







Civil Rights Battle #23: Affirmative Action

Racial problems still existed after MLK's assassination (especially equal opportunity).

"Affirmative Action" attempted to address this. The term was first used by JFK in 1961, continued by LBJ, and was expanded under Nixon.

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Affirmative Action policies support the hiring of minorities and women by setting quotas and setting aside a certain number of spots or jobs.





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Their fairness continues to be debated, with those opposed to it calling it "reverse discrimination".

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In 1978, the court case Regents of the University of California v. Bakke addressed Affirmative Action.



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Allan P. Bakke was a white engineer and former U.S. Marine Corps officer who applied for medical school at the UC Davis Medical School.

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After being rejected twice (in 1973 and 1974), Bakke brought suit in state court challenging the constitutionality of the school's Affirmative Action program.





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The school had reserved 16 of its 100 admission places for minority applicants.

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Bakke cited evidence that his grades and test scores surpassed every minority students who had been accepted.



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Bakke said he suffered "reverse discrimination" contrary to Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 14th Amendment.

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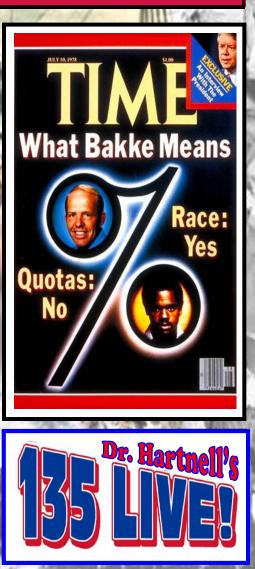
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On June 28, 1978, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the school's use of strict racial quotas was unconstitutional and ordered that Bakke be admitted to the school.

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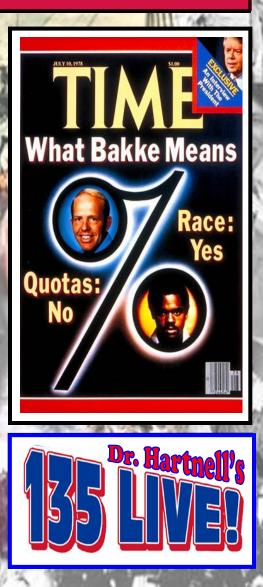
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HOWEVER... the Court also ruled that race <u>could</u> be used as <u>one</u> of the criteria in the admission process for higher education.

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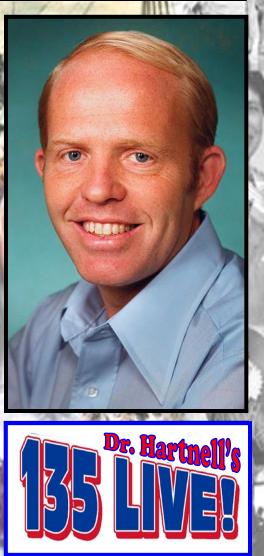
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When the university refused to pay his legal fees, Bakke went to court and was awarded \$183,089 in 1980.

Bakke graduated in 1982 (at the age of 42) and went on to a career as an anesthesiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

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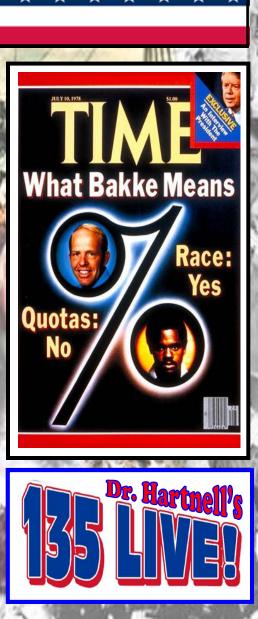
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Civil Rights Battle #24: Election of 2008

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The Republican Party was represented by Arizona Senator John McCain and Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin.



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McCain was a Vietnam War POW whose wartime injuries left him unable to raise his arms above his head.

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The Democrats ran Illinois Senator Barack Obama and Delaware Senator Joe Biden.

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Obama was a first-term U.S. Senator that would be the fifth youngest President (age 47) if elected.

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If the McCain-Palin ticket won, then the U.S. would have its first female Vice President and its oldest President (72 at the time of inauguration).





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If the Obama-Biden ticket won, then the U.S. would have its first black President.

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CRB24: Election of 2008

McCain tried to paint Obama as an inexperienced political lightweight who was a celebrity with little substance (and compared him to Britney **Spears and Paris Hilton) and** labeled Obama's ideas as socialist (in particular his tax policy that would "spread the wealth").



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Obama tried to diminish McCain's appeal to independent voters by tying **McCain to President George W. Bush** (whose popularity was among the lowest of any modern President) and to frame McCain as "erratic", a reference to him being "too old" without saying it directly.

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The Election of 2008 was conducted against the backdrop of a financial crisis that gripped the U.S. when world markets suffered heavy losses, cost people their savings/jobs/homes, and gutted their retirement savings.

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This pushed the economy to the top of voters' concerns, far outdistancing the war in Iraq and the War on Terrorism.

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The effect of the economic crisis coupled with President Bush's floundering evaporated McCain's small lead in the polls by September 2008.

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Obama's lead was bolstered by his performance in the three Presidential debates, with polls indicating that he was the winner of all three.



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The campaign generated enormous enthusiasm, with millions of new registrants joining the voting rolls.

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McCain hosted smaller townhall meetings throughout the country in which attendees could question the candidate.

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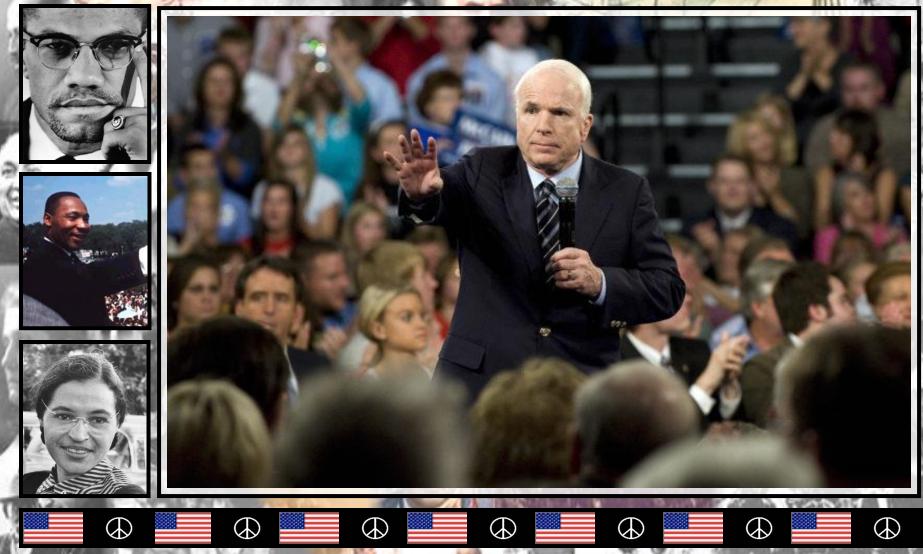
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Obama held rallies that consistently attracted massive crowds (including 100,000 at a rally in St. Louis, Missouri in mid-October 2008).

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While many questioned Sarah Palin's readiness for the Vice Presidency, she proved enormously popular, and her rallies drew tens of thousands.



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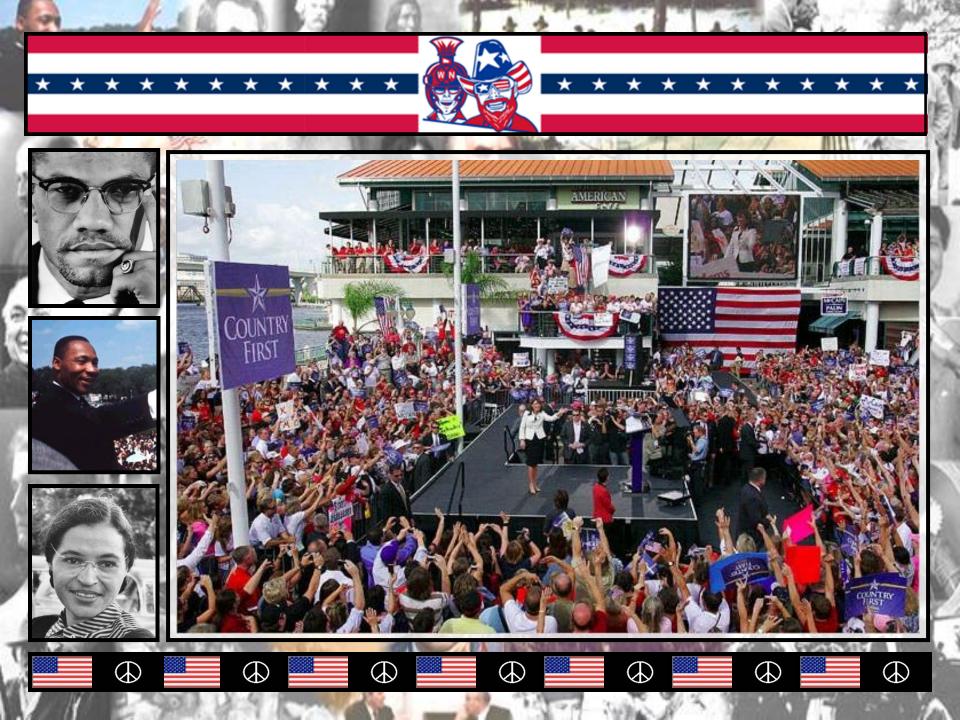
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A record 70 million Americans tuned into her Vice Presidential debate with Joe Biden.

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Compared to more recent campaigns, the 2008 Presidential race was civil and respectful on both sides.

With the highest voter turnout in 40 years, Obama defeated McCain on November 4, 2008, scoring the Democrat's biggest victory since LBJ in 1964.

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Electoral Vote Obama: 365 McCain: 173

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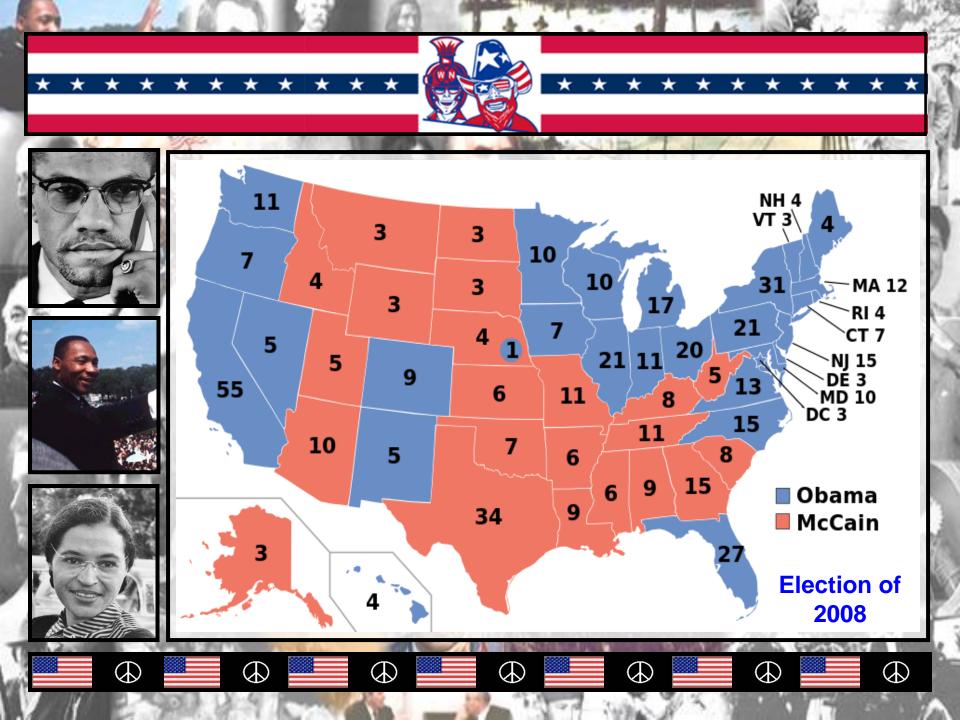


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Did Obama's election in 2008 signal the culmination (or high point) of the Civil Rights Movement?

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Voter Turnout

For the first time, young black voters had the highest turnout in the 2008 presidential elections, compared with other ethnic groups. The share of voters in all minority groups increased from the 2004 elections while remaining largely unchanged for white voters.







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'Change has come to America,' he says after election to presidency erases a racial barrier; Democrats make gains



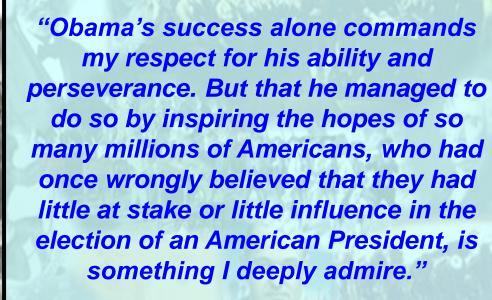








In his Concession Speech on Election Night, McCain said:



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On Election night, Obama said:

"This is our moment... to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids; to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American Dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth – that out of many, we are one; that... when we are met with... those who tell us we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes We Can!"

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Obama was sworn in as U.S. President on January 20, 2009.





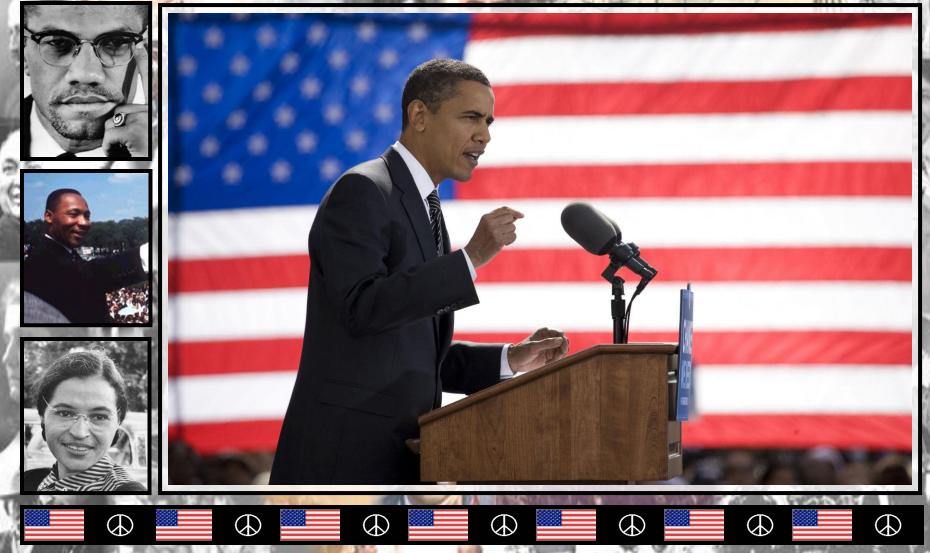
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Obama was easily re-elected in 2012 when he defeated Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

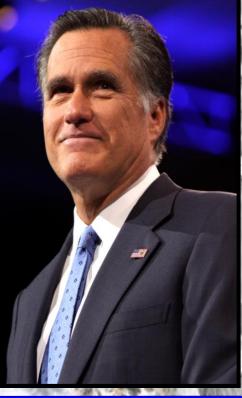
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Popular Vote Obama: 51.1% Romney: 47.2%

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Electoral Vote Obama: 332 Romney: 206





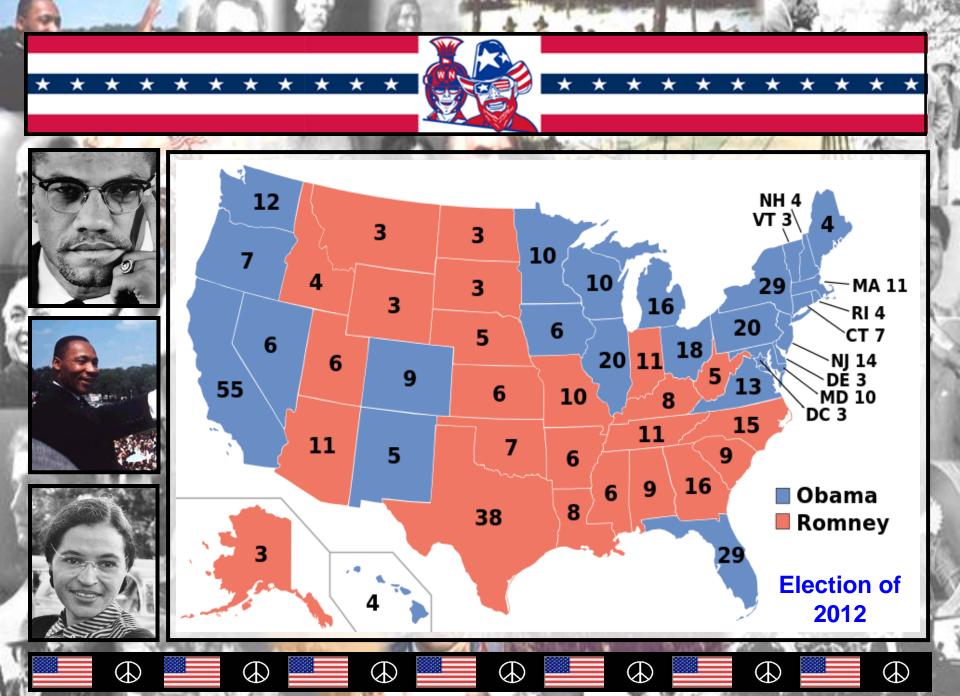


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On November 3, 2020, Kamala Harris became the first black and first Asian Vice President when Joe Biden (Obama's Vice President) defeated incumbent Donald Trump in the Election of 2020.

She was sworn in as U.S. Vice President on January 20, 2021.

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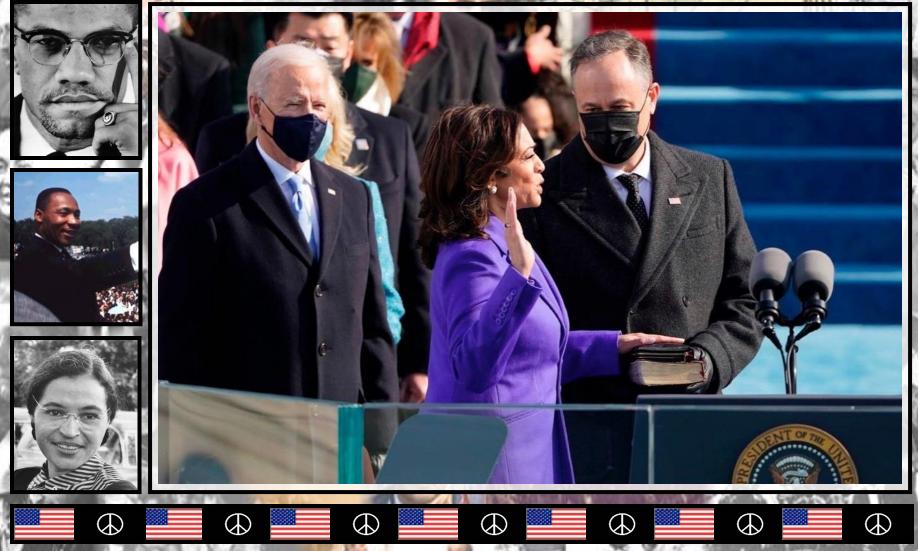
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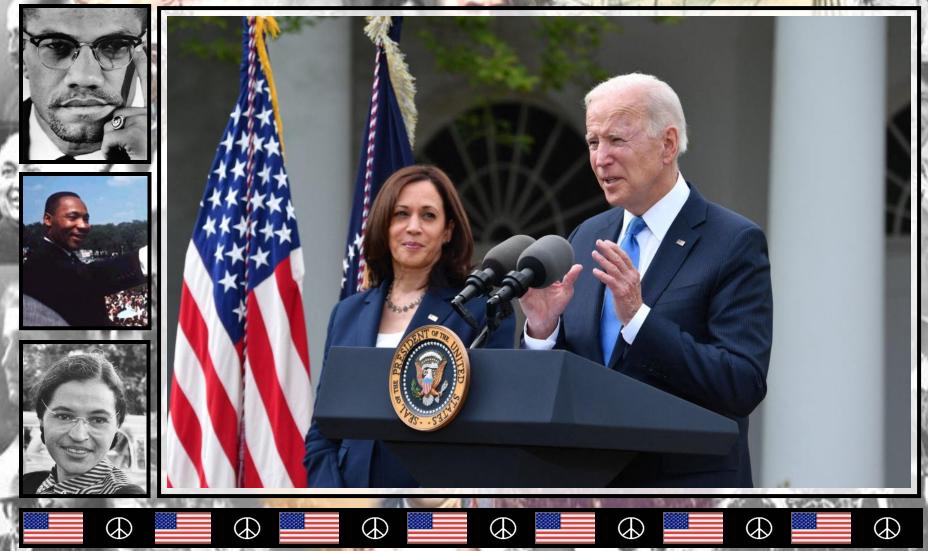


















On April 7, 2022, the U.S. Senate voted 53-47 to confirm President Joe Biden's nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.



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Jackson became the first black woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court when she was sworn in on June 30, 2022.

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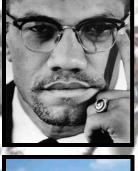
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Front Row, L-to-R: Sonia Sotomayor, Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and Elena Kagan. Back Row, L-to-R: Amy Coney Barrett, Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh, and Ketanji Brown Jackson.







QUESTION

1. What is Affirmative Action? When was the term first used? Why do opponents of Affirmative Action call it "reverse discrimination"?





QUESTION

2. Who was Allan P. Bakke? What happened to him that resulted in the Bakke case? How did the Supreme Court rule (make sure you record all of their decision).





QUESTION

3. What gave the Election of 2008 the potential to make history regardless of the winner? What ended up being the significance behind the Election of 2008? What happened in the Election of 2012?





QUESTION

4. In your opinion, did Barack Obama's election in 2008 signal the culmination (or high point) of the Civil Rights Movement? Why or why not?





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QUESTION

5. What significance did Kamala Harris' election have in 2020? What significance did Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation have in 2022?

