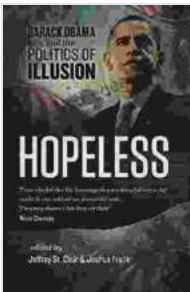


# Hopeless Barack Obama And The Politics Of Illusion

Barack Obama's presidency was a time of great hope and change. After eight years of George W. Bush's disastrous presidency, Obama promised to bring a new era of hope and change to America. He promised to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to improve the economy, and to make health care more affordable. Obama's supporters believed that he would be able to bring about real change in the world, and they were filled with hope for the future.



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However, Obama's presidency was also a time of disappointment and disillusionment. Obama was unable to keep many of his promises, and his supporters were left feeling betrayed. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continued, the economy did not improve as much as people had hoped, and health care costs continued to rise. Obama's opponents were also disappointed, as they had hoped that he would be a more radical president.

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In the end, Obama's presidency was a time of great hope and change, but it was also a time of disappointment and disillusionment. Obama's supporters believed that he would be able to bring about real change in the world, but they were ultimately left disappointed. Obama's opponents believed that he would be a dangerous radical, but they were also ultimately left disappointed. Obama's presidency was a reminder that politics is often a game of illusion, and that hope and change are not always easy to come by.

### **Obama's Broken Promises**

Obama made a number of promises during his campaign for president, but he was unable to keep many of them. One of his most famous promises was to end the war in Iraq. However, the war continued for another two years after Obama took office. Obama also promised to close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp, but it remains open to this day. Obama also promised to make health care more affordable, but health care costs continued to rise during his presidency.

Obama's broken promises left many of his supporters feeling betrayed. They had believed that he would be able to bring about real change in the world, but they were ultimately left disappointed. Obama's opponents were also disappointed, as they had hoped that he would be a more radical president. They believed that he had sold out to the establishment and that he was not a true champion of the people.

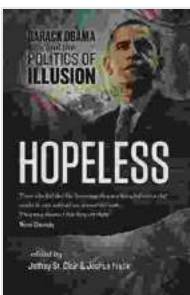
### **Obama's Accomplishments**

Despite his broken promises, Obama did achieve some significant accomplishments during his presidency. He signed the Affordable Care Act into law, which expanded health insurance coverage to millions of Americans. He also ended the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which allowed gay and lesbian people to serve openly in the military. Obama also authorized the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Obama's accomplishments were significant, but they were not enough to satisfy his supporters. They had hoped that he would be able to bring about real change in the world, and they were ultimately left disappointed. Obama's opponents were also disappointed, as they had hoped that he would be a more radical president. They believed that he had sold out to the establishment and that he was not a true champion of the people.

## Obama's Legacy

Obama's legacy is complex and contested. He was a historic figure who made significant progress on a number of important issues. However, he was also unable to keep many of his promises, and he left office with a divided country. Obama's supporters believe that he was a great president who made the world a better place. Obama's opponents believe that he was a dangerous radical who divided the country. History will ultimately judge Obama's presidency, but it is clear that he was a complex and controversial figure.



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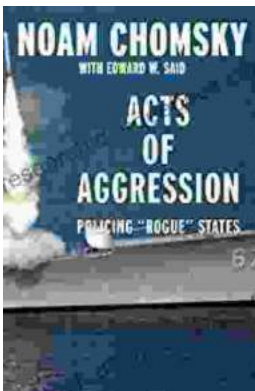
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