

Write an analysis of Arpaio squandering taxpayer money: a one-page essay critique of its argument. Start with one or two sentences stating the writer's claim and reasons. Then develop your argument as to the strengths, if any, and weaknesses of the argument, including ambiguous terms, unacceptable assumptions, fallacies, quality of evidence, and use/misuse of language. (Do not take sides on the issue)

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I am outraged that, in these financially difficult times, Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office would provide expensive rides for his **top bananas** for commuting to work ("Sheriff cars paid with crime funds," Sunday).

They can use their own cars for that, just like the rest of us. And none of those baloney excuses, either. They get to use plain old regular vehicles for their running around, intimidating the sheriff's critics.

Just for the record, I want to see immigration enforcement, but Arpaio always has to make a big show of it while frightening a lot of innocent people.

Trouble is, the sheriff forgets about his other duties - like getting prisoners to court. Spend the money on closed-circuit hearings. That would save time and money.

Arpaio wastes money on publicity stunts that his supporters love, but that's not a good use of taxpayers *[sic]* money

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