

Obama's accomplishments:

- **SALT Treaty**
- **Wall Street** massive reform
- **Stimulus Bill (TARP)**
- **Fair Pay Act** allowing for equal pay for women
- **Hate Crimes Prevention Act**
- **Tobacco Regulation** by the FDA is allowed
- **Student Loan Program** is reformed and is saving millions of people millions of dollars
- **Don't Ask Don't Tell** is repealed
- **Unemployment Benefits** was extended
- **Tax Credit** for new home buyers
- **Cash for Clunkers** basically reignited the auto industry
- **More Jobs Created** in the last two years under President Obama than under the eight years of George W. Bush
- **Health Care Reform** will result in health care coverage for over 30 million additional Americans, as well as lowered costs for most Americans. Additionally, the health care reform bill will preclude insurance companies from placing lifetime limits on benefits and from denying coverage to individuals and family members with pre-existing health conditions.
- **New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)** is a bilateral treaty between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) that is purposed to reduce the number of strategic nuclear missile launchers by half and to establish a new inspection and verification regime.
- **Tax Cuts** signed by President Obama set up the lowest taxes being paid than we have in 60 years. This enormous tax cut bill will extend the Bush era tax cuts for families at all income levels through 2012. The bill also consisted of a new payroll tax cut for wage earners, numerous tax breaks for businesses and extended jobless benefits to the long-term unemployed.
- **Fair Sentencing Act** signed by President Obama will reduce racial inequity that has historically existed relative to the sentencing of people caught with crack cocaine versus powder cocaine.
- **Childhood Obesity Act** signed by President Obama (also called the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act) was primarily spearheaded by First Lady Michelle Obama. This bill is purposed to subsidize free meals in low-income areas, to ensure that children receive well-balanced and nutritious school meals, to provide free or reduced-price meals to nearly 31 million low-income children and to ultimately reduce childhood obesity.
- **Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act** signed by President Obama is purposed to prevent such payments sent by the government to the wrong person or for the wrong reasons or in the wrong amounts. President Obama also established a goal for his administration to reduce improper payments by \$50 billion by 2012.
- **Iraq.** One of the primary messages of his presidential campaign was the withdrawal of combat troops out of Iraq. President Obama and his National Defense personnel were able to implement this promise, as more than 90,000 combat troops were withdrawn out of Iraq by August 31, 2010.
- **Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE)** signed by President Obama included \$17.5 billion in tax cuts, business credits and subsidies for state and local construction bonds, and moved \$20 billion into the highway trust fund for spending on highway and transit programs. The bill also exempts businesses that hire unemployed workers from paying the payroll security tax through December of 2010.
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** signed by President Obama was an initiative by the White House, which included a \$98 million funding increase for HBCUs. This Executive Order will also provide funding for the repair, renovation, and construction or acquisition of educational facilities, instructional equipment, research instrumentation, and physical infrastructure.
- **Appointment of Justice Elena Kagen and Sonia Sotomayor**, first Hispanic to the Supreme Court.

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