

Summarizer Output

In 2004, Obama received national attention during his campaign to represent Illinois in the United States Senate with his victory in the March Democratic Party primary, his keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in July, and his election to the Senate in November. He began his presidential campaign in 2007 and, after a close primary campaign against Hillary Clinton in 2008, he won sufficient delegates in the Democratic Party primaries to receive the presidential nomination. Obama resigned from the Illinois Senate in November 2004 following his election to the U.S. Senate. In the November 2004 general election, Obama won with 70 percent of the vote. He became the first African American to be elected president. Obama appointed two women to serve on the Supreme Court in the first two years of his Presidency. Obama signed the bill into law on March 23, 2010. On February 27, 2009, Obama announced that combat operations in Iraq would end within 18 months. On August 31, 2010, Obama announced that the United States combat mission in Iraq was over. During the initial years of the Obama administration, the U.S. increased military cooperation with Israel, including increased military aid, re-establishment of the U.S.-Israeli Joint Political Military Group and the Defense Policy Advisory Group, and an increase in visits among high-level military officials of both countries.