

## A Summary of Barack Obama's **Ten Point** Plan

There is a paradox and a promise in this moment: there are millions of Americans trying to find work, even as, all around the country, there is so much work to be done.

The overwhelming majority of the jobs created will be in the private sector. Our plan will also save the public sector jobs of teachers, cops, firefighters and others who provide vital services.

**What we will do:** We will invest in priorities like energy and education; health care and a new infrastructure.

**Why:** To keep us strong and competitive in the 21st century.

1. We will double **renewable energy** production and renovate public buildings  
To make them more energy efficient.  
To put people back to work today and reduce our dependence on foreign oil tomorrow,

We will double the production of alternative energy in the next three years.  
To finally spark the creation of a clean energy economy,

We will modernize more than 75% of federal buildings and improve the energy efficiency of two million American homes,  
To saving consumers and taxpayers billions on our energy bills.

2. We must engage contractors across the nation to create jobs **rebuilding our infrastructure:** crumbling roads, bridges, and schools.  
To build a 21st century economy.

We will put Americans to work in new jobs that pay well and can't be outsourced – jobs building solar panels and wind turbines; constructing fuel-efficient cars and buildings.

We will develop the new energy technologies  
To promote the creation of even more jobs, more savings, and a cleaner, safer planet in the bargain.

3. We will update and **computerize our health care system**

We will make the immediate investments necessary to computerize all of America's medical records within five years.

To cut red tape, prevent medical mistakes, and help reduce health care costs by billions of dollars each year.

To save not only jobs, but money and lives.

To improve the quality of our health care while lowering its cost,

To cut waste, eliminate red tape, and reduce the need to repeat expensive medical tests.

To save lives by reducing the deadly but preventable medical errors that pervade our health care system.

To save billions of dollars and thousands of jobs

4. We will **build 21st century classrooms, labs, and libraries.**

We will equip tens of thousands of schools, community colleges, and public universities with 21st century classrooms, labs, and libraries.

We will provide new computers, new technology, and new training for teachers

To make America, and our children, a success in this new global economy,

To give our children the chance to live out their dreams in a world that's never been more competitive.

To ensure that students in Chicago and Boston can compete with kids in Beijing for the high-tech, high-wage jobs of the future.

5. We need to **retrofit America for a global economy**

We will eliminate the backlog of well-planned, worthy and needed infrastructure projects.

We will update the way we get our electricity by starting to build a new smart grid

To save us money, protect our power sources from blackout or attack, and deliver clean, alternative forms of energy to every corner of our nation.

We will expand broadband lines across America,

To ensure that small businesses in rural towns can connect and compete with their counterparts anywhere in the world.

We will invest in the science, research, and technology

To lead to new medical breakthroughs, new discoveries, and entire new industries.

To build an economy that can lead this future.

6. We will provide **direct tax relief** to 95 percent of American workers

To put more money into the pockets of hardworking families,

We will provide immediate relief to states, workers, and families who are bearing the brunt of this recession.

95% of working families will receive a \$1,000 tax cut – the first stage of a middle-class tax cut that I promised during the campaign and will include in our next budget.

To get people spending again.

We'll continue the bipartisan extensions of unemployment insurance and health care coverage

To help the unemployed get through this crisis.

To help Americans who have lost their jobs and can't find new ones,

8. At every level, **government will have to tighten its belt.**

We will help struggling states avoid harmful budget cuts, as long as they take responsibility and use the money to maintain essential services like police, fire, education, and health care.

9. Every American will be able to **hold Washington accountable** for these decisions by going online to see how and where their tax dollars are being spent.

Instead of politicians doling out money behind a veil of secrecy.

We will make decisions transparently about where we invest

We will make decisions that are informed by independent experts wherever possible.

We will launch an unprecedented effort to eliminate unwise and unnecessary spending that has never been more unaffordable for our nation and our children's future than it is right now.

10. We must also work with the same sense of urgency to **stabilize and repair the financial system** we all depend on.

We will use our full arsenal of financial tools.

To get credit flowing again to families and business

To restore confidence in our markets.

We will launch a sweeping effort to address the foreclosure crisis

To keep responsible families in their homes.

We will act to prevent the catastrophic failure of financial institutions

To protect against the collapse of institutions that might endanger the entire economy.

We will ensure there are maximum protections for taxpayers and a clear understanding that government support for any company is an extraordinary action that must come with significant restrictions on the firms that receive support.

We will reform our weak and outdated regulatory system

To better withstand financial shocks and better protect consumers, investors, and businesses from the reckless greed and risk-taking that must never endanger our prosperity again.