

BARACK OBAMA ON AMERICA'S DREAMS



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Increase Access and Lower Health Costs: Barack Obama is committed to signing legislation providing all Americans with affordable, quality health care coverage by the end of his first term in office. He will reduce costs for the typical family up to \$2,500 by modernizing the U.S. health care system to contain spiraling health care costs and improve the quality of patient care; and promoting prevention. Obama also supports ensuring workers have seven days of paid sick leave per year.

Improve Public Schools: Obama introduced a plan to support school districts that implement innovative methods to improve student achievement and reward successful teachers and school leaders. These innovation districts would implement systemic reforms, and show results that can be replicated in other school districts.

Make College More Affordable: The first Senate bill Obama introduced would increase the maximum Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$5,100. Obama would eliminate wasteful subsidies to private student lenders, instead using the federal Direct Loan program, investing the savings in additional student aid.

Support Job Creation: Obama believes we need to expand federal funding for basic research, expand the deployment of broadband technology, and make the research and development tax credit permanent so that businesses can invest in innovation and create high-paying, secure jobs.

Help American Workers Compete in the Global Economy: Obama will fight for a trade policy that opens up foreign markets to support American jobs. He will make long-term investments in education, training, and workforce development and use trade agreements to spread good labor and environmental standards.

Protect Social Security and Encourage Personal Savings: Obama believes we need to preserve Social Security by stopping any efforts to privatize it and will work across party lines to maintain Social Security's solvency for generations. Obama wants to make private saving easier, cheaper, and more automatic for middle-class workers. He supported the Save More for Retirement Act, which encourages automatic 401K enrollment.

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