain.

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From: karo maldo
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Press Secy Misuse of official account
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 8:44:36 PM

I would like to know why Sarah Huckabee Sanders is not under investigation for misusing her official twitter account and her position to complain about a private incident involving a restaurant. She intentionally wrote about it on Twitter and she deliberately spoke of the incident while serving in her official position. Clearly her intent was to harm the business.

If she is being investigated, I stand corrected. If not, why not?

Karolyn Maldonado

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From: Joaquin Rafael Roces
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Cc: letters@washpost.com; Kitty Jung; letters@rollingstone.com
Subject: Ethics Violations
Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:05:37 PM
Attachments: [20180625_103512.png](#)
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I am lodging a formal complaint against US Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders for using her official Twitter account to malign or retaliate or interfere with another private individual's or business' economic operations. This is a clear violation of 5 CFR 2635.702. It's the same as if an ATF agent pulled out his badge or used the power of his office to retaliate when a restaurant tried to throw him/her out.

Secretary Huckabee Sanders did on June 23 2018 use or permit the use of her Government position or title or any authority associated with her public office in a manner that could reasonably be construed to imply that her office or agency or the Government sanctions or endorses her personal activities.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders decided to blast a local Virginia restaurant, the Red Hen, on her official, government-owned Twitter account because it refused her service. She criticized a private business from the Twitter account @PressSec, which has more than 3 million followers. By doing so she invoked her official title and color of her office as the White House Press Secretary. 3 million followers read this post, not from Me. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, but from the White House Press Secretary speaking on behalf of the Office of the President of the United States.

The Secretary's embarrassing experience at Red Hen is a private and personal expressing with not relation or official ties to her duties, her public office or the government. Secretary Huckabee Sanders decided to criticize a local private Virginia restaurant on her official, government-owned Twitter account, @PressSec, because it refused her service. she consciously criticized a private business from the Twitter account @PressSec, which has more than 3 million followers. Secretary Huckabee Sanders does have a personal account: @SarahHuckabee. She posted on her personal account as recently as June 22nd, the day before her criticism of the Red Hen. So her action appears to have been deliberate and calculated to not only malign the private business but interfere with the private business right to economic prosperity and business operation by using her influence not a private citizen, but under the color of her office. After all, her private Twitter account only has 228 thousand followers as opposed to the 3 million followers on her official account @PressSec.

Secretary Huckabee Sanders' father, the Reverend Mike Huckabee, responded to the @PressSec post with his own post using @GovMikeHuckabee with derogatory comments about the private business and its employees. The former Arkansas Governor, Reverend Mike Huckabee's response was "Bigotry. On the menu at Red Hen Restaurant in Lexington VA. Or you can ask for the 'Hate Plate'. And appetizers are 'small plates for small minds,'" he tweeted. The President himself also made several libelous and defamatory remarks on Twitter in response to Secretary Huckabee Sanders' post on @PressSec.

The legal definition of libel is a method of defamation expressed by print, writing, pictures, signs, effigies, or any communication embodied in physical form

that is injurious to a person's reputation, exposes a person to public hatred, contempt or ridicule, or injures a person in his/her business or profession.

In essence, Secretary Huckabee Sanders has used her official capacity and office to commit libel and the responses from her father on @GovMikeHuckabee and the President's response on his personal Twitter account are evident of the Secretary's intent to cause the owner of the Red Hen harm and injury and exposes the owner and her business to public hatred, contempt or ridicule, and cause financial injury to a person in his/her business or profession.

Generally, defamation is a false and unprivileged statement of fact that is harmful to someone's reputation, and published "with fault," meaning as a result of negligence or malice. The President's own comments could be construed as defamation if he has never visited or seen the Red Hen. As he is the President, I am sure any visit to the Red Hen would have had ample public records, news photos or even receipts to substantiate. If he has never been or seen the Red Hen, then his comment in response to the @PressSec post is purely out of malice.

These words are not only inflammatory, defamatory and libelous, it also clearly demonstrates Secretary Huckabee Sanders' malice and intent to use the official capacity of her public office to cause harm and injury to a private business and interfere with its constitutionally protected free market rights to pursue economic prosperity with out undue interference from the government or it's agents.

Further the response and comments from the Reverend Huckabee clearly demonstrates Secretary Huckabee Sanders used her public office for her own private agenda and to seek the endorsement of and for the private gain of friends, relatives, or other persons with whom the Secretary is affiliated with in a nongovernmental capacity. In this case the Right Honorable Reverend Mike Huckabee. (Last I checked, Mr. William As a Hutchinson II is the current Governor of Arkansas, even though Reverend Huckabee's Twitter account implies he is still a governor)

Further Secretary Huckabee Sanders' use of her public office's official Twitter account @PressSec is a violation 5 CFR 2635.807(b). 2635.807(b) which prohibits the Secretary to engage in teaching, speaking or in this case, writing outside her employment or official capacity regarding any outside activity and shall not use or permit the use of her official title or position to identify her in connection with her writing activity or to promote any book, seminar, or course. I may note that even the President when criticizing the Red Hen, the media or private athletes does not do so from his office's official Twitter account, but instead uses his personal account for such writings that are deemed outside his official capacity as noted in 2635.807(b).

As a public official, Secretary Huckabee Sanders, is subject to these laws governing the professional conduct and ethics of her office in the service of the American public. Included in this email are copies of the Secretary's post and both that of the Reverend Mike Huckabee and

the President. Additionally, there are numerous public documentation in print and digital media to corroborate these attachments and substantiate the contents of this complaint. Because of her lapse of judgement, the Red Hen and its owner can effectively sue the US Government for Libel and Defamation. Given the media coverage this has recieved, they would have a strong case.

I ask this honorable body that the Secretary be held to account for her ethics violation, and gross misuse of the power of her office and the the trust placed upon her by the American People. I further ask this honorable body, should it find my complaint just and substantiated, to impose the maximum penalties allowed by law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joaquin Rafael Roces
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