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*White House Press Secretary Jay Carney Dodges On How Much Obama Wants To Increase The Debt Ceiling*

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**Today, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney Dodged On The Amount By Which Obama Wants To Increase The Debt Ceiling.** REPORTER: "If Congress today, since we've already gone over the debt ceiling, if Congress today wanted to legislate on this. I'm confused about - I'm just saying - in a hypothetical perfect world, if they were going to do this today. I'm not sure I understand whether the president has signaled how long a duration he is seeking, what dollar amount for the debt ceiling, how would they act if he is not negotiating and he hasn't suggested what it is he would sign?" WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY: "Look there is a long tradition here of Congress acting to raise the debt ceiling. This is a power that they have given themselves to do. And the point is, without drama and delay. A monthly extension is drama. Congress should simply do its job. We are not going to negotiate over extending the debt ceiling." (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington, D.C., 1/17/13)