

# Barack Obama Quotes

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You can't let your failures define you. You have to let your failures teach you.

~Barack Obama

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.

~Barack Obama

Keep exploring. Keep dreaming. Keep asking why. Don't settle for what you already know. Never stop believing in the power of your ideas, your imagination, your hard work to change the world.

~Barack Obama

When ignorant folks want to advertise their ignorance, you don't really have to do anything, you just let them talk.

~Barack Obama

Just because we have the best hammer does not mean that every problem is a nail.

~Barack Obama

Change is never easy, but always possible.

~Barack Obama

Don't ever let anybody tell you that your efforts don't matter or that your voice doesn't count. Don't ever believe that you can't make a difference. You have.

~Barack Obama

Where you are right now doesn't have to determine where you'll end up.

~Barack Obama

Learning to stand in somebody else's shoes, to see through their eyes, that's how peace begins. And it's up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.

~Barack Obama

If somebody is different from you, that's not something you criticize, that's something that you appreciate.

~Barack Obama

The sweetest sound I know is the Muslim call to prayer.

~Barack Obama

When times get tough, we don't give up. We get up.

~Barack Obama

The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something.

~Barack Obama

We did not come to fear the future. We came here to shape it.

~Barack Obama

A change is brought about because ordinary people do extraordinary things.

~Barack Obama

Don't just buy a new video game, make one. Don't just download the latest app, help design it. Don't just play on your phone, program it.

~Barack Obama

When our interests and values are at stake, we have a responsibility to act.

~Barack Obama

If you're a strong man, you should not feel threatened by strong

women.

~Barack Obama

The future must not belong to those who slander the Prophet of Islam

~Barack Obama

The real test is not whether you avoid failure, because you won't. It's whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it. . .

~Barack Obama

Globalization is a fact, because of technology, because of an integrated global supply chain, because of changes in transportation. And we're not going to be able to build a wall around that.

~Barack Obama

The best judge of whether or not a country is going to develop is how it treats its women

~Barack Obama

If I did not love America, I wouldn't have moved here from Kenya.

~Barack Obama

Love and hope can conquer hate.

~Barack Obama

No religion is responsible for terrorism. People are responsible for violence and terrorism.

~Barack Obama

Reading makes all other learning possible. We have to get books into our children's hands early and often.

~Barack Obama

I don't think the Donald Trump's qualified to be president of the United States, and every time he speaks, that opinion is confirmed.

~Barack Obama

Find somebody to be successful for. Raise their hopes. Rise to their needs.

~Barack Obama

No one built this country on their own. This nation is great because we built it together.

~Barack Obama

It's not just enough to change the players. We've gotta change the game.

~Barack Obama

Our destiny is not written for us, but by us.

~Barack Obama

Transparency and the rule of law will be the touchstones of this presidency.

~Barack Obama

We as a country have to do some soul-searching.

~Barack Obama

Hope - Hope in the face of difficulty. Hope in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope!

~Barack Obama

Islam has a proud tradition of tolerance.

~Barack Obama

The thing I know for sure is that at the end of my life, what I'm going to

remember is the love I felt for my family and my friends, and whatever good I did for other people.

~Barack Obama

Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets.

~Barack Obama

We are running out of time

~Barack Obama

I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism.

~Barack Obama

In the face of impossible odds, people who love this country can change it.

~Barack Obama

Trayvon Martin could have been me 35 years ago.

~Barack Obama

The future must not belong to those who bully women. It must be shaped by girls who go to school and those who stand for a world where our daughters can live their dreams just like our sons.

~Barack Obama

If you give up on the idea that your voice can make a difference, then other voices will fill the void

~Barack Obama

What makes you a man is not the ability to make a child, it's the courage to raise one.

~Barack Obama

I've just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.

~Barack Obama

In case you missed it, this week, there was a tragedy in Kansas. Ten thousand people died - an entire town destroyed.

~Barack Obama

Contrary to the rumours you have heard, I was not born in a manger. I was actually born on Krypton and sent here by my father, Jor-el, to save the planet Earth.

~Barack Obama

A child's course in life should be determined not by the zip code she's born in, but by the strength of her work ethic and the scope of her dreams.

~Barack Obama

The private sector is doing fine.

~Barack Obama

Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice.

~Barack Obama

Who you are and who you love should never be a fireable offense

~Barack Obama

Our objective is clear: we will degrade, and ultimately destroy, ISIL through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy.

~Barack Obama

In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your

knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity - it is a prerequisite.

~Barack Obama

Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.

~Barack Obama

I don't believe people should to be able to own guns.

~Barack Obama

Reading is important. If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you

~Barack Obama

A lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me.

~Barack Obama

Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation

~Barack Obama

Why can't I just eat my waffle?

~Barack Obama

Islam has always been part of America

~Barack Obama

Those jeans are comfortable, and for those of you who want your president to look great in his tight jeans, I'm sorry I'm not the guy. It just doesn't fit me. I'm not 20.

~Barack Obama

I am not in favor of concealed weapons. I think that creates a potential



atmosphere where more innocent people could (get shot during) altercations.

~Barack Obama

We've protected thousands of people in Libya; we have not seen a single U.S. casualty; there's no risks of additional escalation. This operation is limited in time and in scope.

~Barack Obama

We do not consider ourselves a Christian nation.

~Barack Obama

I will sign a universal health-care bill into law by the end of my first term as president that will cover every American and cut the cost of a typical family's premium by up to \$2,500 a year.

~Barack Obama

The future is ours to win. But to get there we can't just stand still.

~Barack Obama

I bowled a 129... It was like the Special Olympics or something!

~Barack Obama

One of the best investments we can make in a child's life is high-quality early education.

~Barack Obama

Islamic culture has given us majestic arches and soaring spires; timeless poetry and cherished music; elegant calligraphy and places of peaceful contemplation.

~Barack Obama

It is time to do away with work place policies that belong in a Mad Men episode.

~Barack Obama

My identity might begin with the fact of my race, but it didn't, couldn't end there. At least that's what I would choose to believe.

~Barack Obama

The United States has been enriched by Muslim Americans. Many other Americans have Muslims in their families or have lived in a Muslim-majority country - I know, because I am one of them.

~Barack Obama

In the end, that's what this election is about. Do we participate in a politics of cynicism or a politics of hope?

~Barack Obama

The Holy Koran tells us, 'O mankind! We have created you male and a female; and we have made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another.'

~Barack Obama

We will convey our deep appreciation for the Islamic faith, which has done so much over the centuries to shape the world - including in my own country.

~Barack Obama

Over the last 15 months, we've traveled to every corner of the United States. I've now been in 57 states? I think one left to go.

~Barack Obama

I believe that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share, when everyone plays by the same rules.

~Barack Obama

The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I'm going to press on.

~Barack Obama

A better politics is one where we appeal to each other's basic decency instead of our basest fears.

~Barack Obama

Persevere. Nothing worthwhile is easy.

~Barack Obama

Don't just get involved. Fight for your seat at the table. Better yet, fight for a seat at the head of the table.

~Barack Obama

Our stories may be singular, but our destination is shared.

~Barack Obama

It should be the power of our vote, not the size of our bank accounts, that drives our democracy

~Barack Obama

We lose ourselves when we compromise the very ideals that we fight to defend. And we honor those ideals by upholding them not when it's easy, but when it is hard.

~Barack Obama

We're breaking protocol here. That's the good thing about being President - I can do whatever I want.

~Barack Obama

We don't turn back. We leave no one behind. We pull each other up.

~Barack Obama

For the sake of our children and our future, we must do more to combat climate change.

~Barack Obama

History doesn't always move in a straight line. Sometimes it zigs and zags.

~Barack Obama

I believe that if we stop talking at one another and start talking with one another, we can get a lot done.

~Barack Obama

The worst thing that colonialism did was to cloud our view of our past.

~Barack Obama

The best anti-poverty program is a world-class education.

~Barack Obama

If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists - to protect them and to promote their common welfare - all else is lost.

~Barack Obama

I try to explain to them about the aloha spirit. And it's that spirit that I am absolutely convinced is what America is looking for right now.

~Barack Obama

I wish the country had fewer lawyers and more engineers.

~Barack Obama

You might be locked in a world not of your own making, her eyes said, but you still have a claim on how it is shaped. You still have responsibilities.

~Barack Obama

Your voice can change the world.

~Barack Obama

The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create.

~Barack Obama

I wouldn't be the man I am today without the woman who agreed to marry me 20 years ago

~Barack Obama

Cathleen Falsani: What is sin? Barack Obama: Being out of alignment with my values.

~Barack Obama

It is moments like these that force us to try harder, and dig deeper, and to discover gifts we never knew we had - to find the greatness that lies within each of us.

~Barack Obama

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