

# Yes, we can

In this report I'm going to tell you about Barack Obama and his long way to become the President of the United States of Amerika



We're all dancers: Barack Obama with his wife Michelle.

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Barack Hussein Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on 4th August 1961. He is the first Afro American president of the USA. He is member of the democratic party.

In 2004 Obama applied for being a nominee. Obama's election campaign was really difficult. His rivals attacked him really hard. During the preselections, the biggest rival of Obama was Hillary Clinton. In the end she had to give up because Obama won the preselection in 29 of 50 states. On the 3rd June in 2008 he had reached the necessary number of electors to get a majority to be nominated as president. Hillary Clinton promised to support Obama.

Now it was clear John McCain would be the Republican rival of Obama. During the selections Obama gained more and more supporters. Even his former adversary Hilary Clinton finally took his side. Later

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she joined his team of ministers. During the selection Obama announced Joe Biden as his vice-presidency candidate. Joe Biden is the oldest federal senator of the United States. So Obama found a supporter with much experience.

Obama also had many famous supporters like Beyoncé or film stars. Almost each famous Human of America wanted Obama to be the next president.

Obama and Biden won the election with 53 % of all valid votes. It was a really interesting and exciting election for everyone. Barack Obama won the election because he was able to convince the young people and that was important for his victory. Obama visited many countries before he be-

came president. He visited countries like Russia and Ukraine. But he also went to Iraq, South Africa and Israel. Expecting to become the new president he went to France, Great Britain and Germany. In Berlin Obama made a speech in front of 200.000 people. This speech was his last event during his journey through Europe. Obama is and was the sign of hope for people and especially for young people. That is one of the main reasons why he became president of the

United States. He was always against the war in the Iraq. In his opinion diplomatic solutions between countries like Iraq and the United States were preferable to making war. Barack supports the anti-terror war in Afganistan. He wants to continue this war. Guantanamo shall be closed. That is what Obama is fighting for.

The inheritance that Obama had to take was really difficult to handle. The biggest thing he had to care about was and is

the financial crisis. Obama has to find a solution and meet the expectations that the people have in him. Obama and the government raised a fund of almost 1000 Billion US-Dollars to support economic companies.

During the election campaign Obama had a special slogan: „Yes, we can.“ This slogan raised hope and inspired the people to vote for him. „Yes, we can“ wants to express that everyone has to get involved with things like the global

warming or wars. Obama expects every human being to take part in his fight because with all their might a change in the U.S.A. and all over the world can take place.

So far so good. Obama took office on the 20th January. He had to swear an oath. Everyone in the world watched the ceremony with great interest. Since then Obama is the new president of the United States of America and hopefully he will bring hope and joy to the world that everyone longs for.

## An Interview with Barack Obama

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Barack Obama is the first black president of the United States. We met him at a charity event for poor children and had the chance to interview him. We asked him about his family and his purposes for the future. This interview is informative and clears some still unanswered questions.

**Interviewer: Hello Mr. President! We are glad to see you at this event and that you have found the time for a short interview.**

**Obama:** No problem. I'm also glad to be at this wonderful event.

**Interviewer: What do you want to achieve at this event?**

**Obama:** I hope that more people are interested in such events and donate some money for poor people.

**Interviewer: Most people are interested in your childhood because of this reason we want to know where you were born and what your childhood was like.**

**Obama:** I was born in Ha-

waii (Honolulu). When I was a three-year-old child, my parents were divorced. The last time that I saw my father was when I was ten. My mother married again and I got a new sister, her name is Maya. I finished school successfully and went to the Columbia University in New York City.

**Interviewer: Have you always been interested in economy?**

**Obama:** No. When I was young I wasn't really interested in economy and political things. If somebody had told me that I would become the president of the United States I simply would have started laughing.

**Interviewer: Are you proud to be the first black president?**

**Obama:** Sure I am. It is an honour for me. I have always admired mighty and intelligent people who take a part in the history and now I am also a little piece of history.

**Interviewer: Please tell us your targets for the future.**

**Obama:** First I want to

change a lot. I want to introduce the insurances for my whole people. It is very important and long overdue.

**Interviewer: Are there any similarities between your targets and the targets of your predecessor?**

**Obama:** Not really. He was an intelligent President but I want to change a lot and maybe make it better.



Mobile-man Obama.

**Interviewer: So let's talk about your family. Please tell us a little bit about them.**

**Obama:** So, I have a beautiful wife, her name is Michelle Obama, together we have two wonderful children. They called Malia Ann and Natasha.

**Interviewer: Do you think that the life of your children will change and in what way?**

**Obama:** Of course! Before I became president they had a normal life but now they are overviewed by the public all the time.

I think it will be hard for them but my wife and I will keep on doing our best to prevent our daughters from any damage.

**Interviewer: Would you like to add any information about you or your targets to our interview?**

**Obama:** Together we can change everything!!!

**Interviewer: Thank you for this helpful interview. Hope we will meet again soon.**

**Obama:** I hope so, too. Have a nice day.

COMMENT

## Global warming: It is up to us

By: Gian-Luca Martino, 10b

The people of this world are in danger. Soon the global warming is going to come. In this article I will talk about the following questions: What have we done wrong? How much time do we still have to stop it? How could people avoid the global warming? What might be the consequences?

On the whole world this topic is discussed by people and politicians. But what do they really do? A gas called CO2 is the biggest reason of the global warming. The question is what have we done wrong. Our mistake was and still is that we produce too much this gas. In further times we did not even care about that. Only when the tragedy was almost not avoidable anymore we realized that we had to do something. We definitely use our cars too often because it is comfortable for us. Many factories that we built also attribute to the global warming. But the main problem is that many countries still today don't do anything with regard to this dangerous situation.

Now there is the question: How much time do we still have to stop the global decay? There are many very opposing researches published by scientists all over the world. Some say the catastrophe will take place in 40 years. But others say it is going to come in 100 years. In fact the global warming has already started but there have not been any far-reaching consequences until now. In general, experts expect the

world to be warmed up by 1, 5 until 6 degrees in 2100. So we can still do something about it!

Here we are with the question how to stop it? It is still up to us to react and change. Some scientists tried to pump the gas CO2 into the earth so that it cannot pollute our atmosphere. But is this really the solution? That is fighting the consequences instead of the causes. Many factories pollute our environment and should be closed. Whenever possible, people should use their bikes instead of their cars. We need to use alternative energies like the solar and wind energy. People could use energy-saving bulbs. Every nation and every human must hold together. But there are still nations that don't understand the ultimate seriousness of the situation.

What about the question that everyone scars deep in his insides? What can be the consequences of our selfish behaviour? Consequences are already visible today. The ice at the poles is melting, there is an increasing occurrence of heavy storms and floods and this is still the so-called beginning of the global warming. Further expected consequences will be ice-cold winters and ultra-hot summers, a rising of the sea level and countries below the sea submerged by water.

So there is just one thing left to say. Everyone has to help to stop it. It is up to us. Do not deny that it is already there.

## A terror-video from Al-Qaida

A new video from Al Qaida emerged in the Internet

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Germany is addressed for the first time directly in this video and with attacks threatens. The author of this video lived occasionally also in Germany in Bonn.

According to data of the investigating authority the 31 year old man holds himself since 2007 in Pakistan up. The man who wrote this video calls himself "Abu Talha". It is native Moroccan and he is a German citizen. The correct name is Bekkay H. It had been noticeable to the investigators because of its contacts to Islamics among other things in Frankfurt, Braunschweig and Ulm. According to data of the Federal Ministry of the Interior Bekkay H is valid as high-problematic. He is a serious Islamic.

In Pakistan the man is to have received training for the armed fight in a terror camp. In the meantime at least a part of its family is to have likewise left the country from Germany after information of the pool of broadcasting corporation's capital studio. Bekkay H., which poses in the video disguised and with a bazooka in the hand, had obviously no doubts to surrender its identity. It reports on a meeting with officials of the Federal Office for protection of the constitution in Bonn hotels. One offered to it to supply with to the German

security authorities against payment information about extremist circles. In addition it calls its surname in the course of the video.

To German it refers under the title "The rescue package for Germany" in detail on political procedures in the Federal Republic. The man knows well German, it remarks works however partly confused. "Me for Allah into air to blow up, my desire is since 1993", it into on Octobers 2008 dated Video. The Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigations says holds on Sunday (18.01.09) admits nascent Islamic video for authentic. The man is well-known the investigating authorities. He has contacted to guidance circles of Al Qaida. To the person it will not give further information however for the time being on the part of Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

That story of this man who wants to make attacks against Germany is very dangerous because nobody know the man and he isn't here in Germany, so I think we must take that seriously.

The republic of Germany has to go around carefully with that problem.

What must we do to stop this in the future?

What mistakes we mustn't do in the future?

Does this anything have to do with the hatred of foreigners?