

Obama Presidency (2009 – Present)

- I. Barack Hussein Obama Background and Biography
 - A. Born: Honolulu, Hawaii and raised in Hawaii and Indonesia
 - B. Education: Occidental, Colombia, and Harvard Law School
 - C. Political Career: Illinois State Senator (1997-2004) and US Senator (2005-2008)
 - D. Campaign of 2008: Change Theme: Barack Obama vs. John McCain
 - E. President Obama Fun Facts

- II. Foreign Policy
 - A. Important Foreign Policy Cabinet Members
 - 1. Vice President Joe Biden
 - 2. Past: State Secretary Hillary Clinton (2009-13) & Defense Secretary Robert Gates (2006–11)
 - 3. Current: State Secretary John Kerry (2013) and Chuck Hagel (2013)
 - B. Obama: The Peace President
 - 1. Guantanamo Prison (Cuba) -Executive Order #13492 –close in 1 year –signed January 22, 2009
 - 2. Cairo (Egypt) Speech (June 4, 2009) Egypt –“...new beginning in relations...”
 - 3. Nuclear Disarmament
 - A. New START Treaty -US-Russian Nuclear Arms Treaty (April 8, 2009) –cut arms by 1/3
 - B. Iranian Disarmament (November 24, 2013) –slow development and ease US sanctions
 - C. Obama: The War President
 - 1. Iraq War –promised to end American commitment during campaign
 - A. US troops withdrew December 18, 2011
 - B. US costs: 4,488 killed and \$804 billion
 - 2. Afghanistan War
 - A. “The Surge” (December 1, 2009) –added 17,000 troops for security
 - B. General David Petraeus in charge (2010)
 - C. Operation Neptune Spear –May 1, 2011 –Bin Laden killed in Pakistan
 - D. Planned withdraw 2014
 - E. US costs: 2,322 killed and \$719 billion (5/23/2014)
 - 3. Somali Pirates: Maersk-Alabama Hijacked / Rescued Captain Richard Phillips (4/8-12/09)
 - D. Arab Spring (12/17/10) -Mohamed Bouazizi act of self-immolation (Tunisia)
 - 1. Libya - Muammar al-Gadhafi –attacking his people with Libyan armed forces
 - A. International Help –UN Resolution & NATO Operation Unified Protector –no fly zones
 - B. Gadhafi killed (October 20, 2011) –NATO air strike
 - C. Benghazi Embassy Attack (September 11, 2012) -4 Americans killed
 - 2. Syria –Civil War –over 160,000 people killed
 - E. Obama: The “Pivot” toward Asia
 - F. Results of the Foreign Policy of Barack Obama

- III. American Culture (2009 – Present)
 - A. Movies
 - 1. Oscar winning –The Hurt Locker (2009) and Argo (2012)
 - 2. Top grossing –Avatar (2009), Toy Story 3 (2010), Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 2 (2011), The Avenger’s (2012), and The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013)
 - B. Television
 - 1. Most Watched Show (2003-3011) –American Idol
 - 2. Emmy Award Winning Comedy Show (2010-2013): Modern Family
 - 3. Emmy Award Winning Variety Show (2003-2012): The Daily Show
 - 4. Emmy Award Winning Drama (2008-2011): Mad Men Music

- C. Music
 1. Top selling album (2001 and 2012): Adele: 21
 2. Grammy winning songs -Viva la Vida: Coldplay (2009) and Single Ladies: Beyoncé (2010)
- D. Sports
 1. LeBron James –NBA basketball star
 2. Alex Rodriguez –MLB baseball suspended for use of PEDs

IV. Domestic Policy

A. First Term

1. Economy –The Great Recession Continued
 - A. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Feb 17, 2009) -\$787 billion stimulus package
 - B. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (July 21, 2010) – prevented lending companies from taking excessive risks that exploit consumers
 - C. Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance and Job Creation Act of 2010 (12/17/10) -\$858 billion in tax relief and extension of unemployment benefits.
 - D. Annual Deficits and the growing National Debt: \$17.5 trillion
 - E. Partisan Battle: Government Shutdown: October 1 – 16, 2013
 - F. Improving Economy: Stock Market, economic growth, and unemployment
 2. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (March 23, 2010) –health insurance for everyone
 - A. 32 million Americans will be covered, covered until 26, and covered preexisting conditions
 - B. Should not be required, difficult rollout, and not all people could keep old insurance
 3. Civil Rights
 - A. Repealed: “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (September 20, 2011)
 - B. Supported same sex marriage (May 9, 2012)
 4. Civil Rights: Supreme Court Nominations -Sonia Sotomayor (2009) and Elena Kagan (2010)
 5. Lifted ban on stem cell research (March 10, 2009)
- B. Election of 2012: Barack Obama (332 Votes and 51%) vs. Mitt Romney (206 votes and 47%)
- C. Second Term Domestic Policy

V. Other Events

- A. BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (April 20 – July 15, 2010) –nearly 5 million barrels leaked
- B. Hurricane Sandy (October 22 – 31, 2012) –largest Atlantic hurricane and 2nd costliest
- C. Domestic Terrorism
 1. Sandy Hook Massacre (December 14, 2012) -26 killed (20 students and 6 adults)
 2. Boston Marathon Bombing (April 15, 2013) -3 killed and 364 wounded
- D. National Security Agency Leak (June 6, 2013): Edward Snowden –asylum in Russia

VI. Summary and Evaluation of the Obama Presidency

- A. Map Questions: United States (4) and Middle East (7)

Homework #9: 2010s (15 points)

- * Create your own 15 point homework assignment. Use prior homework assignments as a guide.
 - * Be sure to complete 15 points of worth of work.
 - * A minimum of 2 prompts / projects are required.
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United States (4)

1. Connecticut
2. Hawaii
3. Illinois
4. Massachusetts



Middle East (7)

1. Afghanistan
2. Iraq
3. Libya
4. Pakistan
5. Somalia
6. Syria
7. Tunisia

