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Barack Obama was the only major presidential candidate this year to completely reject contributions from the Washington lobbyists and special interest PACs that have dominated our politics for years. Instead, this campaign has been owned by the more than 2.5 million everyday Americans who have donated in small amounts.

The Obama campaign has complied fully with federal election law, including donor eligibility and contribution disclosure requirements. Any donation that has not met federal requirements, the campaign has fully-refunded.

But false and deceptive email rumors posing as a “column” by respected *New York Times* writer Maureen Dowd or as independent “research” by a concerned citizen are spreading cynical misinformation about Barack’s alleged foreign ties. These smear attacks use fake information and false claims of credibility to scare people who aren’t very familiar with Barack by making it sound like he’s doing something un-American or illegal.

The independent fact-check site Snopes.com determined that both the Maureen Dowd and research smears are definitively “false.” Snopes.com found that the research smear “combines a good deal of supposition and some elaborate conspiracy theory” to support its lies. And Snopes.com said of the fake Maureen Dowd smear, “aside from the article’s bogus attribution, the facts it posits about contributions to the Obama campaign are wrong.”

Some versions of these smears also take on the Obamas’ personal lives, making paranoid insinuations about how they paid for their educations (truth: student loans, just like millions of Americans) or where their friends were born (truth: Valerie Jarrett was born in Iran while her American-born parents were helping set up a hospital for the pro-American Iranian government at the time).

These smears are circulating all over the Internet. Fight back with the truth: make sure anyone who has seen this smear sees this site.

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