



## Signature Accomplishments of the Obama Administration - January, 2009 to October, 2011

1. Passed healthcare reform, extending insurance coverage to millions.
2. Expanded the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).
3. Blocked insurers from denying claims for pre-existing conditions.
4. Allowed parents to insure adult children living at home.
5. Directed stimulus funds to Medicaid, COBRA subsidies, and research at the National Institutes of Health.
6. Reversed ban on stem cell research.
7. Reversed ban on funds for overseas family planning clinics.
8. Extended unemployment benefits for 99 weeks and modernized state unemployment programs to provide increased access for the out-of-work.
9. Signed the HIRE Act to provide tax incentives for small businesses to increase hiring.
10. Increased funding for Food Stamps, affordable housing and child care.
11. Repealed the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy for military personnel.
12. Negotiated new START treaty with Russia aimed at preventing spread of nuclear weapons.
13. Rescued the American automobile industry.
14. Rescued the financial services industry in a way that provided a payback to the Treasury.
15. Extended tax cuts for all Americans.
16. Provided stimulus funds for increasing broadband Internet access.
17. Created a new consumer financial protection agency and reformed credit card rules.
18. Promoted and signed legislation to prevent mortgage fraud.
19. Ended combat operations in Iraq.
20. Ended the use of torture in interrogations of prisoners.
21. Closed the so-called "black sites" operated by the CIA.
22. Increased funding for education, saving millions of teaching jobs.
23. Established the "Race to the Top" program to reward states for improving education quality.
24. Increased funding for student loans and eliminated the role of financial institutions as middlemen.
25. Increased funding for inner city schools.
26. Provided \$5 million in new funding for Head Start.
27. Nominated and won approval for the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice, Sonia Sotomayor.
28. Nominated and won approval for Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan.
29. Increased funding for veterans' benefits and relaxed rules relating to stress claims.
30. Fought for passage of and signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.
31. Implemented stricter regulations governing sale of tobacco to minors.
32. Increased enforcement of laws relating to illegal immigration.
33. Forced BP to establish a \$20 billion fund to assist Gulf residents hurt by the oil spill.
34. Extended favorable capital gains tax rates for small businesses that were set to expire.
35. Extended research & development tax credits.
36. Initiated program to create a national system of electronic medical records.
37. Provided more than \$400 million in grants to states aimed at controlling urban sprawl and creating livable communities.
38. Protected 2 million acres of federal lands from oil drilling and development.
39. Increased gas mileage requirements for automobiles.
40. Provided funding for state energy conservation programs.
41. Provided stimulus funds for hybrid vehicle development and for transportation programs.
42. Provided stimulus fund for "smart grid" investments.



43. Implemented new rules for government transparency, lobbying reform and ethics, including placing limits on White House aides working for lobbyists after their tenure in the administration.
44. Signed the Fair Sentencing Act, reducing racial inequality in the treatment of cocaine offenders.
45. Provided \$98 million in funding for historically black colleges.
46. Provided funding to families of fallen soldiers to defray expenses when a soldier's body arrives at Dover AFB.
47. Ended media blackout on war casualties and the return of fallen soldiers to Dover AFB.
48. Strengthened the Endangered Species Act.
49. Restored America's respect on the international stage.
50. Limited the salaries of senior White House aides (salaries cut to \$100,000).
51. Phasing out the expensive F-22 war plane and other outdated weapons systems.
52. Cut the expensive Reagan-era missile defense program, saving \$1.4 billion.
53. Increased US Navy patrols off the Somali coast in response to pirating.
54. Gave executive order against Somali pirates that freed by force the U.S. shipping captain held by Somali pirates.
55. Ordered better body armor be procured for U.S. troops.
56. Ended Bush/Cheney-era practice of awarding "no-bid" defense contracts.
57. Authorized discussions with North Korea and the private mission by former president, Bill Clinton, to secure the release of two Americans held in prisons.
58. Authorized the "Cash for Clunkers" program that stimulated auto sales and removed old, inefficient, polluting cars from the road.
59. Negotiated a deal with Swiss banks to permit the U.S. government to gain access to records of tax evaders and criminals.
60. Decided to cancel planned new presidential helicopter fleet and stick with Marine One.
61. Tasked federal labs to prioritize research on and deployment of H1N1 vaccines.
62. Issued new disease-prevention guidelines and priorities for the CDC.
63. Signed an extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Bill to provide federal research and support for treating the disease.
64. Proposed a new refuge for wild mustangs.
65. Held the first ever Passover Seder in the White House.
66. Signed an order to limit airport tarmac delays and the time passengers had to sit in the plane on the tarmac during delays.
67. Restored the EPA to "Cabinet level" status.
68. The Obamas paid for the renovations of the private living quarters in the White House with their own money rather than using the funds provided to all new first families.
69. The Obamas used LED energy-saving lights on the White House Christmas tree.
70. After being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, President Obama donated the prize money to several charities.
71. Reformed and restored FEMA into a fully functioning agency.
72. Addressed and strengthened LGBT rights.
73. Worked with our EU allies towards bringing down Moammar Gadhafi in Libya.
74. Signed Patent Reform Bill, overhauling the U.S. patent system for the first time since 1952.
75. Tenaciously continued the hunt for Osama Bin Laden; gave Presidential order leading to his being located and eliminated without the loss of any American lives.