

President Barack Obama: a Proven Preference

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An article entitled "The Incomplete Greatness of Barack Obama," written by Paul Glastris in the March/April 2012, edition of the *Washington Monthly*, discusses many of President Obama's accomplishments while in office. It puts into perspective how essential it is for Americans to seek facts for themselves rather than rely on the distortions of those with a different agenda. Glastris stated that President Obama has gotten more done in three years than any president in decades. The public has been led to think otherwise. Even with the monumental barricades set up by an uncooperative Congress and Senate, he managed to pass legislation that resulted in this country avoiding a major financial crisis.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Passed Health Care Reform: After five presidents over a century failed to create universal health care insurance, he signed the Affordable Care Act (2010). It will cover millions of uninsured Americans beginning in 2014 and mandates experimental measures to cut health care cost growth, the number one cause of America's long-term fiscal problems.
2. Passed the Stimulus: Signed \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009 to spur economic growth during the greatest recession since the Great Depression.
3. Passed Wall Street Reform: Signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (2010) to re-regulate the financial sector after its practices caused the Great Recession.

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4. Ended the War in Iraq: Ordered all American military forces out of the country. Last troops left on December 18, 2011.

5. Began Drawdown of War in Afghanistan

6. Eliminated Osama bin Laden: In 2011, ordered Special Forces raid of secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, in which the terrorist leader was killed and a trove of al-Qaeda documents was discovered.

7. Turned Around U.S. Auto Industry: In 2009, injected \$62 billion in federal money (on top of \$13.4 billion in loans from the Bush administration) into ailing GM and Chrysler in return for equity stakes and agreements for massive restructuring. In 2011, the Big Three automakers all gained market share for the first time in two decades.

8. Recapitalized Banks

9. Repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

10. Toppled Moammar Gaddafi:

In March 2011, joined a coalition of European and Arab governments in military action against Gaddafi regime to defend Libyan civilians and support rebel troops. Gaddafi's forty-two-year rule ended on October 20, 2011.

This is only ten of the top 50 accomplishments described in Glastris' article, co-authored by Ryan Cooper, and Siyu Hu. A strong America is an informed America.

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