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verified **I am Barack Obama, President of the United States -- AMA**

(self.IAmA)

submitted 1 hour ago* by [PresidentObama](#)

Hi, I'm Barack Obama, President of the United States. Ask me anything. I'll be taking your questions for half an hour starting at about 4:30 ET.

Proof it's me: <https://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/240903767350968320>

We're running early and will get started soon.

UPDATE: Hey everybody - this is barack. Just finished a great rally in Charlottesville, and am looking forward to your questions. At the top, I do want to say that our thoughts and prayers are with folks who are dealing with Hurricane Isaac in the Gulf, and to let them know that we are going to be coordinating with state and local officials to make sure that we give families everything they need to recover.

Verification photo: <http://i.imgur.com/oz0a7.jpg>

LAST UPDATE: I need to get going so I'm back in DC in time for dinner. But I want to thank everybody at reddit for participating - this is an example of how technology and the internet can empower the sorts of conversations that strengthen our democracy over the long run. **AND REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER** - if you need to know how to register, go to Gottaregister.com. By the way, if you want to know what I think about this whole reddit experience - **NOT BAD!**

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AMA = "Ask me anything"

AMAA = "Ask me almost anything"

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29 Aug	LIVE NOW	Barack Obama	President of the United States of America
29 Aug	Link	Dino Stamatopoulos	Starburns, Writer: <i>Mad TV</i> , <i>Late Show</i> , <i>Late Night with Conan O'Brien</i>
29 Aug	3:30PM (ET)	BGEE team	Baldur's Gate: Enhanced Edition
29 Aug	6PM (ET)	Clare Kramer	Glory from Buffy The Vampire Slayer
30 Aug	11AM (ET)	Frank Rich	New York Magazine Writer-at-large covering Politics and

[\[-\] Shitty_Watercolour](#) 379 points 25 minutes ago

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[\[-\] Drunken_Economist](#) [M] 2040 points 1 hour ago*

The moderators and admins have confirmed this thread; this is actually President Obama.

Edit: [and he's confirmed via twitter](#)

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[\[-\] TheAtomicPlayboy](#) 1390 points 1 hour ago

Welcome to Reddit, Mr. President.

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[\[-\] South_Dakota_Boy](#) 274 points 1 hour ago

I'm surprised the username PresidentObama was even available. Or is the man powerful enough to just take it over anyway? I'd hate to see the leader of the free world reduced to taking a username like TheRealPresidentObama or POTUS69 or xx_BarackObama_xx or something.

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[\[-\] DirectCharge](#) 1116 points 1 hour ago

ONE OF US. ONE OF US.

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[\[-\] mimicthefrench](#) 187 points 1 hour ago

Not really, let's be real here.

Although it's funny to imagine President Obama sitting in the oval office giggling and looking at photos of cats.

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[\[-\] Kon-chezz](#) 74 points 1 hour ago

Gooble Gabble Gooble Gabble.

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[\[-\] KoreanTerran](#) 286 points 1 hour ago

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5 Sept	2PM (ET)	Wil Schroter	Founder, 8 Web companies.
6 Sept	2PM (ET)	Matt Raab	Program Director, School on Wheels
7 Sept	1PM (ET)	Elizabeth Tobey	Director of Community at Trion Worlds
8 Sept	10 AM (ET)	Rick Ungar	Journalist focusing on healthcare and politics
10 Sept	2PM (ET)	JM Stover	Screenwriter, Director, Founder of ARTEMIS ETERNAL
12 Sept	10AM (ET)	W Kamau Bell	Political Comedian/Host of FX's Totally Biased With W Kamau Bell
14 Sept	2 PM (ET)	Phil Hendrie	Radio Personality, Actor, Writer
18 Sept	9AM (ET)	The Glove and Boots Team	The Glove and Boots Puppet Show
18 Sept	TBD	Kelly Ogden	Singer/Bassist of The Dollyrots
24 Sept	TBD	Rian Johnson	American writer and director
TBD	TBD	Peter Serafinowicz	Actor, comedian, writer, composer, voice artist, director.
TBD	TBD	Hans Zimmer	Film Composer, Music Producer

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9 minutes and already 200+ comments.
Good luck, Obama. You're going to need it.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[–] [venividiikarma](#) 99 points 1 hour ago

It's pretty funny because people used to get scolded for doing a request for Obama because he'd never do one.

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[–] [Bowmore](#) 90 points 1 hour ago

Hey Mr. Obama, can you tell us something we're not supposed to know?

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[–] [demaney](#) 183 points 1 hour ago

For proof, did he send you a picture of him holding a dated index card? Or did the Secret Service land a helicopter on your house?

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[–] [yishan](#) 761 points 1 hour ago

He faxed a copy of his birth certificate.

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[–] [qkk](#) 253 points 1 hour ago

...WOW.

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[–] [jomsie](#) 74 points 1 hour ago

I second the wow.

Would like to add a 'holy smokes'.

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[–] [girlpart](#) 557 points 1 hour ago

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IAmA Request Guidelines

- You must come up with 5 questions that are specifically related to the topic. Those

Coollest president ever? Coolest president ever.

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[\[-\]](#) [jomsie](#) 24 points 1 hour ago

Pretty cool president.

looks at a picture of Stephen Harper

sighs

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[\[-\]](#) [Cooper0505](#) 73 points 1 hour ago*

Haha, OP. I think you'll find it's President OP

EDIT: I see what you did there.

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[\[-\]](#) [sabataco](#) 39 points 1 hour ago

POP :)

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[\[-\]](#) [SharkGirl](#) 1813 points 1 hour ago

[We know how Republicans feel about protecting Internet Freedom.](#) Is Internet Freedom an issue you'd push to add to the Democratic Party's 2012 platform?

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[\[-\]](#) [PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 1722 points 56 minutes ago*

Internet freedom is something I know you all care passionately about; I do too. We will fight hard to make sure that the internet remains the open forum for everybody - from those who are expressing an idea to those to want to start a business. And although there will be occasional disagreements on the details of various legislative proposals, I won't stray from that principle - and it will be reflected in the platform.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\]](#) [asperous](#) 162 points 54 minutes ago

| internet remains the open forum for everybody

I don't think we're worried about it being open.

I think we're worried about our government taking away our privacy and unbiased access.

5 questions cannot be general questions that anyone could answer, like "what's your favorite color?". Those five questions must be posted in the text of the post. If not, it will be removed.

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What do you say about that?

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[–] [ordinaryrendition](#) 453 points 54 minutes ago

Sure thing. Do you like cats?

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[–] [CoCo26](#) 136 points 52 minutes ago*

And although their will be occasional disagreements

*there

I just corrected the President of the United States grammar.

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[–] [davidjoho](#) 239 points 1 hour ago

And when you say "Internet Freedom" do you mean the Republican version ("Freedom for the access provider monopoly") or the version in which the Internet is free to anyone with an idea or an expression?

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[–] [nookrulz](#) 714 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, do you feel that there is a problem with the "revolving door" of congressmen and prominent lobbyists? For an example, I'd point to former Senator Dodd, now the chief lobbyist for the MPAA. Is there anything to be done about it?

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[–] [erikNORML](#) 67 points 53 minutes ago

Marijuana prohibition has resulted in the arrest of over 20 million Americans since 1965, countless lives ruined and hundreds of billions of tax dollars squandered and yet this policy has still failed to achieve its stated goals of lowering use rates, limiting the drug's access, and creating safer communities.

Isn't it time to legalize and regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol? If not, please explain why you feel that the continued criminalization of cannabis will achieve the results in the future that it has never achieved in the past?

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[\[-\] hmlee](#) 2314 points 1 hour ago

I am recent law school graduate. Despite graduating from a top school, I find myself unemployed with a large student loan debt burden. While I'm sure my immediate prospects will improve in time, it's difficult to be optimistic about the future knowing that my ability to live a productive life -- to have a fulfilling career, to buy a house, to someday raise a family -- is hampered by my debt and the bleak economic outlook for young people. I know that I'm not alone in feeling this way. Many of us are demoralized. Your 2008 campaign was successful in large part due to the efforts of younger demographics. We worked for you, we campaigned for you, and we turned out in record numbers to vote for you. What can I say to encourage those in similar situations as I am to show up again in November? What hope can you offer us for your second term?

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[\[-\] PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 383 points 26 minutes ago

I understand how tough it is out there for recent grads. You're right - your long term prospects are great, but that doesn't help in the short term. Obviously some of the steps we have taken already help young people at the start of their careers. Because of the health care bill, you can stay on your parent's plan until you're twenty six. Because of our student loan bill, we are lowering the debt burdens that young people have to carry. But the key for your future, and all our futures, is an economy that is growing and creating solid middle class jobs - and that's why the choice in this election is so important. The other party has two ideas for growth - more tax cuts for the wealthy (paid for by raising tax burdens on the middle class and gutting investments like education) and getting rid of regulations we've put in place to control the excesses on wall street and help consumers. These ideas have been tried, they didnt work, and will make the economy worse. I want to keep promoting advanced manufacturing that will bring jobs back to America, promote all-American energy sources (including wind and solar), keep investing in education and make college more affordable, rebuild our infrastructure, invest in science, and reduce our deficit in a balanced way with prudent spending cuts and higher taxes on folks making more than \$250,000/year. I don't promise that this will solve all our immediate economic challenges, but my plans will lay the foundation for long term growth for your generation, and for generations to follow. So don't be discouraged - we didn't get into this fix overnight, and we won't get out overnight, but we are making progress and with your help will make more.

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[\[-\] shemperdoodle](#) 112 points 1 hour ago

Unfortunately you went to law school at a time when the job market for your prospective field was wildly oversaturated. I don't really feel like you can blame any politicians for that one.

Best of luck finding a job, though.

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[\[-\] rankun](#) 145 points 1 hour ago

This, you should answer this.

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[\[-\] ormirian](#) 2740 points 1 hour ago*

Are you considering increasing funds to the space program?

Edit: grammar

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[\[-\] PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 2060 points 59 minutes ago

Making sure we stay at the forefront of space exploration is a big priority for my administration. The passing of Neil Armstrong this week is a reminder of the inspiration and wonder that our space program has provided in the past; the curiosity probe on mars is a reminder of what remains to be discovered. The key is to make sure that we invest in cutting edge research that can take us to the next level - so even as we continue work with the international space station, we are focused on a potential mission to a asteroid as a prelude to a manned Mars flight.

[permalink](#) [parent](#)

[\[-\] s0crates82](#) 1390 points 57 minutes ago

| a asteroid

an asteroid, Mr. President.

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[\[-\] TyluhS](#) 792 points 49 minutes ago

A grammar nazi's greatest dream... *"an... Mr. President... An.."*

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[\[-\] OhRobots](#) 158 points 47 minutes ago

Ahaha... I can just see you telling everyone you know tonight "I corrected the president on his grammar today."

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[\[-\] matt-383](#) 282 points 47 minutes ago

You're about to get a knock on your door.

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[\[-\]](#) [deleted] 52 minutes ago

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[–] [DougSTL](#) 42 points 47 minutes ago

Even the president isn't safe of Reddit.

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[–] [tsondie21](#) 337 points 1 hour ago*

It seems like each new President brings a new direction to the Space Program. With Bush we got Constellation, and you brought us more of a focus on Science missions. Do you have the ability to give NASA the power to choose it's own direction and not be hampered by whatever the President and Congress are feeling like that day?

Let me be clear, I love the direction that NASA is headed in currently but they could do so much for. I think that just as much as NASA clearly needs a larger budget, they need the power to use that budget effectively.

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[–] [havestronaut](#) 254 points 1 hour ago

This is what all of our second grade teachers warned us about. "Learn to spell well, one day you may be spelling to the President!"

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[–] [TheAtomicPlayboy](#) 240 points 1 hour ago

I'm still waiting for learning cursive to pay off.

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[–] [TheEden](#) 42 points 1 hour ago

As a girl about to finish my aerospace engineering degree- Please? I promise to spend my life creating the first black hole probe... You know you're curious too.

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[–] [suzmerk](#) 576 points 1 hour ago

What are you going to do to end the corrupting influence of money in politics during your second term?

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[–] [PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 663 points 41 minutes ago

Money has always been a factor in politics, but we are seeing something new in the no-holds barred flow of seven

and eight figure checks, most undisclosed, into super-PACs; they fundamentally threaten to overwhelm the political process over the long run and drown out the voices of ordinary citizens. We need to start with passing the Disclose Act that is already written and been sponsored in Congress - to at least force disclosure of who is giving to who. We should also pass legislation prohibiting the bundling of campaign contributions from lobbyists. Over the longer term, I think we need to seriously consider mobilizing a constitutional amendment process to overturn Citizens United (assuming the Supreme Court doesn't revisit it). Even if the amendment process falls short, it can shine a spotlight of the super-PAC phenomenon and help apply pressure for change.

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[-] [joshuaglynn](#) 43 points 1 hour ago

This is by far the most important thing a president can do if they really want to make a change. And it's not just about elections. It's about how laws are made. How we govern ourselves. How we protect our future

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[-] [JrMint](#) 1278 points 1 hour ago

It's been stated that your favorite television show is The Wire. How do you think the war on drugs has affected America, and would you work to end it?

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[-] [GreatLookingGuy](#) 210 points 1 hour ago

I'd like to second this question and add that, as a drug user, the fact that drugs are illegal has acted only to decrease the amount of money that I'm able to inject into our economy, instead I'm handing it over to Mexican cartels and other illegal operations. I would love to walk into a pharmacy and buy everything I'd like over the counter. I'm no less a productive citizen than I was before my drug use, but the cost of the drugs is just about the only thing presently endangering my said productive status.

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[-] [Anab10sis](#) 8 points 1 hour ago

... and what's your favourite TV show currently airing?

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[-] [FifthSurprise](#) 1066 points 1 hour ago

What was the most difficult decision that you had to make during this term?

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[-] [PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 849 points 47 minutes ago

The decision to surge our forces in afghanistan. Any time you send our brave men and women into battle, you

know that not everyone will come home safely, and that necessarily weighs heavily on you. The decision did help us blunt the taliban's momentum, and is allowing us to transition to afghan lead - so we will have recovered that surge at the end of this month, and will end the war at the end of 2014. But knowing of the heroes that have fallen is something you never forget.

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[\[-\]](#) [sheabd01](#) 201 points 1 hour ago

President Obama, why didn't you close Guantanamo Bay as you promised you would?

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[\[-\]](#) [CallMeBert](#) 370 points 1 hour ago

If you had the ability to automatically enact or repeal only one law without congressional approval, what would you choose and why?

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[\[-\]](#) [thecw](#) 161 points 1 hour ago

Your administration has been very quiet regarding Americans' issues with the TSA and their invasive security procedures. Your administration even [pulled](#) a petition regarding making them answer a court order regarding the naked scanners.

Do you have any plans to reel in the over-reaching, rights-infringing bureaucracy the TSA has become?

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[\[-\]](#) [eddieohare](#) 204 points 1 hour ago

What are you going to do in your second term to address the failed war on drugs?

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[\[-\]](#) [ormirian](#) 161 points 1 hour ago

What is the purpose of the embargo on cuba? will you consider lifting it? (Thanks for doing this AMA)

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[\[-\]](#) [hueypriest](#) [\[A\]](#) 930 points 1 hour ago

I can confirm that this is indeed legit.

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[-] [aNonSapient](#) 265 points 1 hour ago

Stupid question I know but... Obama, or Obama staffers that are occasionally talking to Obama?

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[-] [TbroOnline](#) 87 points 1 hour ago

not stupid, this is a solid question

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[-] [Magnum_Opus](#) 12 points 1 hour ago

I suspect the latter partially due to: <http://www.c-span.org/Events/President-Obama-to-Campaign-in-Virginia/10737433523-3/>

I've held a similar 'live chat' with the UK equivalents, and they all had people typing for them. Not word for word, but they would actually input on some things.

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[-] [TheAtomicPlayboy](#) 394 points 1 hour ago

How the hell did you guys pull this one off?

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[-] [kn0thing](#) [a] 1204 points 1 hour ago*

This is reddit. You all pulled this off by becoming the front page of the internet.

edit: I'm also hoping the administration was so responsive because secretly they're all redditors.

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[-] [GoldenGraham12](#) 324 points 1 hour ago

<http://i.imgur.com/IoxFi.jpg>

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[-] [samsheffer](#) 60 points 1 hour ago

Spoken like a true ambassador, Alexis.

Bravo

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[-] [redtaboo](#) 24 points 1 hour ago

You done good, kn0thing, you done good.

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[–] [sexrockandroll](#) 32 points 1 hour ago

Reddit's getting bigger; the president wants publicity for his upcoming campaign.

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[–] [sidewinder1090](#) 873 points 1 hour ago

In what ways will you attempt to make university a more affordable path for students?

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[–] [notheory](#) 126 points 1 hour ago*

Since this is the house that kn0thing built, let me ask a tech entrepreneurial questions.

1. I just found out yesterday about the changes your administration has proposed for tax rates on C-Corps (dropping the rates to 28%). Why isn't anybody talking about this? I feel like this is something that you'd want to make sure to get across to folks in the entrepreneurial world!
2. Does the democratic party know how much distrust it's sown through the SOPA/PIPA efforts? I'm a staunch liberal, and made sure to call my congress critters over this issue. Despite the extents to which your administration has done on awesome tech issues, SOPA/PIPA hit a really sour note for folks like me.

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[–] [SaffyTheGeek](#) 242 points 1 hour ago

What are your plans to increase scientific literacy in America? (The recent levels are worrying most of the EU citizens, including myself). I would recommend inspiring a new generation through space personally, with subsidiary education funding increases, but I do understand it is a bad economic situation for America (and the world) at the moment.

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[–] [meteorologygeek1](#) 398 points 1 hour ago

The landing of Curiosity on Mars shows Americans still care deeply about our space exploration efforts. What are your plans for NASA if you get re-elected?

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[\[-\] scnjedi](#) 159 points 1 hour ago

Are there any plans to reduce military spending throughout 2013/14 and put the money into other areas such as the space program or helping to overhaul the education and health care systems?

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[\[-\] TheOtherOneIsMyAlt](#) 840 points 1 hour ago

Let's skip the marijuana legalization question that'll show up at least 50 times on this page and get to a related issue: After promising that you wouldn't interfere with individual state decisions on medical use of cannabis, how can you justify utilizing federal funds and agencies to shut down dispensaries and arrest people who are legitimately sick?

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[\[-\] SunshineToss](#) 53 points 1 hour ago

20 bucks says he doesn't address this

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[\[-\] shadowofthe](#) 10 points 48 minutes ago

As a secondary point, what role do you think states' rights (surrounding drug legalization) will play in the rest of your presidency?

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[\[-\] DaveMichael](#) 210 points 1 hour ago

Sir, do you anticipate the SEC convicting anyone for the massive banking and securities fraud that caused the 2008 financial crisis?

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[\[-\] pghgamecock](#) 97 points 1 hour ago

What do you have to say about the drug war? Do you think it's a problem that millions of Americans are in jail for non-violent crimes?

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[\[-\] coffeeholic91](#) 214 points 1 hour ago

Hey, I'm a Canadian and I've always wondered what you thought about the Canadian health care system compared to the US health care system!

Thanks for doing an AMA!

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[\[-\] neonsnow](#) 166 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President - What issues, if any, do you agree with Mitt Romney that are not commonly endorsed by the majority of the Democratic Party?

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[\[-\] Drunken_Economist](#) 14 points 1 hour ago

How did the "blackout" of websites like Reddit and Wikipedia affect the position of the administration on SOPA and PIPA?

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[\[-\] pepesgt](#) 251 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, What are you doing about returning soldiers with PTSD, particularly those that have acquired various drug addictions. I know there are a lot of VA facilities available, but they still have long waiting lists for the best inpatient programs. I ask because of my brother, who did three tours in Iraq, was prescribed oxycodone for a wartime injury, and came back with a bad heroin addiction. Please do more for these troops! Thank you.

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[\[-\] r0ckflite](#) 1125 points 1 hour ago

Why aren't you more actively fighting RNC voter suppression?

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[\[-\] Bring_dem](#) 197 points 1 hour ago

It occurs on the state level, it's not his job.

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[\[-\] moms3rdfavorite](#) 52 points 1 hour ago

This is also something I would like to know. It is wrong on so many levels

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[\[-\] Oaccountability](#) 207 points 1 hour ago

With all the patent lawsuits taking place recently, it has become painfully obvious that the system needs revision. Action or inaction on this issue can affect innovation for years to come. How does your administration plan on dealing with this issue during the next four years if you are re-elected?

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[\[-\] tauntology](#) 1251 points 1 hour ago

A lot of us are worried about copyright law. Sopa, Acta, TPP... And the actions against Megaupload. Mainly because these laws are excessive and limit rights. What is your stance on that?

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[\[-\] compto35](#) 233 points 1 hour ago

Yeah, because this is a fairly worded question on the issue

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[\[-\] daveforamerica](#) 542 points 1 hour ago

What is the first thing you'll do on November 7th, win or lose?

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[\[-\] PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 1007 points 51 minutes ago

Win or lose, I'll be thanking everybody who is working so hard - especially all the volunteers in field offices all across the country, and the amazing young people in our campaign offices.

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[\[-\] karlfranks](#) 339 points 1 hour ago

Who's your favourite Basketball player?

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[\[-\] PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 1091 points 55 minutes ago

Jordan - I'm a Bulls guy.

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[\[-\] ivanvzm](#) 462 points 54 minutes ago*

damn right you are

edit: ...sir.

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[\[-\] JessicaGottlieb](#) 211 points 1 hour ago

I have an 11 year old and a 13 year old child. I currently pay more for them to go to private school for one year than I paid for my entire master's degree.

What can you do to heal our very broken public school system (which I want to love)? What can I expect for them when they go to college in a few short years?

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[\[-\] georgegsmithjr](#) 111 points 1 hour ago

President Obama - How can we help to increase the standard of debate in this country so that it's not simple soundbytes and broad generalizations of complicated problems?

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[\[-\] Drunken_Economist](#) 835 points 1 hour ago

If you had to select one non-politician to be the next president, who would be your pick?

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[\[-\] pterrydactyl](#) 220 points 1 hour ago

Why haven't you closed Guantanamo Bay?

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[\[-\] Spooky64](#) 385 points 1 hour ago

What actions would you implement to ensure the net stays free and open and we don't see another SOPA?

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[\[-\] 15blinks](#) 78 points 1 hour ago*

What is being done to prevent future (and investigate past) tampering with election equipment? There is some pretty damning evidence of vote tampering in 2004, most prominently in Ohio. As a resident of Ohio in 2004, why should we even bother voting if our votes are filtered through Republican-owned data centers?

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[\[-\] mthreat](#) 51 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, when will the United States officially move to the [metric system](#)?

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[\[-\] Joenothin](#) 63 points 1 hour ago

My question is this: Why would you sign the NDAA when it included language that would allow the indefinite detention of Americans without due process. I understand that this was the de facto case for awhile. Now it's law. This passed by overwhelming bi-partisan support, despite being hated by most citizens. It feels like the government, including the Executive branch, no longer work for the citizens that elect them. (By the way, I fully supported your first campaign, but I'm now disillusioned and disappointed.)

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[\[-\] jblo](#) 71 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President : are you going to reach out to the Libertarians on some level to garner some votes on a few issues like pulling out of the middle east?

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[\[-\] thegamersfix](#) 50 points 1 hour ago

As a small business owner, my biggest issue in expanding and hiring more people is the necessary funds to do so. What can be done to encourage banks to lend more to small businesses in order to encourage growth. Thank You.

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[\[-\] rvaen](#) 614 points 1 hour ago

why did you cave to continuing the war on drugs?

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[\[-\] wtfusernametaken](#) 81 points 1 hour ago

Specifically by persecuting people involved in state sanctioned medical marijuana programs (which you and Holder promised your administration wouldn't do?).

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[\[-\] katekatekate](#) 628 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President--Thank you for doing this!

You're likely to get a lot of questions about policy, and those are important; but I'm interested in hearing a story. Can you tell us about visiting a favorite town or location, anywhere in the world, and why the experience stands out in your memory?

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[\[-\] dothefandang](#) 61 points 1 hour ago

What is the number one misconception about yourself or your campaign that you wish you clear up.

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[\[-\] silent1mezzo](#) 764 points 1 hour ago

What's the recipe for the White House's beer?

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[\[-\] PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 1014 points 41 minutes ago

It will be out soon! I can tell from first hand experience, it is tasty.

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[\[-\] Door_Knob](#) 59 points 1 hour ago

and how can I get a bottle?

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[\[-\] lotictrance](#) 143 points 1 hour ago

Well. This is a surprise.

How could you see your second term differing from the first in the sense of overall effectiveness with Congress? It's seemed as if the Legislature has made several attempts of yours mind-numbingly difficult to pull off -- could you see yourself playing hardball a bit more with the Republicans in Congress if you win a second term?

And hey, thanks for doing an AMA. Good luck in November -- I'll be voting for you again in Tennessee, although the rest of the state will likely not... again...

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[\[-\] wogiep07](#) 51 points 1 hour ago

How do you plan to provide support and improve education? In particular how will you address issues in education such as, middle class college students at risk of burden from debt, and our K-12 system that is struggling from multiple funding cuts.

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[\[-\] JBSchweitzer](#) 94 points 1 hour ago*

Mr. President,

If you were to re-imagine the campaign finance structure, what might that system look like?

I understand that with the Citizens United ruling, that process is a difficult fix, potentially left to a constitutional amendment, but in this case I'm simply wondering what your feelings on the "right" change might look like. One

that would still allow for enough income to run a field operation, or internal polling? Or possibly a bare bones volunteer campaign?

Thank you, Sir!

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[\[-\] ZaBlanc](#) 73 points 1 hour ago*

Hello, Mr. President! Big fan. :-) I'd like to know what you feel about what I think is a very under-talked-about issue...assisted suicide. I'm 35 now, but when I'm older I don't want to suffer with some slow-moving cancer or other terrible, incurable disease. It's a big fear and it's sad so many people have to die with so little dignity.

What's your position?

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[\[-\] pnothing](#) 10 points 1 hour ago

Mr President, are you concerned about the division the US has? Red and blue, christian and secular, pro-life and pro-choice... its become almost like a football rivalry where you want the other team to lose even if it is not in the benefit of anyone. What can be done to amend this?

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[\[-\] PreferredNomenclature](#) 132 points 1 hour ago

Why does your administration raid so many state-approved medical marijuana dispensaries?

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[\[-\] kilgoresalmon](#) 55 points 1 hour ago

What is your biggest regret about the 2 years where we had a Democratic president and a super-majority in the house and senate?

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[\[-\] gobearss](#) 250 points 1 hour ago

Is there anything going to be done about the current state of student loans?

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[\[-\] starcastic](#) 113 points 1 hour ago

How about the tuition problem that's creating the loans?

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[–] [Tropist](#) 88 points 1 hour ago

Coming up: Tactful avoidance of marijuana questions and disappointment from [/r/trees](#).

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[–] [flashgurdon](#) 52 points 1 hour ago

What's keeping you from closing down Guantanamo Bay as promised?

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[–] [Arlington_Ent](#) 509 points 1 hour ago

What is the plan for Gitmo Bay? and for marijuana legislation?

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[–] [DeathWalrus](#) 7 points 1 hour ago

I'd like to see how he responds, given that there doesn't seem to be any set deadline for the closing of Guantanamo, nor has he definitively taken one side or the other on marijuana legislation.

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[–] [BackFire349](#) 165 points 1 hour ago

Why are we still in Afghanistan?

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[–] [lrgmcC](#) 67 points 1 hour ago

I'm a 25% owner in a small family business (125 emps). How do I convince my 3 partners that the local and state chambers, business news about how much more Obamacare and Fed regs will cost us is BS? Some great infographics from your campaign team would be really helpful!

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[–] [beefsupreme](#) 322 points 1 hour ago*

How do you feel about the republicans snubbing Ron Paul at the GOP convention?

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[–] [muddylemon](#) 64 points 1 hour ago

The killed him? Jesus, they're getting pretty serious down there.

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[\[-\] DJUrsus](#) 8 points 1 hour ago

*snubbing

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[\[-\] ImHully](#) 62 points 1 hour ago

Hello Mr. President!

If you could take back one decision you have made in office, what would it be?

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[\[-\] PartyInYourMouth](#) 188 points 1 hour ago*

How are you going help small businesses in 2013 and 2014? and what if any bills are you going to impliment for small businesses, in 2013, and 2014?

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[\[-\] white_stone](#) 194 points 1 hour ago

What has been your favorite moment of your presidency? The saddest?

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[\[-\] TheAtomicPlayboy](#) 44 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, I was fortunate enough to see Al Gore speak at a private event earlier this month. During his presentation he repeatedly impressed that climate change is the great challenge of this generation. He also spoke of the recent cap and trade programs that have begun in India and China. What is your impression of these programs, and do you see something similar being effective in the United States?

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[\[-\] oliveasudden](#) 7 points 1 hour ago

What are your plans to improve the dismal economic outlook for young people entering the workforce during your administration?

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[\[-\] TheDoBoy](#) 51 points 1 hour ago

President Obama: What is one belief or principle about government that you want to let the Reddit community know that separates you from your political candidate, Mitt Romney? Thank you for doing this AMA

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[\[-\] EeStew](#) 392 points 1 hour ago

What are you going to do to further LGBTQ rights in this country?

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[\[-\] footnotefour](#) 23 points 1 hour ago

| What **more** are you going to do to further LGBTQ rights in this country?

FTFY.

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[\[-\] TorDrowae](#) 686 points 1 hour ago

Abdulrahman Al-Awlaki, a 16-year-old American citizen, was killed in a US drone strike (presumably one you ordered) in Yemen last year. Sure, the teen's dad was an Al Qaeda propagandist (and in close communication with Osama bin Laden), and he was probably collateral damage, not a target himself. Still, how does it make you feel? Do you ever think about it? Knowing then what you know now, would you still have ordered the strike?

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[\[-\] Philipp](#) 17 points 1 hour ago*

[Related question] Are drone kills in countries no war has been declared on fulfilling the standards of a "fair trial before verdict" and "innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"? Thanks.

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[\[-\] Munz0](#) 17 points 1 hour ago

I feel like there are way too many politicians that put more value in keeping their jobs over legitimately wanting to help the country. I feel like term limits for Senate/House reps could help reduce this kind of issue. Would you be willing to support term limits for congress members?

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[\[-\] jamie79512](#) 65 points 1 hour ago

Barack, I know you've received a lot of criticism for "Obamacare", and it may not be a perfect solution, but I think it's a step in the right direction. It has personally been a big help within my family.

I lost my big sister to cancer exactly 3 months ago. If it weren't for some of the laws you helped create, she would have left her husband millions of dollars in debt. Because of those laws, she was able to fight it with every possible treatment we could find without worrying about where we would get the money.

Thank you.

I only wish she could tell you that herself, she was very grateful for the chances she was given. My whole family is grateful.

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[\[-\] gabmonty](#) 141 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President- Hypothetically, if the United States had no debt, what would you spend money on?

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[\[-\]](#) [rusher3655](#) 344 points 1 hour ago

What made you come to reddit for an AMA?

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[\[-\]](#) [darknessthatistnot](#) 318 points 1 hour ago

He probably has something to promote.

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[\[-\]](#) [weekendofsound](#) 324 points 1 hour ago

UGH. I hope it's not some kind of fucking cologne or miracle supplement.

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[\[-\]](#) [everred](#) 323 points 1 hour ago

Let's stick to questions about the movie

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[\[-\]](#) [weekendofsound](#) 65 points 1 hour ago

I was wondering when we were going to get to the rampart jokes.

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[\[-\]](#) [banjoman74](#) 52 points 1 hour ago

Why do you think the majority of politicians are so slow on understanding and the proper use/etiquette of digital media? And do you feel you have a strong understanding of the medium, or do you rely heavily on experts around you?

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[\[-\]](#) [aNonSapient](#) 192 points 1 hour ago

Mr. Obama,

what can be done to get politics based more on reason ~~again~~, Removing the lies and absurdities?

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[\[-\] andruf](#) 92 points 1 hour ago

How can you justify the continued imprisonment of Pfc Bradley Manning? When the whole Bush administration got no charges for torture and war crimes?

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[\[-\] redtaboo](#) 118 points 1 hour ago

What were you thinking when you walked into the Oval Office for the first time as president?

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[\[-\] Eyedrinker](#) 41 points 1 hour ago

What are your thoughts regarding the media's reluctance to fact-check political statements for fear of accusations of bias?

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[\[-\] scrabblydab](#) 42 points 1 hour ago

Hi Mr. President! Welcome to Reddit and thanks for taking the time to talk to us!

My question is this: A lot of people on Reddit say that there is little difference between you and Gov. Romney - I think the reason that they say this is mostly because of the wars in Afghanistan and overall military policy, and that's the place where people want to see the most change.

My question is this: what can we expect from you on this issue that we won't see from a Romney Administration, or what will be the key differences in your defense policy from Romney's?

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[\[-\] posthumous](#) 9 points 1 hour ago

When are you going to close Guantanamo?

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[\[-\] WonkYouOut](#) 58 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, have you considered, or will you consider an executive order to end DOMA?

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[\[-\] dipcity](#) 4 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, thanks for doing this. Quick and easy question. Who do you predict winning the 2013 NBA Championship?

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[\[-\] vslain](#) 6 points 40 minutes ago

Mr. President: I'm a woman in my mid-twenties. It seems like every day a new legislator or public figure makes YET ANOTHER outrageous attack on my body and my identity as a woman. If you're elected in November, what steps will you take to ensure a firewall between this misogyny and women everywhere? What should we do to try to change these demeaning ideas- which, I think, are far less fringe than we'd like to believe? Thank you and good luck in November!

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[\[-\] Rosalin7](#) 5 points 38 minutes ago

President Obama, What is the biggest Republican misconception that you would like to get clarified for the voting public? Thanks for coming on Reddit...Best of luck for 2012, I know you have my vote!

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[\[-\] ghostrocket](#) 27 points 1 hour ago

Hello Mr. President. Thank you for doing this AMA. Supporting Net Neutrality will protect our freedoms in the immediate future as well as hundreds of years down the line. This is about free speech. What will you do in your second term to support & protect net neutrality?

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[\[-\] MySnakeIsAwesome](#) 51 points 1 hour ago

The ice in the arctic is the lowest ever recorded, and there are two more weeks of melting left in the summer. Will climate change get the attention it so desperately needs in your second term?

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[\[-\] funkmagnet](#) 69 points 1 hour ago

How do you deal with attack ads? Many of them are blatantly false, yet, there are never any repercussions for those running the ads. Is it upsetting, or just "politics?"

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[\[-\] thereal_plaidavenger](#) 16 points 1 hour ago

Would you be brave enough to do a Q&A with college students JUST on foreign policy and America's international role?

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[\[-\] YourCousinJeffrey](#) 37 points 1 hour ago

Are you worried about the precedent being set by extensive use of American drones over sovereign nations with which we are not at war? What happens when countries like Pakistan or Yemen get drone technology and try to use it over the US, citing our use of drones over their countries as examples?

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[\[-\] gobearss](#) 172 points 1 hour ago

How do you balance family life and hobbies with, well, being the POTUS?

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[\[-\]](#) [PresidentObama](#) [\[S\]](#) 129 points 18 minutes ago

It's hard - truthfully the main thing other than work is just making sure that I'm spending enough time with michelle and the girls. The big advantage I have is that I live above the store - so I have no commute! So we make sure that when I'm in DC I never miss dinner with them at 6:30 pm - even if I have to go back down to the Oval for work later in the evening. I do work out every morning as well, and try to get a basketball or golf game in on the weekends just to get out of the bubble. Speaking of balance, though, I need to get going so I'm back in DC in time for dinner. But I want to thank everybody at reddit for participating - this is an example of how technology and the internet can empower the sorts of conversations that strengthen our democracy over the long run. AND REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER - if you need to know how to register, go to Gottaregister.com. By the way, if you want to know what I think about this whole reddit experience - NOT BAD!

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[\[-\]](#) [EricLindros](#) 56 points 1 hour ago

Hi, big fan here. I've got two quick questions:

Do you consider the War on Drugs to be a failure. Why or why not?

And second, what do you say to the families of the US Citizens you've ordered droned to death by executive fiat, and how does such an order comport with your understanding of constitutional law.

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[\[-\]](#) [mpeterson4](#) 125 points 1 hour ago

If you had to pick an area for improvement in our country, what would it be? What is the most important thing?

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[\[-\]](#) [demaney](#) 53 points 1 hour ago

What do you think about Congress's approval rating? It seems like a lot of people blame you directly for a lot of what happens regarding laws, but isn't Congress the branch that writes laws? Why don't people vote for new Congresspeople?

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[\[-\] pikpikcarrotmon](#) 380 points 1 hour ago

Toilet paper - facing out, or facing in?

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[\[-\] rvaen](#) 74 points 1 hour ago

Are you actually typing these responses, is it just a campaign lackey, or are you not even aware that this is going on? Pics for proof (this is the internet, the rules still apply)

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[\[-\] SoDakLiberal](#) 51 points 1 hour ago

I look forward to seeing you in person again in Sioux City on Saturday. Please address questions regarding marijuana policy. It is time to legalize, tax and regulate. Will you at least commit to reviewing this policy in the next four years?

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[\[-\] guitarromantic](#) 213 points 1 hour ago

Do you feel the USA should work to change its rules on gun ownership in light of the recent shootings? How do you feel the USA is perceived around the world for its stance on this issue?

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[\[-\] Xikawnix](#) 47 points 1 hour ago

| In light of recent shootings

This is not the first time a crazy person has gained access to a firearm, and it will not be the last. It is simply not a good argument for gun control.

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[\[-\] rickdabunny](#) 16 points 1 hour ago

The current US Patent system is hurting small businesses, in response the EFF has released [seven proposals for fixing the patents system](#). What plan does your administration have to address these issues?

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[\[-\] the_schizoid_man](#) 49 points 1 hour ago

Why do petitions keep disappearing from whitehouse.gov?

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[–] [Richgart](#) 52 points 1 hour ago

Hey Mr. Obama, I think it's great that your getting to talk to people on reddit.

Here's my question. For those of us who aren't 18 yet, what should we be looking for in future presidential candidates when we vote?

Thanks.

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[–] [ccj](#) 100 points 1 hour ago

As a former constitutional law professor, can you explain how it is legal to kill an American citizen with a Predator drone without due process?

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[–] [moms3rdfavorite](#) 30 points 1 hour ago

What is it like to award the Medal of Honor to someone? Do you guys have a beer and talk a little beforehand, or is it very formal?

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[–] [nathanthenerd](#) 183 points 1 hour ago

It's such a shame that I'm from the UK, Mr. President, you're fantastic!

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[–] [whitew0lf](#) 145 points 1 hour ago

Canada agrees

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[–] [Magnum_Opus](#) 102 points 1 hour ago

I echo this, for the people of the UK, please win the next election!

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[–] [vicoesco](#) 37 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, what would you do differently in your second term if reelected, than you have done in the first?

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[–] [craigatron](#) 91 points 1 hour ago

Do you intend to release the White House Honey Ale recipe as requested in [this petition](#)? If not, why do you hate

freedom?

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[\[-\] Huntho21](#) 6 points 1 hour ago

Hello Mr president, as a resident of the UK i am just wondering what is your honest opinion on the Eurozone Crisis. How would you handle it?

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[\[-\] circulatingideas](#) 5 points 1 hour ago

Mr. President, the everyday person needs to possess a firm grasp on digital literacies to interact with our ever-changing connected world, and librarians are on the forefront of leading the teaching of these skills but many times lack the funding to properly do so. How would you do more to support libraries and librarians in your second term to ensure that all Americans bridge the digital divide?

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[\[-\] EWess92](#) 3 points 1 hour ago

Both parties have run decidedly mean-spirited and honestly truth-challenged campaigns. How do you plan to make your ads, speeches and surrogates more honest?

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[\[-\] rhymeswithsarah](#) 5 points 55 minutes ago

Thanks you, a million times thank you for everything you've done for LGBT rights advances so far. I never thought I'd see the end of DADT, backing off on DOMA, and a president coming out in favor of marriage equality this soon. Keep doing what you do.

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[\[-\] goodasyou](#) 6 points 52 minutes ago

Can we trust you to speak out against the discriminatory ballot fights attempting to rollback/halt/limit marriage equality in MN, ME, WA, and MD?

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As a college student who is interested in politics, what was it that first inspired you to go into politics? What's your first recollection of being interested politics?

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