

a. In what ways were the moves President Obama made on the first day in office "a clean break from business as usual"?

Because they were very different decisions than the ones Bush made during his presidency. Obama was bringing in new business and shedding new light on issues.

b. How will Mr. Obama bring greater transparency to Washington, and why is this important?

By allowing anyone who wants to make information known to be able to get to it, and by removing a Bush policy that gave the former president and his heirs the right to conceal information. This is important because it will make the government more open and let people trust it more.

c. Why might historians be particularly happy about the availability of presidential records?

It means that they can get to information they need more easily, and thus have an easier time writing their history books or make an exhibit (or whatever it is they are going to do with the information).

d. Which cabinet members were confirmed on Mr. Obama's first day in office? Which nominees still await confirmation?

Mrs Hillary Clinton was announced as Mr Obama's Secretary of State, and Timothy F. Geithner is the Treasury Secretary Nominee, but he awaits confirmation. Eric H. Holder Jr. looks like he is going to be attorney general.

e. How might the freeze on salaries for White House employees earning above \$100,000 be considered symbolic?

Because it means that the money is going to be used to stimulate the economy and other important tasks, and not to fund the white house staff's private endeavors.

f. Who are lobbyists? How will President Obama's order change the way they do business in Washington?

The lobbyists are people in the in the senate who, in the past, have quit, gone private, and then lobbied their former colleagues. Mr Obama says that he is not going to allow that any more.

g. In what ways is the administration already violating its own rules about lobbyists, according to the article?

The Republican National Committee said that the administration was already violating this rule because Mr. Obama's nominee for deputy secretary of defense, William Lynn, has been a lobbyist for the defense contractor Raytheon, and his nominee for deputy secretary of health and human services, William V. Corr, lobbied for stricter tobacco regulations as an official with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

h. What minor glitches did members of the Obama administration experience on their first day of work?

Some aides arrived at the gates of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue on Tuesday morning to discover they

lacked clearance to enter.

i. In what ways do you think President Obama's first executive orders, and the messages they sent, fulfill his campaign promises?

He is trying to fuel the economy, cut down on spending and salaries in the white house staff and make Washington and the government more transparent. I definitely feel that these actions are making people trust him and the administration more.

j. Based on the events of the first day, what predictions, if any, can you make about the president's first 100 days in office? Why?

I think that he is definitely going to try and follow through with what he said, but what other policies he may make? That's kind of beyond me!