

A photograph of Barack Obama, smiling broadly, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and grey tie. He is standing in front of the Illinois State Capitol dome, which is visible in the background under a clear blue sky. His arms are crossed.

As Americans, we can take enormous pride in the fact that courage has been inspired by our own struggle for freedom, by the tradition of democratic law secured by our forefathers and enshrined in our Constitution. It is a tradition that says all men are created equal under the law and that no one is above it.

Barack Obama
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