

The Obama Report Card

	Goal	No Change/ Wrong Direction {0 Points}	Advocates Progress/ Unsuccessful with policy {1 Point}	Institutes Policy {2 Points}	Successful implementation {3 Points}	Total Points
The Economy						
Unemployment	Significant Reduction in Unemployment (~25%+)					
Minimum/Living Wage	>\$2 increase, advocate living wage					
Budget Deficit	Though I don't believe it, Obama has stated that he will cut the deficit in half by the end of his first four years. You go, Boy!					
Trade Deficit	As with the Budget Deficit, this must be stabilized before future progress.					
Quality Jobs	Net Increase in proportion of jobs paying living wages and providing benefits					
Wealth Gap	A net closure of the wealth gap. Ultimate goal to reach pre Reagan levels					
Housing Crisis	Institute a foreclosure holiday. Subsidies for Americans unable to keep up with mortgages due to economic crisis.					
Federal Reserve	End FED autonomy. Greater transparency of FED policies.					
Education						
Funding	Double Federal Educaiton Funding					
NCLB	Re-Write a National Education Law that is challenging, positive and backed with funds					
Literacy	Create a national criterion for defining literacy					
Graduation	Net increase in graduation rates					
Dropout Rates	Net decrease in dropout rates					
International	Study of international models for US implementation.					
Early Education	Increase Federal Funding					
Secondary Ed.	Universal access for all qualified applicants					
Tuition	Reduce tuitions at state colleges or universities or subsidize based on cost of living and Socio-economic status.					
Grants/Scholarships	Increase federal grants and scholarships for secondary academic and vocational education					
Vocational	Funding a more comprehensive primary and secondary vocational education and polytechnics.					
Energy						
Research	Increased funding for research into alternative energy.					
Infrastructure	Begin construction of alternative energy infrastructure, public transit,					
Oil Dependence	Net reduction of oil imports					
Affordable Hybrid	Provide industry incentives for development					
Environment						
Preservation	End economic exploitation of publicly owned lands. Add one national park/forest. Maintain roadless areas					
Pollution	Net decrease in air, water, land pollution. Shift superfund burden to PRPs, Bring superfund cleanup projects back to Clinton era levels of 85 per year.					
Waste Management	Invest in new technologies, including energy conversion.					
Endangered Species	Reverse Bush Era provisions to the Endangered Species Act.					
Global Warming	National Global Warming policy stronger than Kyoto Accords. Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Enforcement of greenhouse rules. Establish sound policies for dealing with the consequences of global warming.					
Intrntl Treaties	Rejoin the international community for dealing with the environment, including Kyoto. Lead the international community in making necessary changes.					
International						
Iraq	Remove troops from Iraq. Establish and coordinate international effort in Iraq to maintain stability.					
Afghanistan	Same as above.					

Middle East	Open negotiation with Iran. Foster a Middle Eastern community.					
Israel/Palestine	Pressure Israel to adhere to UN Resolution 242. Promote the establishment of an autonomous Palestinian state. Condemn the West Bank Wall.					
Restore Standing	Rejoin the international community. Re-establish the standing of international treaties as US law.					
Clusterbombs	Sign on to and follow the international ban on clusterbombs.					
Asia	Establish fair trade agreements regarding exports and imports, especially with China. Address economic labor exploitation by US companies in Asia.					
Africa	Create a comprehensive policy regarding Sub Saharan Africa, political stability, ecology, health, education. Take stand against abusive economic influences on African nations.					
Human Rights						
Torture	Repudiate torture. Prosecute perpetrators of torture from the last administration.					
Genocide	Lead the international community in cooperative efforts to intervene in matters of genocide.					
Privacy	Eliminate FISA. Amend the US Constitution to define privacy in the post-modern age.					
The Press	Demonstrate transparent and cooperative relationship with the press. Rescind Bush Era restrictions on the press. Rescind postage laws that disproportionately impact small publications.					
Other Issues						
Repudiation of Bush	Openly repudiate Bush Administration. Prosecute Bush officials who broke American and International law.					
Military Budget	Cut military budget by at least 25%.					
Military Waste	End wasteful military programs such as the F-22.					
No Bid Contracts	Open all US contracts to fair bidding. Prosecute all companies that embezzle money from US taxpayers.					
Private Contractors	Impose strict supervision on private contractors. Establish a comprehensive policy for defining the responsibilities of private contractors using tax funds. Repudiate the use of private security/paramilitary forces in combat zones.					
Military Bases	Net reduction in the number of US military bases world-wide.					
Fair Trade	Adopt and enforce Fair Trade policies.					
Corporate Accountability	Investigate all instances of corporate malfeasance in the US and internationally. Create comprehensive laws for defining and enforcing corporate accountability.					
Sex Education	Promote comprehensive sex education. Repudiate abstinence based curriculum.					
Science	Re-establish science over ideology national policy. Provide funding for major scientific research initiatives.					
Arts	Bring funding for the arts back to public schools. Establish academies for the arts and humanities to re-establish the standing of art in US culture.					
Health Care	Extend Medicare to all Americans on a voluntary basis.					
Social Security	Raise the Social Security Tax Cap to \$200,000					
The Right to Choose	Rescind Bush Era gag rule regarding abortion. Openly support the right of women to make their own reproductive choices. Promote comprehensive sex education and access to contraceptives.					
The Employee Free Choice Act	This legislation must be passed and signed.					

Total Points	
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