

Michelle **Obama**

First Lady of the United States

Obama and why she and Barack are fighting for the middle class

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ABOUT MICHELLE





Michelle on election night

An accomplished lawyer and public servant, Michelle Obama describes her most important role as being mom-in-chief for Malia, 14, and Sasha, 10.

Michelle grew up on the South Side of Chicago, in a tiny little apartment with her mom, dad, and older brother, Craig. Her dad, Fraser, worked as a pump operator for the Chicago Water Department while battling multiple sclerosis for years. Her mother, Marian, who now lives with the First Family at the White House, raised Michelle and Craig at home. Marian and Fraser poured everything they had into their children and their education

Michelle attended public schools in Chicago before heading to Princeton for college and then to Harvard for her law degree.

After graduating, she joined the Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where she met her future husband, Barack Obama.

Michelle left the law firm to lead a nonprofit organization called Public Allies, where she worked to develop young community leaders. She later worked to bring Chicago communities together at Chicago City Hall, and developed volunteerism programs at the University of Chicago.

Today, her commitment to others continues to be a central focus of her work

Michelle has inspired young people all across the country to eat healthy, get active, and pursue their dreams. She has worked to rally the country to honor, recognize, and serve our nation's troops, veterans, and military families. She planted the first-ever White House Kitchen Garden, started a mentoring program, and invited young people from across the country to come to the White House to experience our history and rich cultural heritage firsthand.

Between now and November, Michelle will be working hard to move this country forward and re-elect President Obama.

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