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# Barack Obama

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# Introducing

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Maarten and I have chosen this topic because we find it interesting to learn more about the life of Barack Obama the first Afro America president of the United States of America and also if he was able to keep the promises while running for president . We thought it would be nice to make a paper about Barack Obama but we also thought it would be difficult to do so in English because English is not our favored langue.

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# Elections 2008

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## Elections

2008 is election time again in America.

Not only in America a sensitive moment, the whole world will feel it!

Will Obama and America overcome the crisis? Will the war in Iraq stop? 2 men are running to become the next president of America.

They are Barak Obama and John McCain. As always, a Democrat and a Republican.

John McCain was already 72 years when he ran for president. Many people felt that this is of course a little bit old to become president. John McCain was elected by the electors of the Republican Party. Their last president was George Bush. He was also a member of the Republican Party.

Barack Obama was 47 years when he proposed as a candidate for President, a good age. Obama was senator for the state of Illinois from 1997 to 2004. From 2005 to November 2008 he was the United States Senator on behalf of the state of Illinois in Washington DC. Barack Obama was elected by the electors for the Democratic Party.



The American election are always between two parties: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. The American presidential elections of 2008 were held on November 4, 2008. These

presidential elections have decided who will succeed George Bush and become the 44th President of the United States. In order to become president, you have to get the most electoral votes. Ultimately Barack Obama got 364 electoral votes for himself. John McCain his opponent got only 174 votes.

On January 20, 2009 Barack Obama officially became the 44th president of the United States. Barack Obama is the first black president in the history of the United States of America.

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# Who is Obama

## His live in a nutshell

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Obama's dad Barack Obama sr. was a Luo from Kenya. His mother Ann Dunham was a American from Kansas. His parents divorced in 1964 when Obama was two years old. His father went back to Kenya. Obama seen him once since that day. After the divorce his mother married Lolo Soetoro, a Indonesia student who studied in Hawaii. In 1967 they moved to Jakarta. During this period Barry Soetoro, followed for 2 years catholic primary school. After that he followed State Elementary School Menteng 01. 4 years later when Obama was 10, he went beck to Honolulu en went living with the parents of his mother. Here he went to high school till 1979. When Obama was 21 his father died on a car accident in Kenya. His mother came back to Hawaii, but later she went back to Indonesia. She died of cancer in 1995, a few months later Obama's first book appear "dreams from my father".

After high school Obama moved to Los Angeles. He studied on the Occidental College for 2 years. He continued his study at Columbie-University in New york, where he graduated in in politicologie in 1983. After his study he worked as a recharger by the New York Public Interest Group. In 1985 he moved to Chicago. From 1985 to 1988 he was head of the Developing Communities Project (DCP). DCP was a program founded by the catholic church. He ended his period by visiting Europe and Kenya. In Kenya he met members of his family.



At the beginning of 1988 Barack Obama started his law study at Harvard-university. He was hot news when he was assigned president of Harvard Law Review in 1990. After graduating with the highest possible grade he returned to Chicago where he started to work as a lawyer. Obama taught par time law at the university of Chicago from 1993 to 2004. In the mean time he was employed part time as a lawyer by Davis, miner, Barnhill & Gralland from 1992 to 2002.

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# Where he fights for

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The biggest issues are Iraq, the Economy, Healthcare, and national security.

Iraq:

From the start of the invasion in Iraq Barack Obama was against the invasion. Obama was also against sending more troops to Iraq. He wanted to withdraw one or two brigades per month. In this way within 16 months all U.S. troops will be out of Iraq.



Economy:

Barack Obama wants tax relief for the middle class and working class in order to stabilize the economy. He also wants to turn back the tax cuts the government of President Bush approved. These tax cuts were especially for the higher incomes. So Obama wants to help the middle and the working class.

Healthcare:

Barak Obama and John McCain want something to be done to the health care system. Due to the economic crisis companies cut healthcare. Many people in America can't afford private health insurances and have to depend on first aid that is available for everyone. But unfortunately for these people only in cases of absolute emergency.

Besides the above mentioned things Barack Obama also wants more money for reliable communication after attacks like nine eleven. Obama wants to develop a conservation plan for the essential infrastructure. He also wants to secure chemical plants and ensure that there is a safe way to deal with nuclear waste.

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# What Obama achieved so far

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## Iraq:

In February 2009 Obama announced the withdrawal of American combat troops. In a speech on 31 August 2010 he declared that the American "the American combat mission in Iraq has ended. Operation Iraqi Freedom is over, and the Iraqi people now have lead responsibility for the security of their country." Since then the 50,000 remaining troops are now only there to advise and assist the Iraqi government. For the next few years there will remain two aviation brigades in Iraq to support the 50,000 troops in case of revolts.

## Economy:

After long discussions in both of the houses of congress the \$858 billion Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 was approved. President Obama strongly defended this compromised agreement that includes a two year extension of all the tax cuts. These tax cuts are not only for people with an income over \$250,000 but also for people with a lower income. This was something he said he was going to do when he became president of the USA. Besides the tax cuts a 13-month extension of unemployment insurance, a one-year reduction in the FICA payroll tax, and other measures were included in the Act. The Washington Post called it the most significant tax bill in nearly a decade.

## Healthcare:

After decades of struggle and a year of debate health reform is now a law in America. It means an end to the worst insurance company abuses, new rules that treat everyone fairly, and more choices and affordable health insurance for millions of Americans. 48 million uninsured Americans will have new, affordable insurance options, 5.6 million people with pre-existing conditions will no longer be denied insurance and tax cuts for up to 3.5 million small businesses to help pay for employee coverage. These are a few things which are the results of this new law. On March 23, 2010 Obama signed this bill into law.

From all things he wanted to do these three important issues were already taken care of. I think Obama is a very good president for the USA. He takes very good care of his people and he isn't afraid to find solutions for the big problems that America is dealing with.

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# Resources

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[Www.Wikipedia.Com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

[Www.Nu.Nl](http://www.nu.nl)

[Www.Trouw.Nl](http://www.trouw.nl)

<http://twitter.com/BARACKOBAMA>



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## AFTERWORD

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At the end of this piece, I hope you had fun while reading.

It was hard to do it in English, but we think it looks so good.

There was enough information to make the workpiece and we hope you learned a lot from