

Higher Politics Assignment

To what extent has Barack Obama been a successful President.

For nearly the past eight years Barack Obama has been the president of the United States of America. During his time of presidency he has gained many followers and still remains very popular among his own political party. However some citizens of America don't agree that he has been a successful president due to reasons like the fact he hasn't bring some of the promises he made into the light. In this assignment I will analyse if President Barack Obama has been successful. In order to do this I will refer to a list of factors such as Gun Control in America, his passing of 'Obama Care', his popularity through the past eight years and the DACA.

In 2012, Barack Obama was re-elected as Americas president again. This could be an indication that he, at the time, was doing something right. And this could argue that he has been a successful president, but what actually makes a successful president? What are some of the qualities you must have in order to be a success? Some factors were found in a politics American textbook which showed factors like political experience. Obama studied as a law student and also had a strong like to politics so therefore knew what he was talking about and held his own opinions and beliefs. Another factors was that you must be plain spoken and direct and you must have your own beliefs and opinions.

The first factor ~~that~~ that will be analysed to see if Obama has had success as a president is his actions towards Gun Control. During Obama's time of presidency he has had to face a lot of tragic shootings which took place in America. The phrase 'guns don't kill people, people do' ~~can be argued~~ ^{means} that it is not the action of the gun which kills people, although it is the bullet within the gun that does, it is the person's actions when holding the gun that kills a person. Obama has tried to push ~~background checks upon people~~ ^{background checks} upon people ~~before~~ congress into passing the action of background checks on every individual trying to buy a gun. This will also include criminal background checks and mental health checks. The FBI have hired 230 extra employees to help with these background checks ~~within~~.

However, guns still remain a huge ~~prob~~ problem within America as just in this year thousands of Americans have lost their lives in mass shootings. In an article published on June 12th 2016 by Vox.com it showed that since the beginning of the year 76 days have been shootings and 58 days have been without. Florida now having the highest shooting rate. ~~Congress have had~~ Obama's still pushes for Congress to pass his ~~background~~ ~~action~~ of background checks ~~but~~ but congress vetoes most times. In 2013 they blocked tough laws on the matter of ~~the~~ Gun Control. On Tuesday January 2016 Obama made a speech which stated "The folks in the room will not rest until congress does. Because once congress gets on board with common-sense gun safety measures, we can reduce a whole lot".

Therefore, although Obama has tried to get congress to pass his plans for Gun Control in America, Congress still vetoes many of his actions which slows down the process of rectifying the problem of guns in America.

Another factor which will be analysed ~~was~~ will be 'Obama Care'. In 2010 the law of 'Obama Care' was passed. The law was made in order for many of American citizens to afford good quality healthcare and have access to quality healthcare. Obama wanted to help those who could not afford the huge hospital bills and have them insured in 'Obama Care'. It can be stated by an article on the BBC that 50% of young healthy adults support this law and believe it is a law which will help America as a country. Since the ~~beginning~~ beginning of the ~~years~~ year 11.3 million people are insured by 'Obama Care'.

However, many people disagree with this law and believe it is not a good law. This is the problem for many Republicans who say ~~that~~ that 'Obama Care' will destroy their country. In 2010 the people who agreed this act was a good idea was only 40% and in ~~one~~ ~~four~~ years four years that percentage ~~was~~ went up only 1% to 41% of people supporting the act. ~~Now the~~ The statistics for the amount of people who disapprove of the law is much of a ~~big~~ leap. From 44% in 2010 disapproving to an increase to 53% disapproving which can be seen as a very large jump. These statistics all come from an article on the BBC. It can be seen that 5 million of American citizens are uninsured from the act as many struggle to find the money to afford the act.

Therefore, although 'Obama Care' has helped ~~many~~ many people have access to quality healthcare and be able to afford healthcare, it has been disapproved by many Republicans saying that it will destroy America as a country.

Another factor which will be analysed if Obama has been a successful president or not is the DACA.

The Act was set up to help many depressed children and young adults find a place within America and help them build a home and life in the USA. Since the Act ~~started~~ started it has helped ~~should~~ 5 million immigrants. It has helped 587,366 out of 600,000 undocumented young adults work and a life in America ~~during~~. In 2012 two thirds of adults supported the ~~system~~ system (63%) and also Hispanics believed it to be a ~~very~~ very good and thought out system that would help ~~many~~ many young ~~individuals~~ individuals. ~~the~~ President Obama hopes to expand the programme onto the children's families and parents so they have a secure home and life in America.

However many can't afford this programme as applications to it cost \$466 which many can't afford. Many immigrant families don't have the money to be able to apply for the programme and therefore aren't able to give their children a right start of a new life. Many would agree that if the application fee was smaller they would be able to apply. President Barack Obama made a promise which he failed to pull through which was ~~the~~ called "path to citizenship", he stated "a system ~~that~~ that allows undocumented ~~children~~ immigrants who are in a good standing to pay a fine, learn English and go to the back of the line for the

opportunity to become citizens". The break of this promise gained him many unhappy followers and caused a slight decrease onto his popularity.

Therefore although, the DACA helped alot of young children and adults find jobs and a new life ~~work~~, some families can't afford to pay \$8465.

Another factor ~~that~~ ^{that} will ~~analyse~~ ^{analyse} the analysis if Obama has been a ~~success~~ ^{success} successful president in America will be his popularity among the citizens of America.

From the beginning of the year the amount of people who agreed to him being a success was 47% and by september this year it had increased to 52% due to a ~~sta~~ ^{survey} statistic ~~chart~~ ^{chart} from www.gallup.com. ~~Also~~ Also in this survey it can be seen ~~that~~ that in 2008 when was during his ~~ea~~ campaign 70% of people were positive he was going to be a successful president. This is a far better result than Bush which only showed 27% of people being positive. During a question and answer interview with Scotland's own MP, Corrie Wilson ~~stated~~ ^{stated}, when asked if she ~~the~~ believes if Obama has been a successful president or not she ~~replied~~ ^{replied} by stating that he is an 'Approachable' and 'Family-oriented' man. The Obama family are very popular among the people of America and his wife and First Lady, Michelle Obama is equally ~~very~~ ^{very} popular. Michelle Obama is very popular among the young individuals of the world and

America and serves as a great role model. She a particularly good role model for young females as she believes that all girls should be able to get an education and have equal facilities as to education as boys do. During his time of presidency he has achieved many great things like decreasing the uninsured rate to 11.9% which is a historic low in American ~~not~~ history.

However, many citizens of America still believe he is an unsuccessful president and don't support him. Obama has struggled to get congress on his side for many of his ideas in which he has created which shows a lack of faith to the the American people. In a survey from www.gallup.com it has stated that 52% of Americans believe he has been a failure and 42% believe he has been a success.

In all conclusion Obama throughout has been a successful president. He, over the past eight years has achieved many emergency things as president. He has still ~~managed~~ managed to hold onto a lot of popularity and has been able to grab onto a lot of the American citizens attention. A lot of their support still lies with him. He has managed to sort some problems concerning gun control although it still remains an issue with America and he ~~is~~ struggle to get congress onto his side.

- His passing of 'Obama Care' helped ~~thats~~ millions of Americans gain access to good ~~for~~ quality health care.

Evidence Sheet

Intro - Nearly the past 8 years... > Popular > Unpopular > Gun Control, 'Obama Care', Popularity, DACA.

Paragraph 1 - Re-elected > Successful President? > plain spoken and direct; experience, beliefs

Paragraph 2 - Gun Control; 'guns don't kill people, people do' > FBI hire 230 extra people

REBUTAL - June 12th 2016 > 76 days mass shooting - 88 without > Florida highest shooting ~~rate~~
2013 black tough law Obama stated "The folks in the room will not rest until

Congress dies. Because once congress gets on board with common-sense gun safety measures, we can reduce gun violence a whole lot" - Tuesday January 26th.

Obama Care - Passed 2010 > quality health care > 50% support > 11.3 million insured.

REBUTAL - Destroy country > 2010 - 41%, 2010 - 40%, 44% 2010, 2014 - 53% (disapprove) > 5 million uninsured.

Popularity - Start of year 47% agreed - 52% september > 2008, 70% positive > Bush - 27% > 'Family oriented' > "Approachable" > 11.9% - uninsured rate.

REBUTAL - Congress > 52% - failure - 42% - success.

DACA - shielding 5 million immigrants > 587,366 out of 600,000 undocumented young people were > 2012 > $\frac{2}{3}$ adults support system > 63% > 89% Hispanics > herpes system will expand > 95% were successful

REBUTAL - \$465 > "path to citizenship" > "a system that allows undocumented immigrants who are in a good standing to pay a fine, learn English and go to the back of the line for the opportunity to become citizens"

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