



American Dream

Barack Obama will make college affordable by creating a new American Opportunity Tax Credit. This universal and fully refundable credit will ensure that the first \$4,000 of a college education is completely free for most Americans, and will cover two-thirds the cost of tuition at the average public college or university and make community college tuition completely free for most students. Obama will also streamline the financial aid process by eliminating the current federal financial aid application and enabling families to apply simply by checking a box on their tax form, authorizing their tax information to be used, and eliminating the need for a separate application.
<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/education/>

New Economy

Barack Obama supports doubling federal funding for basic science research. As a share of the Gross Domestic Product, American federal investment in the physical sciences and engineering research has dropped by half since 1970. Obama will invest \$150 billion over 10 years to advance the next generation of biofuels and fuel infrastructure, accelerate the commercialization of plug-in hybrids, and promote development of commercial-scale renewable energy. Obama believes we must strengthen math and science education to help develop a skilled workforce and promote innovation. Obama will also eliminate the capital gains taxation of start-up businesses to encourage innovation and job creation.
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Health and Child Care

Barack Obama is committed to ensuring that all Americans have high-quality, affordable health care. His plan will save a typical American family up to \$2,500 a year by providing affordable, comprehensive, and portable health coverage for every American and modernizing the U.S. health care system to contain spiraling health care costs and improve the quality of patient care. In addition, currently the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit only covers up to 35 percent of the first \$3,000 and the first \$6,000 for a family with two or more children. Obama will reform the tax credit by allowing low-income families to receive up to a 50 percent credit for their child care.
<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/family/>

America's Global Standing

The best way to press Iraq's leaders to take responsibility for their future is to make it clear that we are leaving. Barack Obama is willing to meet with the leaders of all nations, friend and foe. He will do the careful preparation necessary, but will signal that America is ready to come to the table, and that he is willing to lead. And if America is willing to come to the table, the world will be more willing to rally behind American leadership to deal with challenges like terrorism, and Iran and North Korea's nuclear programs. Obama will launch the most aggressive diplomatic effort in recent American history to reach a new compact on the stability of Iraq and the Middle East.
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La Opinión

All endorse Barack Obama.