**Barack Obama**

First Presidential Campaign

* Obama began his presidential campaign in 2007, and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, after a close \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ campaign against Hilary Rodham \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he won the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nomination
* On August 23, he announced that Joe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (D-DE) would be his running mate
* He ran against Republican candidate John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (R-AZ)
* On November 4, 2008, Obama \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the general election for the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Became the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president in American history
* The presidential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was on January 20, 2009

Domestic Policy

* Lilly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fair Pay Act of 2009 🡪 relaxed the statute of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for equal pay lawsuits
* Appointed two women to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Court – Sonia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Elena \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 2009 🡪 proposed new regulations on power plants, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and oil refineries in an attempt to limit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gas emissions
* Matthew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and James Byrd Jr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prevention Act (2009) 🡪 expands the 1969 U.S. federal hate crime law to include crimes motivated by a victim’s actual or perceived gender, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, gender identity, or disability
* Health Care and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reconciliation Act (2010) 🡪 ends the process of the federal government giving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to private banks to give out federally insured \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t sk, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010 🡪 ended the policy of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” that prevented \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and lesbian people from serving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Economic Policies

* American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Reinvestment Act of 2009 🡪 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ billion economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ package aimed at helping the economy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a deepening worldwide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Act included federal spending for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, infrastructure, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, tax breaks and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and direct assistance to individuals
* Obama intervened in the troubled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ industry by issuing loans to General Motors and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Car Allowance Rebate System (“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”) 🡪 temporarily boosted the economy

Health Care Reform

* Obama called for Congress to pass legislation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the health care system in the United States
* He proposed an expansion of health \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coverage to cover the uninsured, to cap \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ increases, and to allow people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their coverage when they leave or change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* His proposal was to spend $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ billion over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years and included a government insurance plan to compete with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ insurance sector
* On July 14, 2009, House \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaders introduced a plan for overhauling the U.S. health care system, which Obama wanted Congress to approve by the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* November 7, 2009 🡪 a health care bill featuring the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of insurance was passed in the House
* On December 24, 2009, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ passed a bill of its own, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the public option
* On March 10, 2010, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Protection and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Care Act passed in the Senate, and shortly after was passed in the House
* This act includes health-related provisions to take effect over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years, including expanding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eligibility, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ insurance premiums, providing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for businesses to provide health care benefits, prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of coverage and claims based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conditions, prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coverage caps, and support for medical research
* Obama is still struggling with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on how to properly implement this health care plan today

Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

* On April 20, 2010, an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ destroyed an offshore drilling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Gulf of Mexico causing a major sustained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The well’s operator, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, initiated a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and cleanup plan, and began drilling two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wells intended to stop the flow
* After multiple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attempts to stop the flow of oil, it was eventually placed under control

Foreign Policy

* Obama has attempted to implement a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ type of American foreign policy in which the US is seen as more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to other communities
* On September 24, 2009, Obama became the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. president to preside over a meeting of the United Nations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Iraq War

* On February 27, 2009, Obama announced that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ operations in Iraq would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within 18 moths
* The Obama administration scheduled the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of combat troops to be completed by August 2012, decreasing troop’s levels from 142,000 to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ force of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until the end of 2011
* On August 31, 2010, Obama announced that the United States combat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Iraq was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* October 21, 2011 🡪 Obama announced that all U.S. troops would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Iraq in time to be “home for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

War in Afghanistan

* Early in his presidency, Obama wanted to bolster U.S. troop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Afghanistan
* He announced an increase in troop levels of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in February 2009
* He replaced General McKiernan with Lt. General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in May 2009 indicating that McChrystal’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience would facilitate the use of counterinsurgency tactics
* On December 1, 2009, Obama announced the deployment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more troops to Afghanistan
* McChrystal was replaced by General \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in June 2010

Death of Osama Bin Laden

* Intelligence developed by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ determined what they believed to be the location of Osama Bin Laden in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Pakistan
* After meeting with his national security advisors, Obama authorized a “surgical raid” of the compound by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, SEAL Team Six
* The operation took place on May 1, 2011, resulting in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Bin Laden and the seizure of many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, computer drives, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the compound
* Bin Laden’s body was identified through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ testing and was given a burial at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Presidential Campaign

* On April 4, 2011, Obama announced his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ campaign for 2012
* As the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president, he ran virtually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Democratic Party presidential primaries
* This time, Obama ran against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the former governor of Massachusetts, and his running mate, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* On November 6, 2012, Obama won \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes to be re-elected president of the United States

Gun Control

* On January 16, 2013, one month after the shooting at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School, President Obama signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ executive orders and outlined a series of sweeping proposals regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He urged Congress to reintroduce an expired ban on “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” assault weapons, impose limits on ammunition \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, introduce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ checks on all gun sales, pass a ban on possession and sale of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-piercing bullets, and introduce harsher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for gun-traffickers