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The 30 Most Famous Harvard Students Of All Time

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Barack Obama (born August 4, 1961)

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Barack Hussein Obama II, the 44th and current President of the United States (assumed January 20, 2009), is the first African American to ever hold the office. Obama was previously a United States Senator from Illinois (January 3, 2005-November 16, 2008), and Member of the Illinois Senate from the 13th district (January 8, 1997-November 4, 2004). His acts of legislation signed into law are known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (February, 2009), and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (March, 2010). On October 8, 2009 he was awarded the year's Nobel Peace Prize, "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."



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