

# BARACK OBAMA ON TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



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## Leadership to Strengthen our Economy

**Invest in the Sciences:** As a share of Gross Domestic Product, federal investment in the physical science and engineering has dropped by half since 1970. Barack Obama supports reversing this trend and doubling federal funding for basic research.

**Make the R&D Tax Credit Permanent:** Barack Obama will make the Research and Development tax credit permanent so that firms can rely on it when planning important R&D investments.

**Protect Net Neutrality:** Barack Obama strongly supports the principle of network neutrality — the idea that website operators should not need a special contractual relationship with telephone and cable companies to get their content and services to consumers. Obama believes we can both protect the Internet's traditional openness and ensure the development of innovative products and services.

**Deploy Next-Generation Broadband:** Barack Obama believes that America should lead the world in broadband penetration. Obama would reform of the Universal Service Fund, better manage the wireless spectrum and provide tax and loan incentives to provide universal broadband coverage.

**Produce More Math and Science Graduates:** Barack Obama believes we must strengthen math and science education to help develop a skilled workforce and promote innovation. Obama will work to increase the number of science and engineering graduates, encourage more undergraduates to pursue math and science graduate degrees, and increase representation of minorities and women in science and technology.

**Use Technology to Improve Government:** Barack Obama believes technology should be used to better provide government services. Barack Obama passed a law to create a Google-like search engine to allow regular people to track federal grants, contracts and earmarks. As president, Obama will also make all corporate tax breaks or tax earmarks publicly available and create an “contracts and influence” database to disclose federal contractors’ spending on lobbying. Obama will also not sign any non-emergency bill without giving citizens an opportunity to review and comment on the legislation.

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