

Barack Obama factfile

■ **Aug 4, 1961:** Born **Barack Hussein Obama** in Honolulu, Hawaii – son of white mother from Kansas and black father from Kenya

■ **1967:** Moves with his mother to live in Jakarta, Indonesia

■ **1971-79:** Returns to Hawaii to attend high school. As a teenager, Obama experiments with marijuana and cocaine

■ **1983:** Graduates from Columbia College, New York, after studying political science with specialization in international relations

■ **1985:** Moves to Chicago – works to help residents of poor neighbourhoods

■ **1988-92:** Studies at Harvard Law School. Marries fellow lawyer Michelle – couple now has two daughters



■ **1992-94:** Works as civil rights lawyer in Chicago

■ **1996:** Elected as **Democrat** to **Illinois State Senate**

■ **2003:** Speaks out against invasion of Iraq in months leading up to war

■ **Jul 2004:** Makes keynote speech at **Democratic National Convention**.

His speech attacking Bush administration's conduct of Iraq war raises his national profile

■ **Nov:** Elected to Senate. Only African-American currently serving in Senate – fifth in U.S. history

■ **Feb 10, 2007:** Will make formal announcement as to whether or not he will run for president in 2008

