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Candidate Name		Scottish Candidate Number	
Source A- Joint economic committee, strong economy https://www.jec.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/2c298bda-8aee-4923-84a3-95a54f7f6e6f/did-trump-create-or-inherit-the-strong-economy-final.pdf			
Source B-Obama presidential centre, Obamacare https://www.obama.org/stories/13-years-aca/			
Source C-BBC, American Health Care act https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-39387550			
Source D-Gallup news, Best liked living president https://news.gallup.com/poll/656330/obama-best-liked-among-living-presidents-biden-least.aspx			
Source E- Article from highered end jobs, Obama Education https://www.higheredjobs.com/articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=1160#:~:text=The%20Obama%20administration%20nearly%20doubled,school%20under%20President%20Obama's%20watch “With greater college affordability 700,000 more minority students attended college immediately after high school under President Obama’s watch”.			
Source F- US committee on finance, Trump education https://www.finance.senate.gov/chairmans-news/the-one-big-beautiful-bill-expands-education-freedom#:~:text=July%2014%2C2025-,The%20One%20Big%20Beautiful%20Bill%20Expands%20Education%20Freedom,education%2C%20regardless%20of%20socioeconomic%20background			
Source G-Air mobility command museum, Operation tomodachi Japan https://www.amcmuseum.org/history/operation-tomodachi/			
Source H- Wion news, Trump aid to Argentina https://www.wionews.com/world/trump-assures-aid-to-argentina-over-missing-submarine-24885 “I have long given the order to help Argentina with their search and rescue mission of their missing submarine”.			

To what extent was Obama a more successful President than Trump?

Obama was president of the United States from the 20th January 2009 - 20th January 2017 and Trump was president from 2017-2021 and as of currently 2025 he is President. Both Obama and Trump have different views of how the US should be run with Obama being a democrat which is more left-wing focusing on healthcare and social welfare and Trump is a republican which focuses more on right wing politics and areas like lowering taxes showcasing the different ways on how they run the United States.

Many of Obama's successes are still around and in affect today like Obamacare which brought millions of Americans health insurance. However some may argue he was less successful in areas and Trump was more like the economy.

Obama and Trump have both been elected for their two terms in office with Obama having two successive terms. The successes of a president can be measured by the significance of their impact on economy, healthcare, public opinion, education and their relationships with other countries. This essay will look at to what extent was Obama a more successful President than Trump.

One reason why Obama was more successful than Trump is due to the economy. This is because Obama had one of the best economies seen in the US but when he came into office the US was in the Great Depression 2008 which was a huge financial crisis which took affect all across America and he had to help the United States get out of the Great Depression. Source A shows that when Obama left Presidency in 2017 he had 76 consecutive months job growth. This shows Obama's success as he was able to rebuild the US economy and bring stability with lots of jobs to the United States through his leadership whilst

in presidency helping him to create the very good US economy. However, on the other hand Trump also had a good economy. This is because when he came into office in 2017 he was left with the economy Obama had built over the last 8 years even though Trump did create some economic policies which helped with corporate and spending. Source A shows Trump's most successful economic policy took effect January 2018 with a 1.9 trillion tax cut helping with corporate profits and consumer spending. This shows Trump's successes as he was able to introduce policies to help input more money back into the economy he had inherited of Obama, which however Trump's tax cuts were predicted by experts to end up causing economic debt. Overall Obama was a more successful president than Trump as he was able to completely restruct a US economy after a finishing crisis showing his ability to achieve high in presidency whilst Trump just added onto the already growing Obama economy.

Another reason why Obama was more successful than Trump is due to healthcare. This is because when Obama came into office he promised the US he would make healthcare affordable and ensuring it was a right to all across America which led him onto to the passing of The Affordable Healthcare Act*2010 which was able to benefit many Americans. Source B shows the Affordable healthcare Act brought 40 million Americans access to healthcare and expanded health insurance to 40 states to help cover 21 million low-income adults under the age of 65. This shows how Obama was successful in healthcare as he helped millions of Americans who could not afford healthcare,

bringing equality to the United States and giving all people the chance to healthcare proving how he kept his promise to the public. However, Trump also had successes in healthcare. This is because as of recently 25/26 he has introduced the Great Healthcare plan which is to further benefit people paying in the costs of healthcare but in Trumps first term he failed to pass any major healthcare legislation as he introduced the American Healthcare act to replace areas of Obamacare. Source C shows "The American Healthcare Act 2017" failed to pass in congress as Trump needed 215 republican votes for the act to pass. This shows how although Trump has introduced legislation and still has more years left to try pass in his first term was fully unsuccessful in passing any act showing he neither ~~and~~ had the support or leadership to bring any real change to healthcare. Overall Obama was a more successful president to Trump as Obamacare is still around helping many Americans and was very successful especially when it was introduced whilst Trump has been unable to currently have any successes in the United States to benefit the people through healthcare.

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Another reason why Obama was more successful than Trump is due to the publics opinion. This is because many Americans liked Obama in presidency and many hoped there could be an ~~ex~~ way he could have a third term in office. Source D shows in 2025 ~~#~~ Obama was voted as 59% favourable whilst only being 36% unfavourable. This shows Obamas success as he was viewed as way more favourable even in 2025 when he left office many years ago which clearly shows the

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Impact he had on Americans ^{lives} through his successes are still around today. However on the other hand Trump was viewed by the public in a split of ways with a mix on those who like him and those who do not. Source D shows in 2025 Trump was viewed as 48% favourable and 50% unfavourable. This shows how the public's views on Trump are very split but more so unfavourable suggesting the public do not like what he aims to achieve in presidency. Overall Obama is more successful than Trump due to the public's opinion as he is more favoured even though he is not in office suggesting the public like everything Obama achieved in presidency whilst not liking what Trump aims for.

Another reason why Obama was a more successful president than Trump is through education. This is because Obama wanted to make schools more affordable to allow all Americans the same opportunity in life to receive high quality education. Source E shows "with greater college affordability 700,000 more minority students attended college immediately after high school under president Obama's watch" says Bory. This shows Obama's success in education as he was able to allow more disadvantaged students the chance of attending college to further benefit their futures showcasing how whilst Obama was in presidency he wanted the best for all Americans no matter what. However, on the other hand Trump was also successful in education. This is because as of July 2025 the one big beautiful act was signed which ensured families would start to prepare early to find colleges to ensure all children at least had the chance to further education.

If they wanted. Source F shows how this expanded families' 529 saving accounts. This shows how Trump was successful as he helped create accounts so families would save early on for further school expenses to ensure equality was provided to all in further education. Obama and Trump both had many successes in education however Obama's policy took greater effect and a lot quicker which could arguably be seen as more successful compared to Trump. OBAMA which will come into more impact in the future.

A final reason why Obama was more successful than Trump is due to relationships with other countries. This is because throughout his Presidency Obama created multiple relationships ensuring he had good allies and could help countries in positive ways like in Japan where he had a good relationship with prime minister Shinzo Abe and Obama was able to help Japan when the Tohoku earthquake and Tsunami hit Japan and the US created Operation Tomodachi (friendship). Source G shows on the 22nd March 2011, 20 US naval ships, 140 aircrafts and 19,703 sailors and Marines were brought to Japan to bring humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, bringing 227 tons of relief supplies to date. This shows how Obama was successful in relationships as he was able to quickly react and help Japan return to normal quicker by bringing aid and helping ensure everything was ~~enough~~ good which other countries would have also seen how Obama helped encouraging more countries to allies with the US. However, on the other hand Trump also had relationships with other countries. This is because during his presidency he was

also able to build relationships to benefit the US and especially one with Argentina where Trump offered his help in finding a submarine which went missing going from Ushuaia to Mar del Plata and helping to find all the members who were on board. Source #1 is from Trump Twitter in 2017 "I have long given the order to help Argentina with their search and rescue mission of their missing submarine." This shows how Trump was successful in relationships as he helped ~~the~~ ~~us~~ to find the submarine and offer his support which showed his ability to help allies where other countries would have seen how quickly he helped. Overall Obama was more successful than Trump as although they both brought assistance Obama's help was far more than Trump as he helped Japan get back to how the US used to be.

It is true that to a certain extent Obama is more successful than Trump. This is due to the economy which he completely rebuilt after a massive financial crisis which was seen to negatively affect many Americans before he helped, his healthcare where his act ~~helped~~ ^{benefited} millions of Americans across the US and him being still in 2025 viewed as favourable. This is also due to his education helping many disadvantaged families have their children access college and helping to supply lots of aid throughout Japan after their earthquake and tsunami. Trump can also be argued as successful in the economy and education even though when he came into office he had the privilege of inheriting Obama's economy and his education policy won't come to full effect till later in the future and ~~Obama's economy~~ Trump still hasn't served his

full second term meaning he could have many more successes better than Obamas. Overall Obama is a more successful president than Trump.