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BARACK OBAMA

(1961 - date)

Barack Obama is the 44th and current President of the United States. The first African American to hold the office, he previously served as the Junior United States Senator from Illinois from January 2005 until he resigned in November 2008.

He is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School and was a community organizer in Chicago before earning his law degree. He worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago and taught constitutional law at the University from 1992 to 2004.

Barack Obama began his run for the presidency in February 2007 and after a close campaign in the 2008 Democratic Party presidential primaries against Hilary Clinton, won his party's nomination, becoming the first major party African American candidate for president. In the 2008 general election, he defeated Republican nominee John McCain and was inaugurated as president on January 20th 2009.

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