“OUT OF MANY, WE ARE ONE.”

— Barack Obama, Nov. 4, 2008, presidential acceptance speech

Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States in November 2008, becoming the first African-American to win the post. Born in Hawaii and a former community organizer in Chicago, Obama was a United States senator from Illinois prior to assuming the presidency.

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