

# Health care lies

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**Quote**

“ "Either the mandate is a tax, as the Obama Justice Department now asserts in court, and President Barack Obama lied to the American people -- loudly, firmly, repeatedly, as he worked to get this massive federal power grab enacted -- or else Barack Obama was telling the truth last year, the penalty is not a tax, and the Justice Department (directly answerable to the president) is lying in court today when it asserts no one can challenge the mandate because it falls under the wide-ranging "taxing authority" ... that it's a tax. Someone's lying: either Barack Obama or Barack Obama."

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