

Meet Barack Obama's Family

Barack Obama is married to Michelle Robinson Obama. Michelle is a lawyer from Chicago. Barack and Michelle met while they both worked for a Chicago law company.

Michelle used to work for Chicago's city government. Then she worked for organizations that helped get young people involved in making the world a better place. Since 2002, she has held important jobs at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

The Obamas have two daughters.



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Meet Joe Biden Democratic Candidate for Vice President

Joe Biden has been a U.S. senator since 1972. He is an expert on how to work with the governments of other countries. He has worked to stop terrorism and crime. He has also worked to help women and working families.



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Democratic Candidate for President

Barack Obama was born in 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His mother was from Kansas, and his father was from Kenya, East Africa. His parents divorced when he was four.



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Barack's mother later married an Indonesian man, and the family moved to Indonesia. At the age of ten, Barack moved back to Honolulu to go to better schools.

Barack moved to Chicago after graduating college in 1983. He later decided to get involved in politics. He thought that changing laws could really help people.

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In 1996, Barack was elected to the Illinois State Senate. He served for six years.

In 2004, Barack was elected to the U.S. Senate by a landslide. Four years later, he became the first African American in U.S. history to be the presidential candidate of a major political party.



For three years, Obama was in charge of a Chicago organization that helped poor African Americans who had lost their jobs. The organization also set up a tutoring program for young people in poor neighborhoods.



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What does Barack Obama mean by these words?

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”



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✓ On Education

Obama believes that preschool, after-school, and summer programs help children. He thinks students should learn more math and science. He wants to help every American be able to go to college.

✓ On Health Care

Obama thinks that all Americans should have health insurance, children most of all. He wants the government to create a new health plan that everyone can afford.

✓ On the War in Iraq

Obama has always been against the war in Iraq. He does not believe that the war is making the United States or the world any safer. He wants to bring in the United Nations to help Iraq with its problems. Obama also believes that U.S. soldiers should be working more on stopping the terrorists who caused the 9/11 attacks.

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