BARACK OBAMA

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| **I- Barack Obama's Presidential First Term :(2009-2013)**  **A) Healthcare and post-crisis financial reforms**  Economic Stimulus: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)  - Enacted on February 17, 2009, in response to the 2008 financial crisis.  - Aimed to stimulate the economy with $787 billion in spending and tax cuts.  - Included measures to promote the use of American-made products in federally funded projects.  Healthcare Reform: Affordable Care Act (ACA)  - Signed into law on March 30, 2010, and effective from January 1, 2014.  - Commonly known as Obamacare, the ACA mandated all citizens to purchase health insurance via the Healthcare.gov marketplace, offering subsidies to those unable to afford coverage.  - Resulted in approximately twenty million more Americans obtaining health insurance, reducing the uninsured rate from 16% in 2010 to 8.9% by 2016.  **B) Foreign policy and national security**  Iraq Withdrawal Strategy  - Announced the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by December 15, 2011.  - Ended the 9-year "Operation Iraqi Freedom," fulfilling a key campaign promise.  Efforts in Afghanistan and Counterterrorism  - Continued U.S. military presence in Afghanistan to combat the Taliban and prevent the country from being a terrorist safe haven.  - Ordered the successful operation leading to the killing of Osama bin Laden in 2011. | **II-Second Term (2013-2017)**   1. **DACCA programm**   DACA Announcement  - On June 15, 2012, introduced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.  - Provided eligible young undocumented immigrants a two-year reprieve from deportation and work permit eligibility.  - Aimed at "dreamers," who are minors that entered the U.S. illegally but have lived in the country since 2007, with clean records and educational or military service credentials.     1. **The Edward Snowden scandal**   Edward Snowden Scandal    - In 2013, Edward Snowden's leaks revealed extensive global surveillance programs by the NSA.  - Sparked worldwide debates on privacy, security, and the balance of government power.  - Resulted in diminished public trust in government, contributing to a decline in Obama's approval ratings during his second term. |