

A close-up portrait of Barack Obama, smiling and looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. The background is dark.

Today in History

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▲ **Barack Obama became the first African-American to be elected President of the United States, winning a decisive victory over Republican John McCain**

1963: At a Royal Variety Performance Beatle John Lennon joked, "Those of you in the cheaper seats clap, the rest of you can rattle your jewellery"

1998: A Honduran woman was rescued six days after she was swept out to sea during a hurricane

1998: Osama bin Laden was indicted by a U.S. grand jury for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania

2003: The sun unleashed the biggest solar flare ever recorded