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If Obama Wants to “Spread the Wealth,” He Ought to Start With His Personal Tax Gap

Barack Obama Has a Tax Gap of Over \$250,000

WASHINGTON, DC—Americans for Tax Reform today challenged Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) to put his money where his mouth is and pay up on his “tax gap.” Specifically, if Obama’s tax-increase policies had been in place since 2001, he would have paid \$250,727.70 in additional income taxes. This does not even count the additional Social Security payroll taxes he would have had to pay under his tax-increase plan, nor any interest or penalties.

“Obama talks a lot about “spreading the wealth” and “redistributing income,” said ATR President Grover Norquist. “Maybe he ought to start by “making a sacrifice” to the federal Treasury as part of his “patriotic duty.” We’ve even included a check for him.”

The Obama Tax Gap*

	Tax Gap
2001	\$420
2002	\$585
2003	\$910
2004	\$0
2005	\$60,257
2006	\$27,002
2007	\$161,555
Total Tax Gap	\$250,727

**Assumes that the 33% and 35% tax brackets were in fact 36% and 39.6%*



Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases.

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