



## LESSON 9.2.5 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #47 Obamanation

### PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn about the presidency of Barack Obama. Understanding how the events of the Bush Administration impacted the ways in which the Obama Administration played out is an important theme. Obama's responses to the 2008 Recession and the continuing War on Terror are covered, as well as other developments in domestic and foreign policy.

### LINK

- [Crash Course US History #47 –Obamanation](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

### PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about recent history. By which we mean VERY recent history. John covers the end of George W. Bush's administration to the presidency of Barack Obama. Some people would say, "It's too soon to try to interpret the historical importance of such recent events!" To those people we answer, "You're right." Nonetheless, it's worthwhile to take a look at recent American history as a way of looking back at how far we've come. Anyway, John will teach you about Obama's election, some of his policies like the Affordable Care Act, the 2009 stimulus, and the continuation of the war on terror.

### PROCESS

Remember that John speaks very quickly, and you should watch the video with captions. Don't forget to pause and rewind when necessary. Before you watch the video, remember to look back at the central ideas of the Unit 9 Essential Questions and the Lesson 9.2 Essential Questions.



## LESSON 9.2.5 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. What caused the second worst economic crisis in the last 150 years of American history?
2. What is a NINJA loan?
3. Why was it a bad idea to issue securities with subprime mortgages?
4. What characteristics helped Barack Obama win the 2008 presidential election?
5. How did President Obama hope to change the political climate of America?



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6. What policy expansion did President Obama provide women?

7. What are some criticisms of the Obama presidency?

8. What law was signed 28 days into Obama's presidency? What did it do and what were the results?

9. Explain the Affordable Care Act and some of its controversies.

### LESSON 9.2.5 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. Toward the end of the video, John describes that the Founding Fathers would be astonished by the breadth of the American government and the extent to which it is involved in the lives of Americans. He, however, points out that people around the world have benefitted from government investment in healthcare, infrastructure, and transportation. All of this is based on how freedom is defined. What does freedom look like to you?