

## CELEBRITIES

# EgyptAir's bizarre Drew Barrymore interview, explained as best we can

BY BETHONIE BUTLER  
*The Washington Post*

The mysteries of the universe got a bit more expansive this week, thanks to a bizarre and possibly fake interview with Drew Barrymore that appeared in EgyptAir's in-flight magazine.

Is the viral interview real, fake or — perhaps — some mixture of both? We're here to help you explore this confounding pop culture moment. Get comfortable: There are layers to this.

## HOW DID THE CONTROVERSY START?

On Monday, a Twitter user shared photos of a “surreal” interview with Barrymore in the magazine Horus.

“Despite being unstable in her relationships most of her life,” the article began, “despite the several unsuccessful marriages and despite the busy life of stardom that dominated her life for several years; the beautiful American Hollywood actress Drew Barrymore has recently decided to temporary take an unlimited vacation to lay her most crucial role as a mother.”

The article, which is riddled with spelling and grammatical errors, went on to explain that Barrymore had become a stay-at-home mother to her two daughters, Olive and Frankie, and dropped this whopper: “It is known that Barrymore has had almost 17 relationships, engagements and marriages; psychologists believe that her behavior is only natural since she lacked the male role model in her life after her

parents' divorce when she was only 9 years old.”

It gets weirder from there, but let's just unpack that intro. To start, it's a little odd that a celebrity profile would begin by calling its subject “unstable in her relationships.” Aside from that, many people zeroed in on the article's claim that Barrymore had decided to become a stay-at-home mom.

## WHY DID PEOPLE TAKE ISSUE WITH THAT CLAIM?

Barrymore has talked a great deal about being a working mom. In an Instagram post earlier this year, she shared the special calendar system she started so that Olive would know the exact days her mom would be traveling for work and when she would return home.

“I always explain to her that I love my job,” Barrymore wrote. “I don't say ‘I have to go work’ with a grimace on my face, because I fear it will make her feel negative about something a lot of moms must do to provide.”

What else was weird about the article?

Once the Horus article gets to the interview section, the weirdness continues. One question mentions Barrymore's return to her “previous graceful body,” and the actress is quoted as saying she feels “overwhelmed when someone tells me that I have regained my image and managed to lose that extra weight, especially that I felt depressed due to the significant increase in my weight after delivering Frankie.”

In response to a question about “the status of women



CHRIS PIZZELLO AP

A spokesperson for Barrymore told Huffington Post that the actress “did not participate” in the EgyptAir interview and that her team was “working with the airline PR team.”

today,” Barrymore reportedly said: “I cannot deny that women made a great achievement over a past century; there is significant progress recorded by people who study women status throughout history.”

## BUT WAIT, DID THE INTERVIEW EVEN HAPPEN?

Chris Miller, president of Barrymore Brands and the actress' production company, Flower Films, told BuzzFeed News he didn't “have any record of this interview happening” but that he would look into it.

A spokesperson for Barrymore later told The Huffington Post that the actress “did not participate” in the interview and that her team was “working with the airline PR team.” That would imply that the interview was fake, right?

Not so fast. EgyptAir contends that the interview is real, telling curious Twitter users that the article is “a professional magazine interview conducted by” a former president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association,

the organization behind the Golden Globe Awards.

But even EgyptAir's response, delivered via the airline's verified Twitter account, raised eyebrows. The tweet misspelled the name of the article's author, Aida Takla, who was indeed formerly president of the HFPA, though she is referred to as Aida Takla-O'Reilly on the HFPA's website. Takla's name was also misspelled in the Horus article byline, which reads “Aida Tekla.”

An unverified Twitter

account, purportedly belonging to Takla, also weighed in, noting that the writer has been a longtime correspondent for Horus and NisfiDunya, a magazine published by the Egyptian news organization Al-Ahram. The tweet also said that Horus is “authorized to edit the final version of the interviews” but that “this doesn't negate the fact that the interview ... is genuine & far from fake.”

That tweet appears to be somewhat consistent with what Miller told BuzzFeed News in a follow-up email: The intro of the article was written by someone at Horus, but Takla wrote the Q&A portion of the interview. But Miller told the site the Q&A answers were based on comments Barrymore made at an HFPA news conference. (We've reached out to both Miller and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for clarification.)

@Aidatakla1's tweet, which was shared by EgyptAir, also raised red flags because it misspelled Barrymore's name. When a Twitter user asked about the egregious typo, @Aidatakla1 replied: “Sorry I dictated it.”

- Which brings us to another theory about the article.

Perhaps, as many people have posited, the article is the result of a botched translation job. That could explain the many grammatical and spelling issues.

Buzzfeed News reports that a Barrymore interview — one that seems similar to the Horus one and is by the same author — recently appeared in NisfiDunya, which is published in Arabic. And People magazine quotes “a source close to the actress” as saying the article “truly is an innocent translation job that somehow made it through the channels.”

EXPERT  
ADVICE

**CRUISE.COM**<sup>®</sup>

LOWEST  
PRICE

Never a Booking Fee

**LOWEST CRUISE PRICES GUARANTEED!**

**SAIL INTO SAVINGS!**

up to \$1700 Onboard Credit, up to \$1700 Cash Back, 60% OFF 2nd Guest,  
Pick 2 to 4 Amenities, Free Gratuities, Free Specialty Dining,  
**FREE OPEN BAR, Free Internet, Free Upgrades, Free Beverage Package,**  
Kids or 3rd/4th Guest Sail Free and Reduced Deposit on select sailings

**ALASKA**

**NORWEGIAN**  
CRUISE LINE

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Vancouver to Seward

**\$499\***  
pp  
Fr. \$649\*  
Ocean View \$1449\*  
Balcony \$1499\*  
Taxes & fees \$181.90pp

**Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Vancouver to Seward

**\$579\***  
pp  
Fr. \$789\*  
Ocean View \$1349\*  
Balcony \$1349\*  
Taxes & fees \$181.90pp

**Holland America Line**  
SAFELY THE JOURNEY

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Vancouver to Seward

**\$599\***  
pp  
Fr. \$889\*  
Ocean View \$1279\*  
Balcony \$1279\*  
Taxes & fees \$181.90pp

**Celebrity X**  
CRUISES

3-Day Bahamas  
Sailing round-trip  
Miami, FL

**\$159\***  
pp  
Fr. \$179\*  
Ocean View \$209\*  
Balcony \$209\*  
Taxes & fees \$96.52pp

**Carnival**  
CRUISE LINE

3-Day Bahamas  
Sailing round-trip  
Miami, FL

**\$199\***  
pp  
Fr. \$229\*  
Ocean View \$309\*  
Balcony \$309\*  
Taxes & fees \$93.65pp

**Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL

3-Day Bahamas  
Sailing round-trip  
Miami, FL

**\$199\***  
pp  
Fr. \$239\*  
Ocean View \$269\*  
Balcony \$269\*  
Taxes & fees \$93.65pp

**Celebrity X**  
CRUISES

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Seward to Vancouver

**\$649\***  
pp  
Fr. \$939\*  
Ocean View \$1489\*  
Balcony \$1489\*  
Taxes & fees \$191.72pp

**PRINCESS CRUISES**

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Vancouver to Seattle

**\$659\***  
pp  
Fr. \$749\*  
Ocean View \$979\*  
Balcony \$979\*  
Taxes & fees \$191.72pp

**Carnival**  
CRUISE LINE

7-Day Alaska  
Sailing  
Vancouver to Seattle

**\$689\***  
pp  
Fr. \$869\*  
Ocean View \$1049\*  
Balcony \$1049\*  
Taxes & fees \$191.72pp

**NORWEGIAN**  
CRUISE LINE

3-Day Bahamas  
Sailing r/t Miami, FL  
**OPEN BAR**

**\$249\***  
pp  
Fr. \$289\*  
Ocean View \$369\*  
Balcony \$369\*  
Taxes & fees \$96.52pp

**Holland America Line**  
SAFELY THE JOURNEY

7-Day Bahamas  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$429\***  
pp  
Fr. \$429\*  
Ocean View \$609\*  
Balcony \$609\*  
Taxes & fees \$93.65pp

**Costa**  
CRUISES

7-Day Bahamas  
X-Mas Cruise Sailing  
r/t Fort Lauderdale

**\$579\***  
pp  
Fr. \$669\*  
Ocean View \$859\*  
Balcony \$859\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**Celebrity X**  
CRUISES

5-Day Caribbean  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$209\***  
pp  
Fr. \$249\*  
Ocean View \$279\*  
Balcony \$279\*  
Taxes & fees \$100.12pp

**NORWEGIAN**  
CRUISE LINE

7-Day Caribbean  
Sailing round-trip  
Miami, FL

**\$329\***  
pp  
Fr. \$459\*  
Ocean View \$529\*  
Balcony \$529\*  
Taxes & fees \$100.12pp

**DEAL OF THE WEEK**

**Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL

5-Day Caribbean Cruise  
sailing round-trip Fort Lauderdale, FL

**\$179\***  
pp  
Fr. \$189\*  
Ocean View \$579\*  
Balcony \$579\*  
BOGO 60 SALE: 60% OFF 2nd Guest,  
30% OFF 3rd/4th Guests + Instant Savings  
on select ships, sailings & categories

**Holland America Line**  
SAFELY THE JOURNEY

7-Day Caribbean  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$409\***  
pp  
Fr. \$429\*  
Ocean View \$539\*  
Balcony \$539\*  
Taxes & fees \$100.12pp

**MSC**  
CRUISES

7-Day Caribbean  
Sailing r/t Miami, FL  
**FREE DRINKS**

**\$479\***  
pp  
Fr. \$569\*  
Ocean View \$659\*  
Balcony \$659\*  
Taxes & fees \$100.12pp

**PRINCESS CRUISES**

7-Day Caribbean  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$489\***  
pp  
Fr. \$629\*  
Ocean View \$809\*  
Balcony \$809\*  
Taxes & fees \$100.12pp

**Costa**  
CRUISES

7-Day Europe  
Sailing round-trip  
Rome, Italy

**\$439\***  
pp  
Fr. \$529\*  
Ocean View \$669\*  
Balcony \$669\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**NORWEGIAN**  
CRUISE LINE

10-Day Europe  
Sailing round-trip  
Barcelona, Spain

**\$479\***  
pp  
Fr. \$579\*  
Ocean View \$779\*  
Balcony \$779\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**MSC**  
CRUISES

10-Day Europe  
Sailing round-trip  
Barcelona, Spain

**\$639\***  
pp  
Fr. \$729\*  
Ocean View \$1159\*  
Balcony \$1159\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**Carnival**  
CRUISE LINE

7-Day Mexico  
Sailing round-trip  
Long Beach, CA

**\$409\***  
pp  
Fr. \$509\*  
Ocean View \$749\*  
Balcony \$749\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL

6-Day U.S./Canada  
Sailing round-trip  
Bayonne, NJ

**\$460\***  
pp  
Fr. \$595\*  
Ocean View \$839\*  
Balcony \$839\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**MSC**  
CRUISES

7-Day Cuba  
Sailing round-trip  
Miami, FL

**\$539\***  
pp  
Fr. \$579\*  
Ocean View \$1489\*  
Balcony \$1489\*  
Taxes & fees \$156.63pp

**CUNARD**  
CRUISE LINE

12-Day  
Canary Islands  
Sailing round-trip  
Southampton, England

**\$1259\***  
pp  
Fr. \$1849\*  
Ocean View \$1849\*  
Balcony \$1849\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

**Celebrity X**  
CRUISES

10-Day Europe  
Sailing Rome, Italy  
to Barcelona, Spain

**\$1299\***  
pp  
Fr. \$1679\*  
Ocean View \$2439\*  
Balcony \$2439\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

**OCEANIA CRUISES**

10-Day Europe  
Sailing Monte Carlo  
to Barcelona, Spain

**\$2379\***  
pp  
Fr. \$2769\*  
Ocean View \$4249\*  
Balcony \$4249\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

**Holland America Line**  
SAFELY THE JOURNEY

10-Day Panama  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$539\***  
pp  
Fr. \$609\*  
Ocean View \$799\*  
Balcony \$799\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

**PRINCESS CRUISES**

10-Day Caribbean  
Sailing round-trip  
Fort Lauderdale

**\$749\***  
pp  
Fr. \$779\*  
Ocean View \$1279\*  
Balcony \$1279\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

**NORWEGIAN**  
CRUISE LINE

7-Day Hawaii  
Sailing round-trip  
Honolulu

**\$899\***  
pp  
Fr. \$1299\*  
Ocean View \$1549\*  
Balcony \$1549\*  
Taxes & fees \$119.72pp

866-373-8409

Prices are pp/dbl. cruise only and may reflect resident rates on select sailings. Certain restrictions apply. Gov't taxes and fees are additional. Prices include NCF's. Prices are quoted in US dollars. All itineraries and prices are current at time of printing and are subject to change without notice. All exclusive deals are per cabin on select ships and sail dates and are not redeemable for cash. Ships' Registry: The Bahamas and Panama. CST #2015595-90 / Lowest Price Guarantee. In order to qualify for the guarantee the competitor's rate that appears in the advertising must be available for booking and be on the identical Cruise-only product. (Ship, Date, Destination, Category, etc.) The customer must meet the requirements for any rules that apply from the cruise lines in offering the rate. The guarantee does not apply to air, land components, onboard charges etc. This offer is only valid on cruise lines that are members of CLIA.

**TOWN OF CUTLER BAY**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING**

**THE TOWN'S LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**REGULATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Cutler Bay, Florida, to consider the adoption of the Ordinance described below:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3-58, “NC, NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER DISTRICT” RELATING TO PERMITTED USES FOR PERSONAL SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 3-59, “TRC, TRANSIT CORRIDOR DISTRICT” RELATING TO PERMITTED USES FOR OUTDOOR DINING; AMENDING SECTION 3-60, “TC, TOWN CENTER DISTRICT” RELATING TO PERMITTED USES FOR PERSONAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Town Council may continue or defer the hearing to a new date and time certain without further notice provided the date and time of the continuance or deferral is announced at the hearing. The Ordinance in its entirety may be inspected at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Persons wishing to appeal any decisions made by the Town Council with respect to any mater considered at such hearing will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Any and all interested parties may appear at the above meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed items.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the Town Clerk's Office for assistance at (305) 234-4262, no later than four (4) business days prior to such proceeding.

Debra E. Eastman, MMC  
Town Clerk