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**Pictured are Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to President Barack Obama, and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson**

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alone.**

**Black Journalist Kathy Wray Coleman interviewed now President Barack Obama one-on-one when he was running for president. As to the Obama interview, [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, OHIO'S LEADER IN BLACK DIGITAL NEWS](#)**

**CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio-Obama's administration's senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, a high ranking Black United States official and one of three senior advisers that has President Barack Obama's ear, visited Cleveland to get out the vote for the Obama's re-election in 2012 and interviewed one-on-one with Cleveland Urban News.Com Editor-in-Chief Kathy Wray Coleman. (Editor's note: This posting follows a nationally televised speech on Thursday by former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who condemned GOP presidential front runner Donald Trump as worthless phony, a con man, and a fraud, among other harsh comments. Such comments, and other factors, have divided the Republican Party in a presidential election year that will likely pit Democratic presidential front runner Hillary Clinton against Trump in the November general election for president)**

**And among-st a host of comments leveled during the 2012 interview, Jarrett called Romney, then the Republican nominee for president seeking to unseat Obama, a liar, and against women's rights.**

**And she was joined in that interview with Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, who is also Black, and former Ohio first lady Frances Strickland, the wife of former Gov Ted Strickland, now a Democratic candidate for Congress. [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM OF THE 2012 INTERVIEW WITH VALERIE JARRET. CLEVELAND MAYOR FRANK JACKSON AND FORMER OHIO FIRST LADY FRANCES STRICKLAND](#)**

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**"It's a pleasure for me to be back in Cleveland and we are so proud of our grassroots organization," said Jarrett to Cleveland Urban News.Com at that time of the interview in 2012, a campaign stop at campaign headquarters in downtown Cleveland where she also thanked the Obama for America Campaign volunteers.**

**"You can trust President Obama," said Jarrett of her boss, Obama, a Democrat, as are Jackson and Strickland.**

**Sitting side-by-side with Jarrett, a renowned political strategist in her own right, Jackson, a three-term mayor up for re-election next year, said then that he is appreciative of Jarrett and of Obama, the first Black president of the United States of America.**

**"I really appreciate you [Jarrett] coming to help because this election [Obama's re-election in 2012] is key to Cleveland and the state of Ohio," said Jackson, who like Obama, was born to a White mother and Black father, and has no problem claiming his Blackness.**

**A lawyer, business woman, civic leader and scholar who worked under former Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and was the deputy chief of staff to former Chicago Mayor Bill Daley, Jarrett, 61, who is also assistant to the president for public engagement and intergovernmental affairs, told Cleveland Urban News.Com that Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney is an outright liar who was desperate at deceiving the American public.**

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**"If he [Romney] will deceive you during the course of a campaign, what will he do if he gets elected?" said Jarrett during that interview.**

**Jarrett said then that Romney was lying when he said he supports women's rights while he backs overturning Roe v. Wade, and that he is lying when he says he is fair when his tax plan cuts taxes for the rich on the backs of the middle class and the poor. And, said Jarrett, Romney is no doubt lying when he says he supports the nation's public school teachers, when he advocates larger class sizes and breaking public sector teachers unions.**

**Jackson, as mayor, controls the city's public schools under state law.**

**"He [Obama] supports public education," said Jackson.**

**Cleveland area Black leaders said then, in 2012, that they were pleased with the show of support for the president, including Jarrett, Mayor Jackson and former Ohio first lady Frances Strickland.**

**"It is good to see senior officials from the White House, local elected officials, and state Democrats coming together in support of the re-election of President Barack Obama," said state Rep. John E. Barnes Jr. (D-12), a Cleveland Democrat. ( [www.clevelandurbannews.com](http://www.clevelandurbannews.com) ) / ( [www.kathywraycolemanonlinenewsblog.com](http://www.kathywraycolemanonlinenewsblog.com) ).**