

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Everything you always wanted to know about Barack Obama

Political Party: Democratic

Height: 6'2"

Wife's Name: Michelle

Children's Names: Malia and Sasha

Car: Ford Escape Hybrid

Awards: Obama is a two-time Grammy Award winner. He won Best Spoken Word Album in 2005 for the audio book edition of *Dreams From My Father* (2004), and again in 2007 for the audio book edition of *The Audacity of Hope* (2006).

Hobbies: Obama enjoys playing Scrabble, poker, and basketball.

Favorite Books: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison; *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville; Shakespeare's Tragedies; *Parting the Waters* by Taylor Branch; *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson; *Self-Reliance* by Ralph Waldo Emerson; The Bible; Lincoln's *Collected Writings*

Favorite Movies: *The Godfather I and II* and *Lawrence of Arabia*

Favorite TV Shows: *The Wire*, Sportscenter, Monday Night Football, *M.A.S.H.*, and the U.S. Senate on C-Span

Favorite Quote: "The Arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." --Martin Luther King Jr.

Personal Heroes: Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Pablo Picasso and John Coltrane.

Making the Grade: Although Obama graduated magna cum laude, which means "with great honor" from Harvard Law School, he got a D in 8th grade French.

When I Grow Up: Obama says that if he had to choose another career, he would be an architect.

Chef Obama: Obama loves to make chili. He has been using the same chili recipe since college.

Did You Know? Obama says he would like Will Smith to play him in a movie.

Everything you always wanted to know about John McCain

Political Party: Republican

Height: 5'9"

Wife's Name: Cindy

Children's Names: Doug, Andrew, Sidney, Meghan, Jack, Jim, Bridget

Car: Cadillac CTS

Awards: John McCain's naval honors include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Hobbies: McCain enjoys hiking, fishing, boxing, basketball, football, baseball, and history.

Favorite Book: *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway

Favorite Movie: *Viva Zapata*

Favorite TV Shows: *24*, *Lost*, *Damages*, *The Daily Show*, *The Tonight Show*, *Late Show*, *The Sopranos*, *Prison Break*, *I, Claudius*

Favorite Quote: "It's always blackest before it's totally black" —Chairman Mao Zedong

Personal Heroes: Theodore Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater

Making the Grade: McCain says that he never got good grades in school. He finished near the bottom of his class at the U.S. Naval Academy.

When I Grow Up: McCain says that if he had to choose another career, he would want to work in the U.S. Foreign Service. Foreign Service workers, such as diplomats, represent U.S. interests in other countries.

Chef McCain: McCain loves to cook baby-back ribs on the grill.

Did You Know? The McCain family has many pets! They have an English springer spaniel named Sam, a mutt named Coco, two turtles named Cuff and Link, a cat named Oreo, a ferret, three parakeets and 13 saltwater fish.