**Obama Review Spring 2020**

Obama background

Born in **Honolulu, HI (which is a state of the US)**

From Illinois State Senate to White House in four years

Balancing inexperience with experience in picking VP Biden (like Bush and Cheney)

\*McCain-Palin (conservative and Movement Conservative)

\*Palin as a precursor to Trump style

\*The Birthers

2008 victory

Great Recession

Obama response: FDR style government spending

Massive deficits

\*Affordable care Act (Obamacare)

\*Reaction to Obama Care

\*Legitimate criticism vs. demagoguery

\*Birth of TEA Party

\*TEA Party fringe elements

Obama ultimately loses House and Senate to Republicans

Obama wins reelection

\*Republican Strategy: refuse to pass Obama legislation

Merrick Garland example

Obama strategy: executive orders

DREAM Act example

Legislation stalls

Obama implements law as if legislation passed

Obama approval record

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