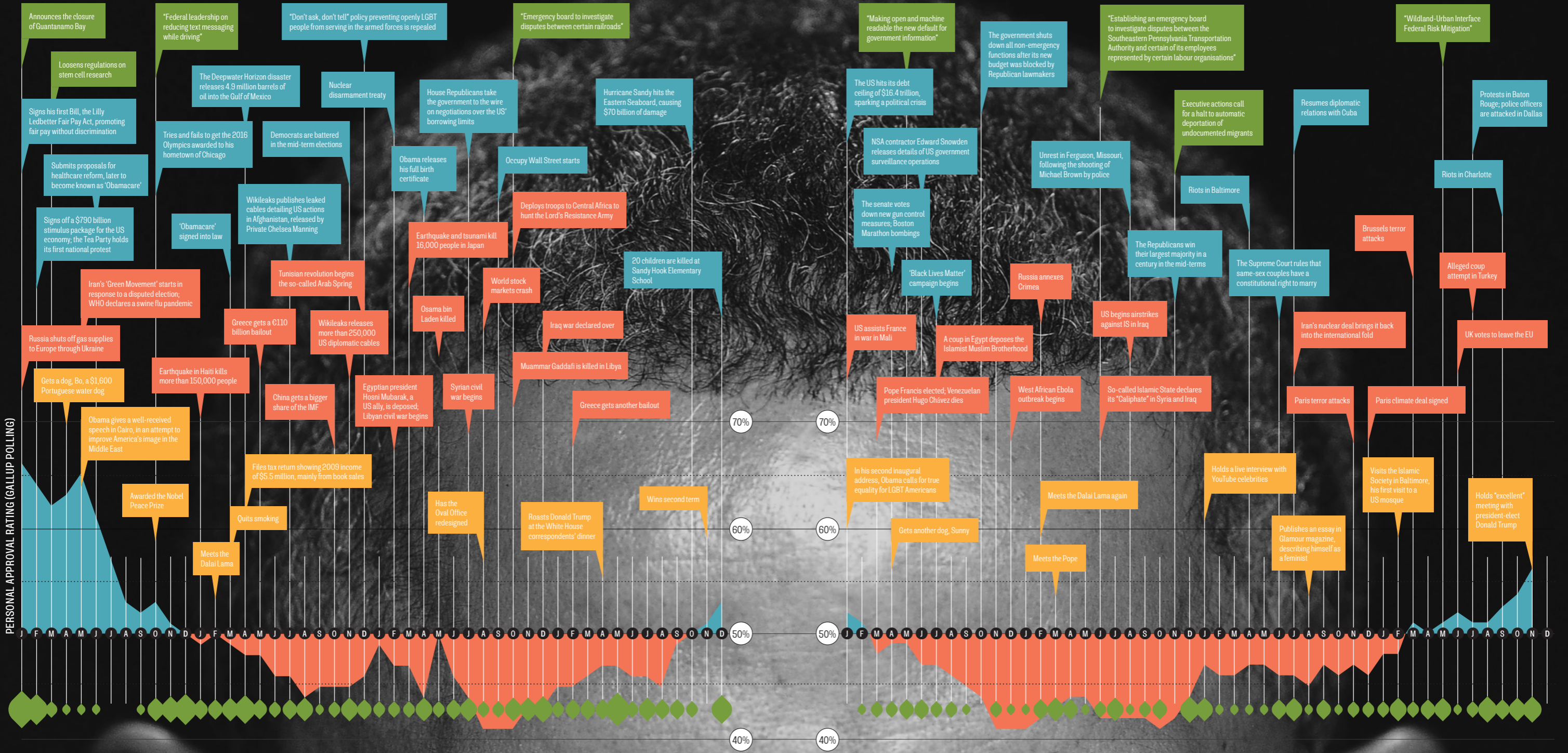


Bye-bye Barry

From Obamacare and equal pay to gay marriage, Barack Obama's two terms in office have been marked by progressive milestones and bitter backlash from the conservative caucuses. Over eight years, Obama has also guided the US through massive global turmoil and overseen controversial rapprochements with Iran and Cuba. Now he hands the keys to the White House - and the nuclear launch codes - to Donald Trump, who has promised to unwind almost all of Obama's flagship achievements.



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The Deepwater Horizon disaster releases 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico

Nuclear disarmament treaty

House Republicans take the government to the wire on negotiations over the US' borrowing limits

Hurricane Sandy hits the Eastern Seaboard, causing \$70 billion of damage

"Emergency board to investigate disputes between certain railroads"

Obama releases his full birth certificate

Occupay Wall Street starts

Deploys troops to Central Africa to hunt the Lord's Resistance Army

Earthquake and tsunami kill 16,000 people in Japan

World stock markets crash

Osama bin Laden killed

Iraq war declared over

Muammar Gaddafi is killed in Libya

Greece gets another bailout

"Making open and machine readable the new default for government information"

The US hits its debt ceiling of \$16.4 trillion, sparking a political crisis

NSA contractor Edward Snowden releases details of US government surveillance operations

The senate votes down new gun control measures; Boston Marathon bombings

'Black Lives Matter' campaign begins

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The government shuts down all non-emergency functions after its new budget was blocked by Republican lawmakers

"Establishing an emergency board to investigate disputes between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and certain of its employees represented by certain labour organisations"

Executive actions call for a halt to automatic deportation of undocumented migrants

Riots in Baltimore

Riots in Ferguson, Missouri, following the shooting of Michael Brown by police

The Republicans win their largest majority in a century in the mid-terms

The Supreme Court rules that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry

Iran's nuclear deal brings it back into the international fold

Paris terror attacks

Paris climate deal signed

Resumes diplomatic relations with Cuba

Brussels terror attacks

Alleged coup attempt in Turkey

UK votes to leave the EU

Riots in Charlotte

Protests in Baton Rouge; police officers are attacked in Dallas

"Wildland-Urban Interface Federal Risk Mitigation"