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## Top Obama Advisor Refuses to Rule out Tax Hike on Working Families' Healthcare *Is Obama gearing up to break his tax pledge?*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senior White House Counsel Valerie Jarrett on Sunday [refused to rule out](#) tax hikes which will raise the price of healthcare for [46 million](#) working families.

Appearing on *This Week* with George Stephanopoulos, Jarrett refused to rule out tax hikes on families making less than \$250,000 per year:

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: “So he will not -- bottom line, he will not violate that commitment, is what you're saying?”

VALERIE JARRETT: “What I'm saying is that he is confident that a bill that's going to be passed is going to be consistent with his parameters, yes.”

On Sept. 12, 2008, candidate Obama made the following promise to the American people:

***“I can make a firm pledge. Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes.”***

[\[Transcript\]](#) [\[Video clip\]](#)

On Oct. 3, 2008, Vice-Presidential candidate Joe Biden said:

***“No one making less than \$250,000 under Barack Obama's plan will see one single penny of their tax raised,” Biden said, “whether it's their capital gains tax, their income tax, investment tax, any tax.”***

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“President Obama and his paid spokesmen need to make clear to the American people whether they were lying during the campaign or if their campaign promises are, as Richard Nixon spokesman Ron Ziegler once said, ‘inoperative,’” responded Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

*Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).*

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