


There is nothing false about hope.

I'm asking you to believe.

Not just in my ability to bring about  
real change in Washington...

I'm asking you to believe in yours.



That we are one people; we are  
one nation; and together, we will  
begin the next great chapter in the  
American story with three words that  
will ring from coast to coast; from sea  
to shining sea:

Yes. We. Can.

# Barack Obama

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# 1 General Information

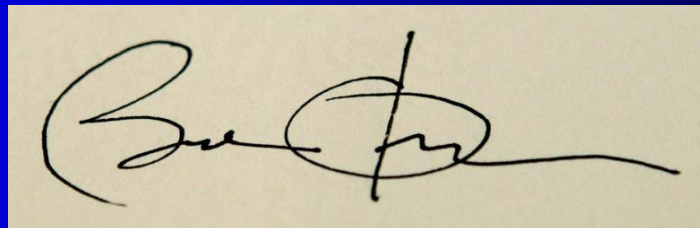


# 1 General Information

- Name: Barack Hussein Obama
  - Birthday: 04-08-1961
  - Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaii
  - Mother: Stanley Ann Dunham (1942-95)
  - Father: Barack Hussein Obama (1936-82)
- Grew up with grandmother
- Wife: Michelle Obama (\*1964) → 1992 ○○

# 1 General Information

- Children: Malia Ann (\*1998)  
Natasha „Sasha“ (\*2001)
- Religion: Christian
- Political Party: Democrat
- Residence: The White House (official)  
Chicago, Illinois (private)
- Signature:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, appearing to read 'Barack Obama'.



## 2 Education

- 1967-71: St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School and Besuki Public School in Jakarta
- 1971-79: Punahou School (private)
- 1979-81: Occidental College (L.A.)
- 1981-83: Columbia University (N.Y.)  
→ Bachelor of Arts (political science)
- Business International Corporation

## 2 Education

- 1985: Developing Communities Project (Chicago)
- 1988-1991: Harvard Law School
  - editor and president of the Harvard Law Review
  - Sidley Austin (1989) and Hopkins & Sutter (1990)
  - Juris Doctor magna cum laude
- 1992: constitutional law professor at the University of Chicago Law School

# 3 Political Career

- 1992: Campaign for Bill Clinton's election
- 1996: Illinois Senate (13th District)  
→ legislation reforming ethics and health care laws
- Reelected 1998 and 2002
- 2000: lost Democratic primary run for the U.S. House of Representatives
- 2003: chairman of the Illinois Senate's Health and Human Services Committee → Democratic majority

# 3 Political Career

- Since 2002: campaign committee and raising funds
- March 2004: won primary election (53 %) → first speculations about Presidential campaign
- July 2004: keynote address at the Democratic National Convention → 9.1 million viewers
- November 2004: won general election (70 %) → highest result ever in Illinois

# 3 Political Career

- 2005-2008: U.S. Senator
- 5th African American Senator
- „loyal Democrat“ (CQ Weekly)
- „most liberal“ Senator (National Journal), 2007
- 11th most powerful Senator (congress.org), 2008
- Resigned seat on November 16, 2008

# 3 Political Career

- 2005: Energy Policy Act
- 2006: expanded Nunn–Lugar cooperative threat reduction
- 2006: Coburn–Obama Transparency Act
- 2007: Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act
- 2007: Iraq War De-Escalation Act
- 2008: FISA Amendments Act

# 3 Political Career

- Committees:
  - Foreign Relations
  - Environment und Public Works
  - Veteran's Affairs
  - Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
  - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
  - European Affairs (Chairman)

# 4 Presidential Campaign



Obama presidential campaign logo



Obama's slogan



Obama's chant



Obama-Biden campaign logo

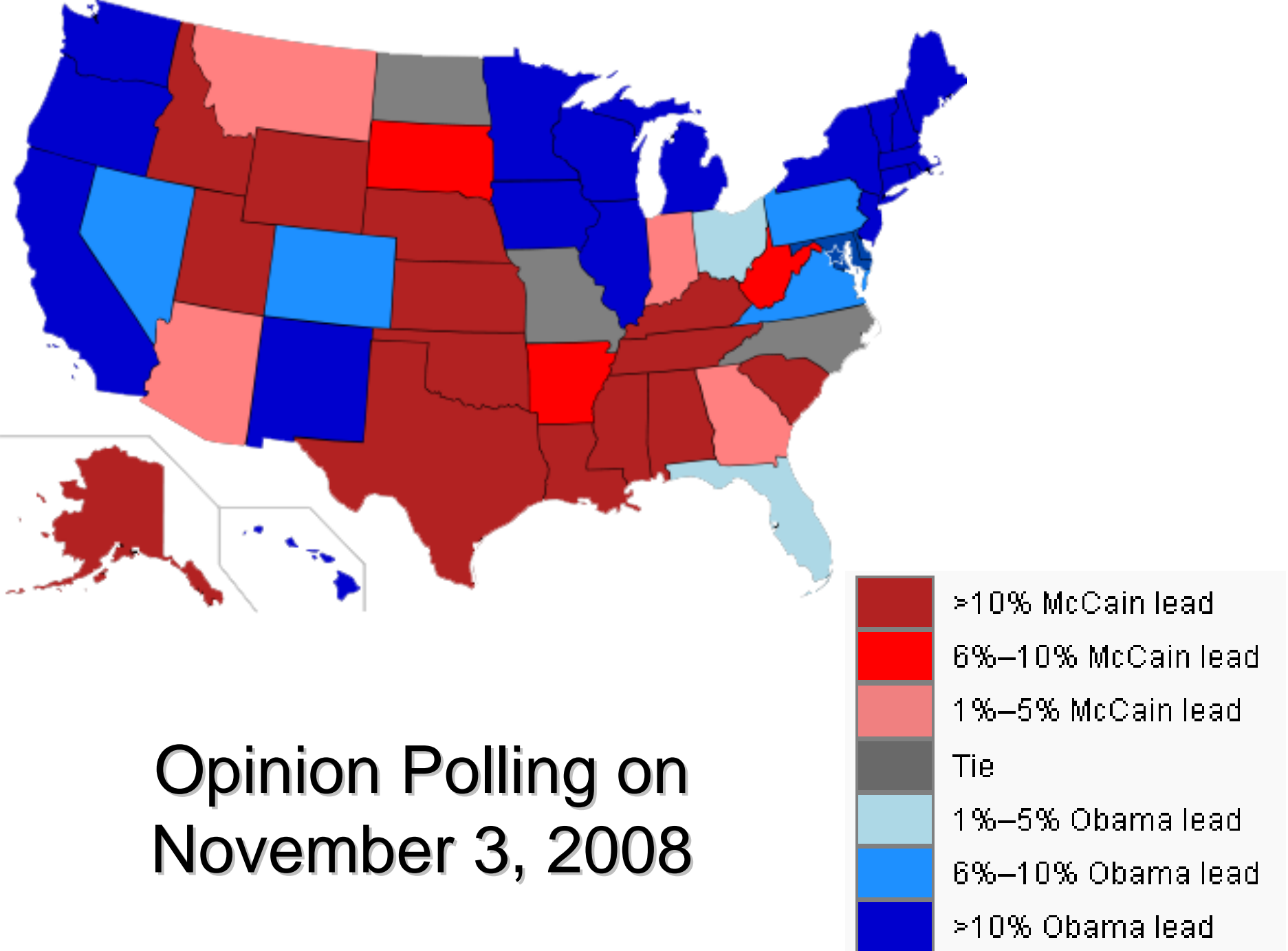


# 4 Presidential Campaign

- Won primary election: June 3
  - supported by Oprah Winfrey, George Clooney, Halle Berry, Will Smith, will.i.am, ...
  - Hillary Clinton conceded defeat
    - supporters should back Obama
  - Clinton: debts
- Traveled to: Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Israel, Germany, France, UK
  - speech at Berlin Victory Column (200,000 people)

# 4 Presidential Campaign

- Vice Presidential selection:
  - Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Colin Powell, ...
- Issues:
  - Iraq war
  - Bush's unpopularity '90 percent' ad.avi 'delighted' ad.avi
  - change vs. experience 'article' ad.avi
  - economy 'It's over.avi 'His choice.avi 'don't know much' tv ad.avi 'seven' - tv ad.avi



# 4 Presidential Campaign

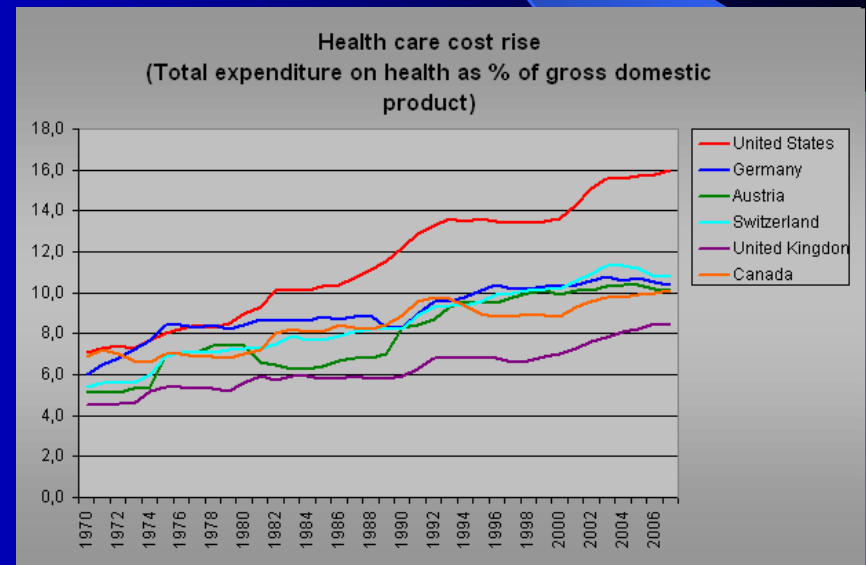
<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>John McCain</b>
<b>Party</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Home state</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Arizona</b>
<b>Running mate</b>	<b>Joe Biden</b>	<b>Sarah Palin</b>
<b>Electoral vote</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>States carried</b>	<b>28 + DC + NE-02</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Popular vote</b>	<b>69,456,897</b>	<b>59,934,814</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>52.9%</b>	<b>45.7%</b>

# 5 Nobel Peace Prize

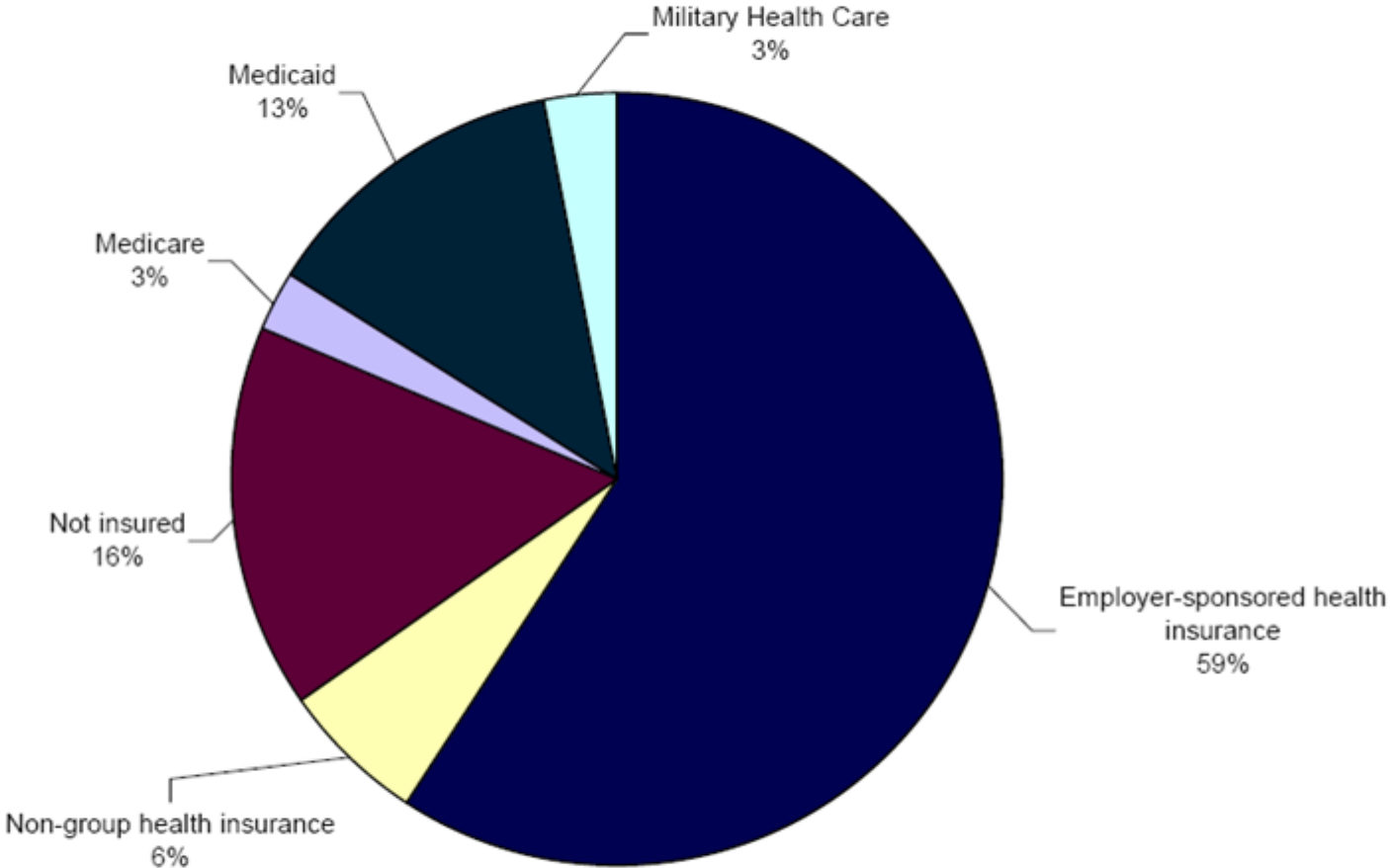
- 2009 Nobel Peace Prize to Barack Obama
- „for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.“
- wants to donate full monetary award to charity
- different reactions
- mostly surprised but positive and congratulatory
- fourth awarded U.S. President

# 6 Conclusion

- currently wants to reform Health Insurance
- universal health care
- coverage guaranteed
- require parents to cover children
- National Health Insurance Exchange



# Health Insurance Status (Under 65 Years of Age)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2007.

# 6 Conclusion

- He is the AMERICAN president!
  - global warming (if it exists...)
  - land mines
  - economic development
  - military issues (Iraq, Afghanistan)
- brought hope to the U.S. and the entire world



# 7 Sources

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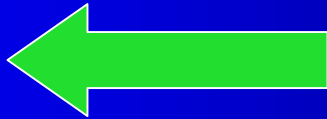
1. Barack Obama was born in:

- Hawaii 
- Kenya
- Kansas
- Illinois

# Quiz: Barack Obama


2. Barack Obama's wife is named:

- Cindy
- Malia
- Sasha
- Michelle



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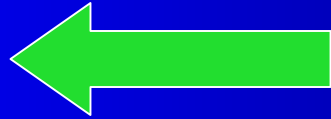
3. Which of the following Universities did Barack Obama NOT attend:

- Yale 
- Columbia
- Harvard

# Quiz: Barack Obama

4. Barack Obama's religion is:

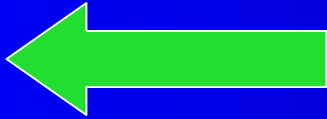
- Muslim
- Catholic
- Christian



# Quiz: Barack Obama

5. Barack Obama is \_\_\_ years old:

- 50
- 45
- 48
- 44



# Quiz: Barack Obama


6. Which of the following states did Obama NOT win in the 2008 US presidential election:

- Nevada
- Louisiana
- Iowa
- Colorado



# Quiz: Barack Obama


7. Barack Obama held what office becoming the President-elect?

- Senator 
- Member of the House of Representatives
- Governor of Illinois
- Mayor of Chicago




# Quiz: Barack Obama

8. Mr. Obama's 2006 memoir was titled:

- The Audacity of Hope 
- Dreams from my Father
- A More Perfect Union
- Yes We Can

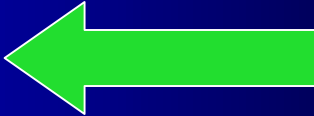
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9. Obama's middle name is:

- Jefferson
- Hussein 
- Mohammed
- George

# Quiz: Barack Obama

10. Which was Barack Obama's slogan?

- Yes we can!
- God Bless America
- Change we can believe in 
- Freedom, justice and equality

Thanks for your attention.

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