



# JAY CARNEY DENIES IRS CORRUPTION: OBAMA'S 'SMIDGEN' NOT A GAFFE



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White House press secretary Jay Carney assured ABC News Chief White House Correspondent Jonathan Karl that President Obama did not “misspeak” when he said that there was “not even a smidgen ([http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american\\_english/smidgen](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/smidgen)) of corruption” in the IRS targeting scandal. President Obama made the remark to Fox News’s Bill O’Reilly in their Super Bowl Sunday interview ([http://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2014/02/02/obama\\_on\\_irs\\_scandal\\_not\\_even\\_a\\_smidgen\\_of\\_corruption.html](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2014/02/02/obama_on_irs_scandal_not_even_a_smidgen_of_corruption.html)).

Carney told Karl (<http://www.breitbart.com/Breitbart-TV/2014/02/03/ABCs-Jon-Karl-Hits-Jay-Carney-on-Obamas-IRS-Not-Even-Smidgen-of-Corruption-Remarks>) that there were “at least 20 news organizations” that agreed with an independent Investigator General who said, back in May, that he found no evidence “that anyone outside of the IRS” participated in any “inappropriate targeting of conservative, or progressive for that matter, groups in their application for tax exempt status.”

It is unclear how 20 news organizations siding with the IRS position on this matter proves an absence of collusion or corruption. Carney continually claims that there was no corruption “outside of the IRS,” and therefore that exonerates them and “completely backs up” Obama’s denial of corruption.

Karl reminded Carney that there is an active DOJ investigation into the IRS matter ongoing. The Chief White House Correspondent asked Carney whether the President was “prejudging the investigation” when he says there isn’t a “smidgen of corruption.” Karl suggested that, since Obama has already expressed with certainty that there is no corruption, then “why doesn’t he just pull the plug on the investigation?” Carney replied



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by saying, "Obviously we do not interfere with Department of Justice investigations."

At the end of the interchange, an unknown reporter can be heard commenting: "That 'smidgen' is going to go down in history."

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We need to make it a Felony for press secretaries to openly lie to the American people. This way when we prove that they knew it was a crime against conservatives, the propagandist can be prosecuted too.

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Notice what he said....."outside of the IRS,". So the corruption isn't outside of the IRS, it's INSIDE! Of course, if you've been paying attention, you knew it was on the inside from the start!

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And the investigation is ongoing the IRS has not been cleared of wrong doing in the matter.

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There is a lot yet to be discovered. That's why it was major mistake on Obama's part to insert the "not a smidgen" claim. and for Carney to lie WH Press reporters. They opened the can worms back up.

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there's nothing yet to be discovered. This is just another right wing conservative witch-hunt that ends up with nothing.just more waste of time and taxpayer money by "do nothing" Congress.

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You are a blind and deaf idiot! Hear no evil, see no evil because I like my party hacks more than the country.

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How many of the Tea Party and Conservative groups targeted by the IRS have been question by the FBI to this date? None. The fact is established that these people were targeted, that there was a BOLO list for conservative groups. There is still a Congressional Committee investigation going on. Facts are yet to come out. That's why the progressive sh'ts like want this to go away now.

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