



# Barack Obama Has Always Been on the Side of Working People

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"We've had to work hard...  
even struggled at times.  
We want a president  
who knows what  
that feels like."

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### Raised By a Single Mother

Barack Obama came from humble beginnings. His parents separated when he was two, and he was raised by a single mother. His mother and grandparents taught him the right values—the values of personal responsibility, self-reliance and hard work.

### Worked Hard to Succeed

Obama took loans and jobs to help pay for college. After graduating, he passed up Wall Street jobs to work as a community organizer with church-based groups in Chicago. There, he helped rehabilitate neighborhoods devastated by shuttered steel mills.

### Stayed True to His Values

As a senator in Illinois and Washington, Obama has continued fighting for working families by passing laws that moved people from welfare to work, cut taxes for the middle class and extended health care benefits for wounded veterans.

## Barack Obama: The Experience to Lead

“Just like us, Barack Obama has worked hard for everything. He’s definitely earned our support... and our respect.”

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