

Barack Obama



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Biography



Barack Hussein Obama II, born August 4, 1961 in Honolulu in the state of Hawaii, is an American statesman. It is the current and 44th President of the United States of America, elected for a first term on November 4, 2008 and re-elected November 6, 2012.

Son of a Kenyan black and a white American from Kansas native Irish, it is the first African-American who became president of the United States. His career has led among voters and in the media around the world with great interest.

Paternal family



His father is Barack Obama Sr., Kenyan economist and politician. His parents met in 1960 in Russian language classes at the University of Hawaii Manoa. Dans his autobiography, third party, including the story of Granny on the origins of life and family Hussein and Barack Sr. Barack Obama gives a long genealogy in the paternal line (12 generations above him) and said that the family lived nomadic herding in the region of Uganda before coming to settle in Kenya, then Kendu Alego Bay.

Family support



In 1992, he married Michelle Robinson, a lawyer from Chicago met in 1989 in the law firm where he worked and where she is an associate lawyer. The Obamas have two daughters, Malia Ann (born 1998) and Natasha, better known by her nickname Sasha (born in 2001). Michelle Robinson Obama is a lawyer so famous, influential figure in the local Democratic Party and close to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. This is what will propel the political career of her husband, when he has hitherto been active as supporting the candidacy of Bill Clinton to the presidency of the United States and that of Carol Moseley-Braun the Senate.

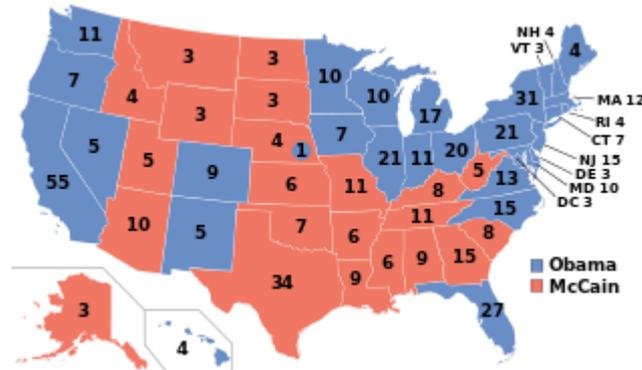
Financing of his campaign



Concerning the financing of election campaigns, highly supervised by U.S. law, Barack Obama was in favor of a system of public funding and said before his nomination and it would fund his presidential campaign if his Republican opponent did the same .

However, in June 2008, he decided to base his campaign on private fundraising, thus escaping the collection limit imposed for financing public funds. He became the first candidate to spend federal funds since the adoption by Congress of laws on campaign financing, developed after the Watergate scandal.

Election (November 4, 2008)



With a record turnout of 63% of registered voters, Barack Obama won the presidential election on November 4, 2008 with over 9 million votes ahead of his opponent John McCain. The victory is significant both in terms of electoral votes (365 to 17,374.75) than the popular vote (52.9% to 45.6%). Besides his victories in key states hotly contested Ohio and Florida, Obama has tilted, accuracy, traditional Republican strongholds like Indiana and even got the votes of two former Confederate states (in addition to Florida): Virginia and North Carolina. Barack Obama wins in all age groups, except for more than 65 years and has a greater mobilization of young voters, while 68% of 18-25 year olds voted in its favor. It also gets the vote of 54% of Catholics, 78% Jews and 67% of Latinos and 95% of African Americans.