

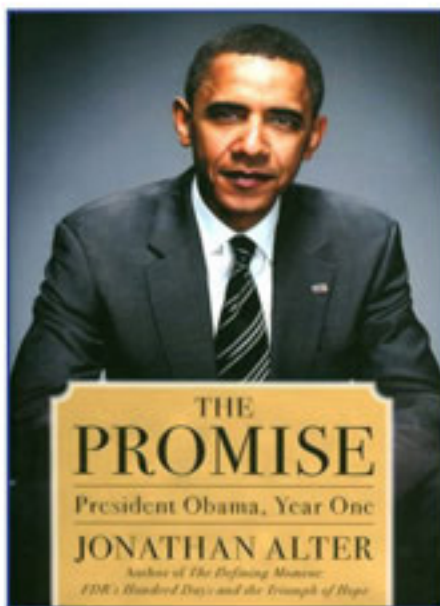
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Why the 2012 Election Is the Most Pivotal of Our Lifetime



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The question this year is whether the country will stay on a centrist course or make a sharp turn to the right. If President Obama is reelected, the federal government will continue to take responsibility for lending a helping hand to people in need. If Mitt Romney wins, the safety net will be shredded. Because few votes may be won by discussing the poor, the American social contract is rarely addressed. But it is on the line.



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