

# Michelle Obama Style: 10 Amazing Looks FLOTUS Sported Over 8 Years [PHOTOS]

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Michelle Obama will be remembered for many things from her eight years as First Lady, and while one day some of her legacy may fade from memory, one thing will remain constantly in the conversation—her amazing status as a fashion icon.

From the first moment she became a major national and international figure, Michelle Obama has never really failed to disappoint with her fashion choices, all the way until she sported a navy hued Jason Wu dress for her husband's farewell address, through every Kennedy Center Honors event, and countless functions and public appearances in between, she has been the epitome of style, and a bit of an anti-traditional First Lady when it came to her choices.

Favoring bold prints, eclectic designs, playing things up with accessories, or simply mixing between designer labels and more affordable outfits that the very same American people who looked up to her may also wear, she simply exuded perfection nearly every time she stepped into the public eye. That makes it extremely difficult to choose only 10 looks, but here are our absolute favorites over the last eight years:

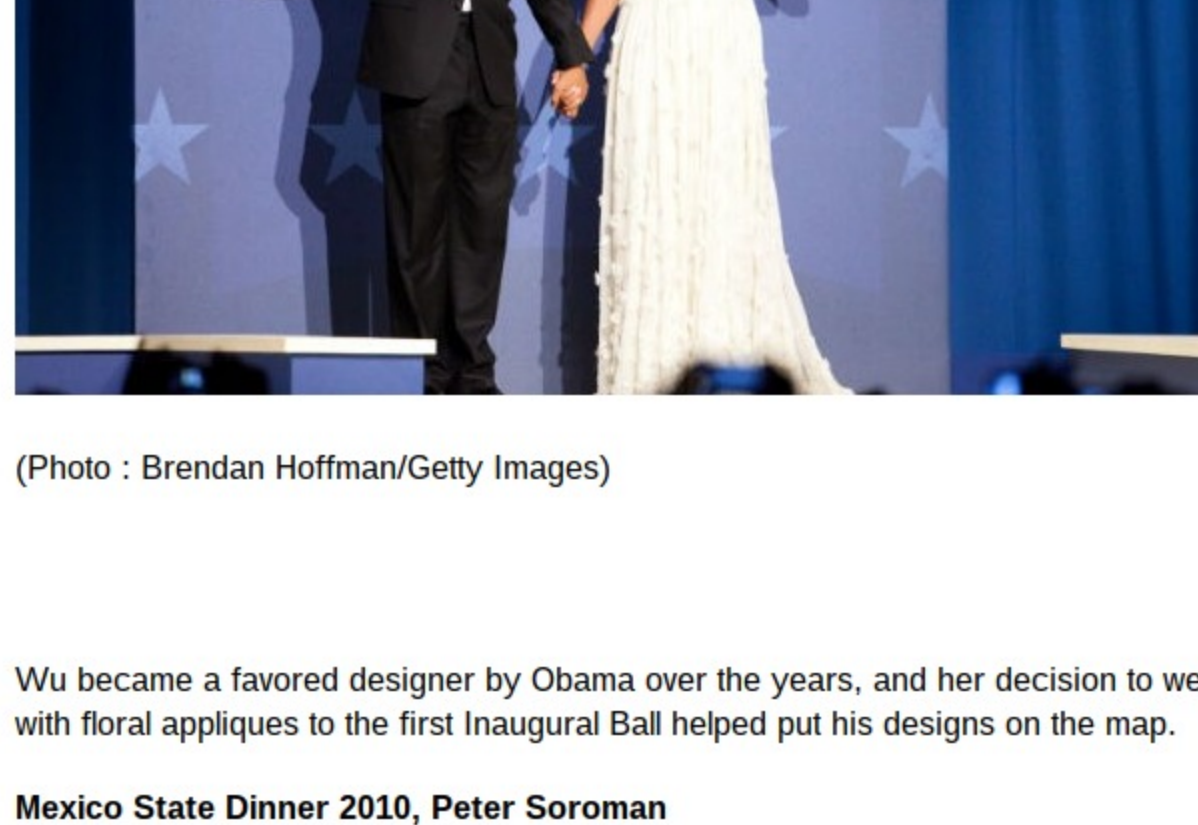
### Election Night 2008, Narciso Rodriguez



(Photo: Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

The dress that started it all was deemed a controversial choice at the time with its splash of red, but it set the mark for what would later become known as her bold sense of fashion, giving Americans an early look into what they could expect from their new First Lady.

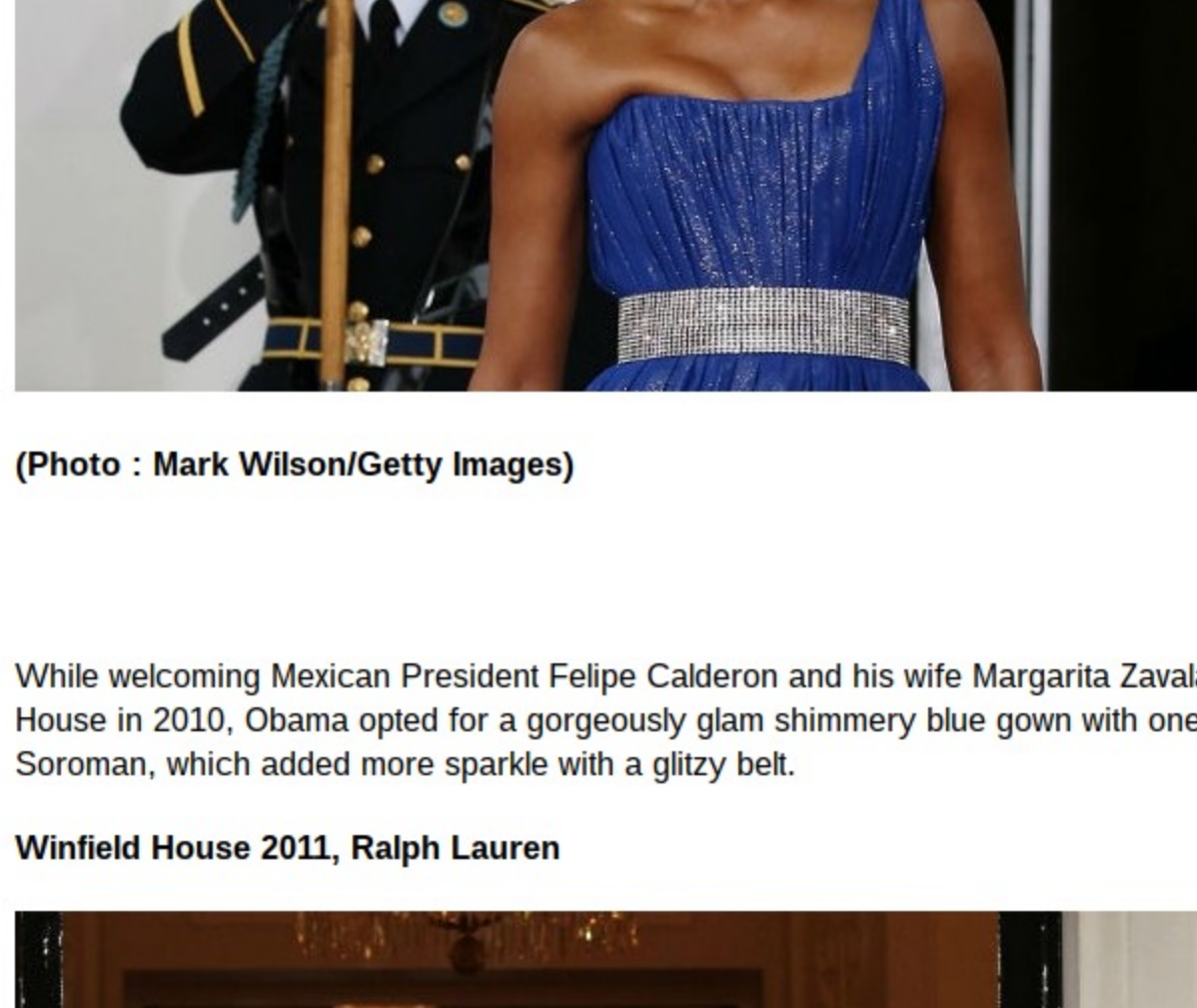
### Inaugural Ball 2009, Jason Wu



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Wu became a favored designer by Obama over the years, and her decision to wear his one-shoulder white gown with floral appliques to the first Inaugural Ball helped put his designs on the map.

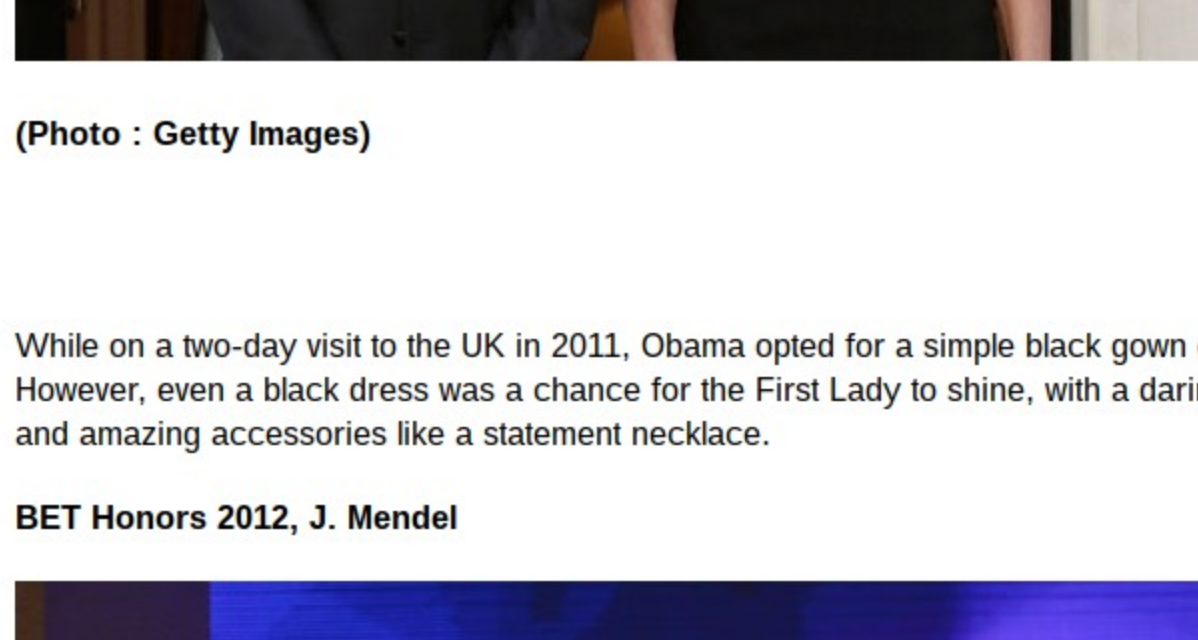
### Mexico State Dinner 2010, Peter Soroman



(Photo: Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

While welcoming Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his wife Margarita Zavala for a State Dinner at the White House in 2010, Obama opted for a gorgeously glam shimmery blue gown with one strap by designer Peter Soroman, which added more sparkle with a glitzy belt.

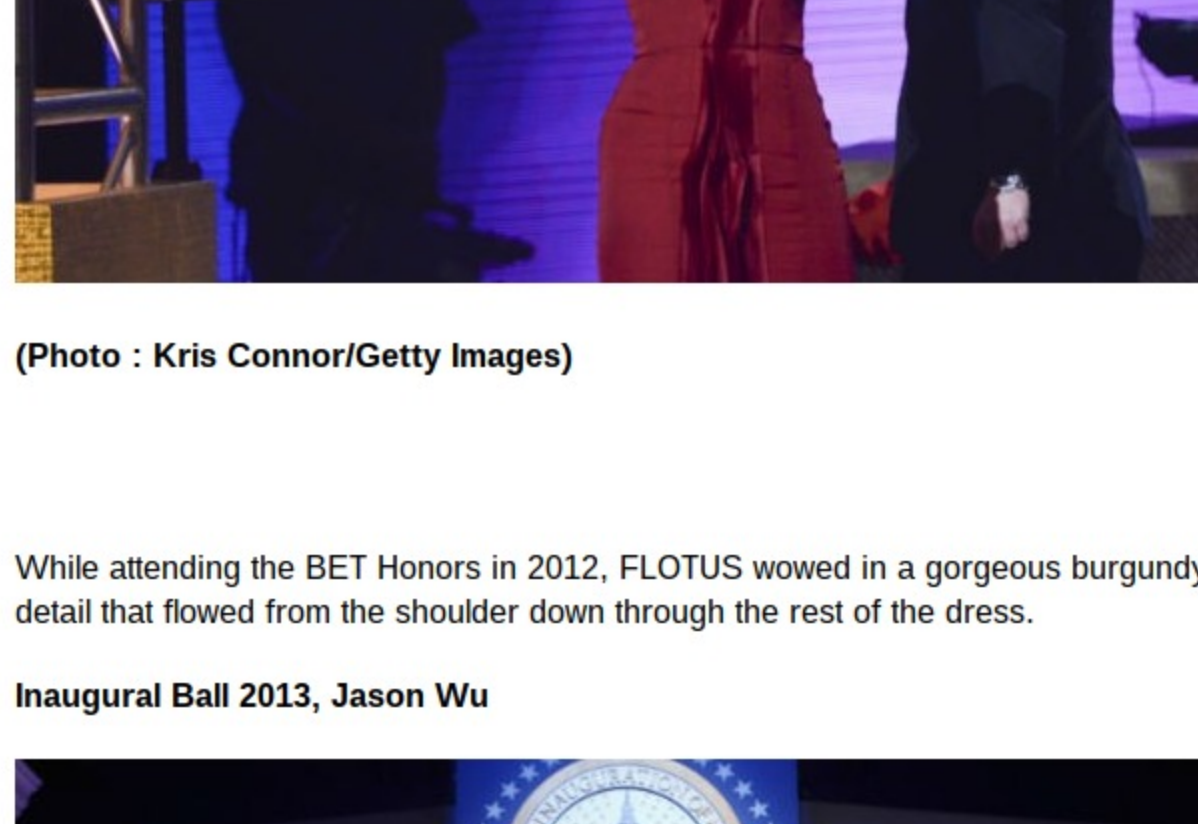
### Winfield House 2011, Ralph Lauren



(Photo: Getty Images)

While on a two-day visit to the UK in 2011, Obama opted for a simple black gown designed by Ralph Lauren. However, even a black dress was a chance for the First Lady to shine, with a daring off-the-shoulder neckline, and amazing accessories like a statement necklace.

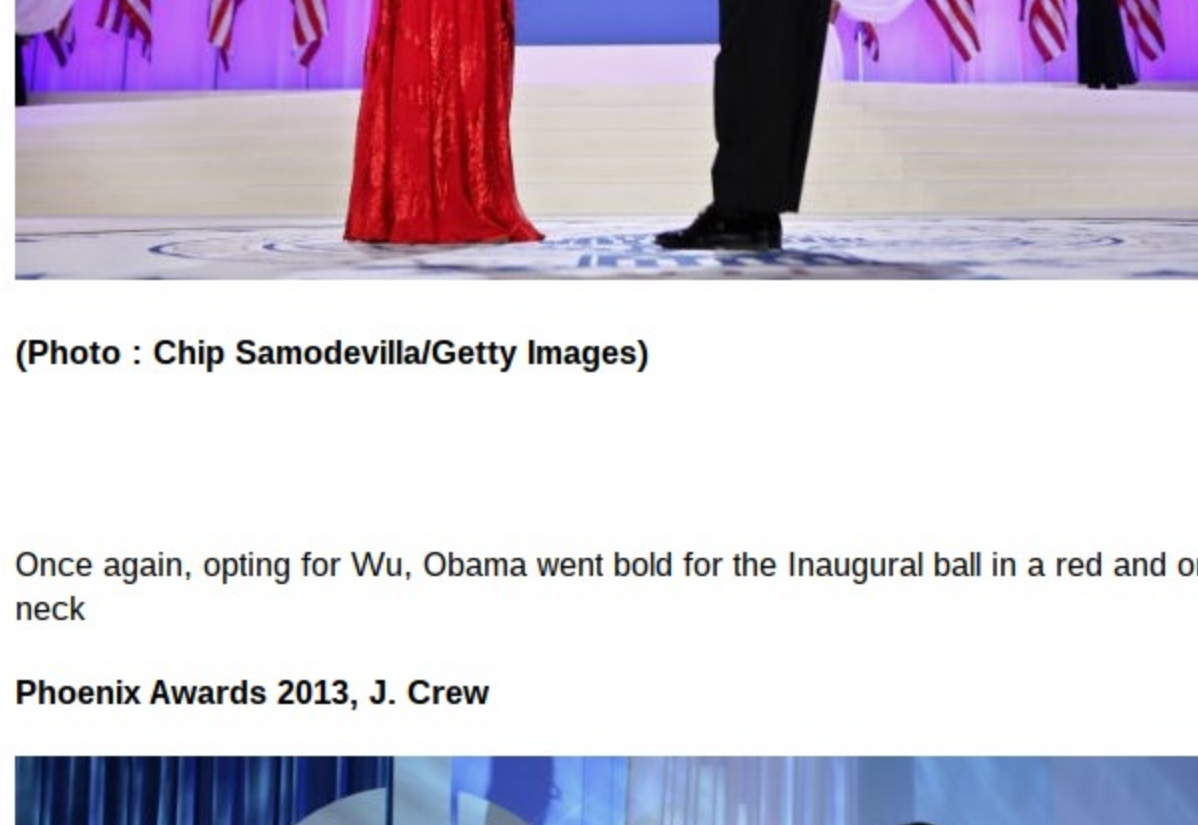
### BET Honors 2012, J. Mendel



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While attending the BET Honors in 2012, FLOTUS wowed in a gorgeous burgundy hued gown with impressive detail that flowed from the shoulder down through the rest of the dress.

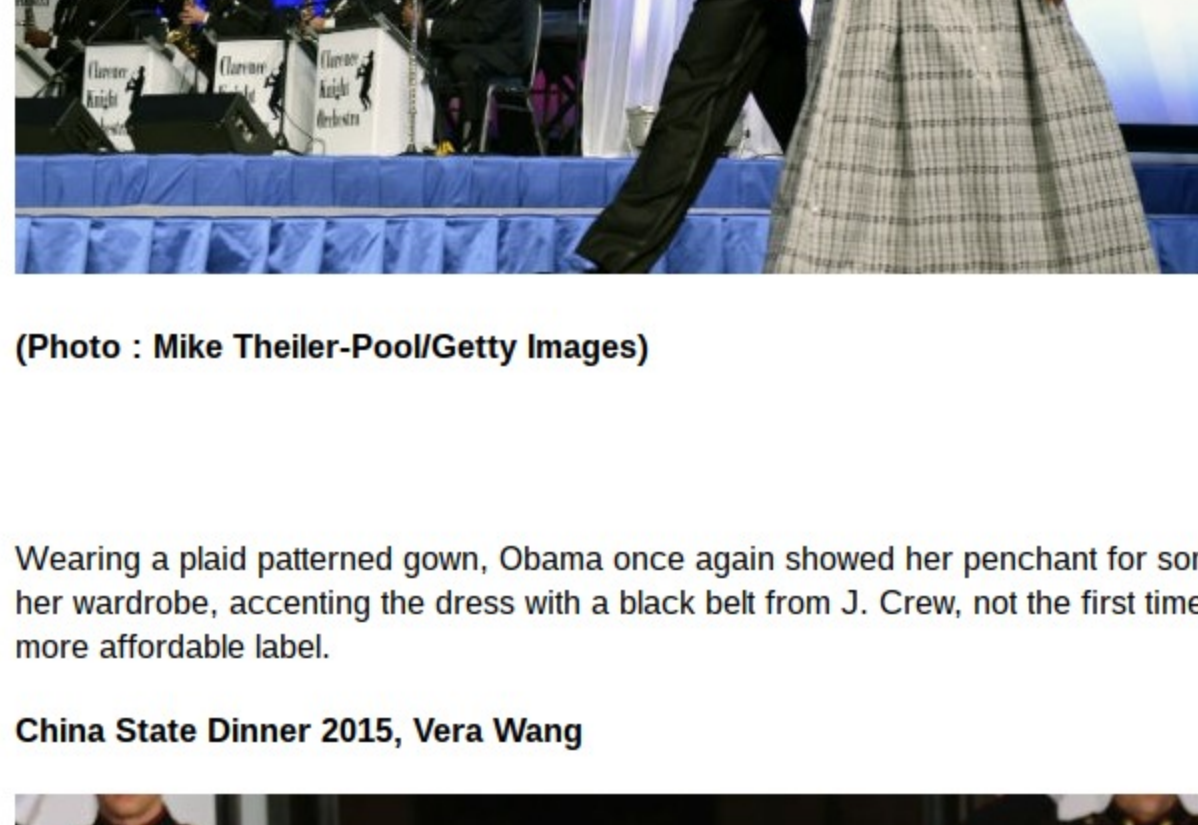
### Inaugural Ball 2013, Jason Wu



(Photo: Chip Samodevilla/Getty Images)

Once again, opting for Wu, Obama went bold for the Inaugural ball in a red and orange hued gown with halter neck

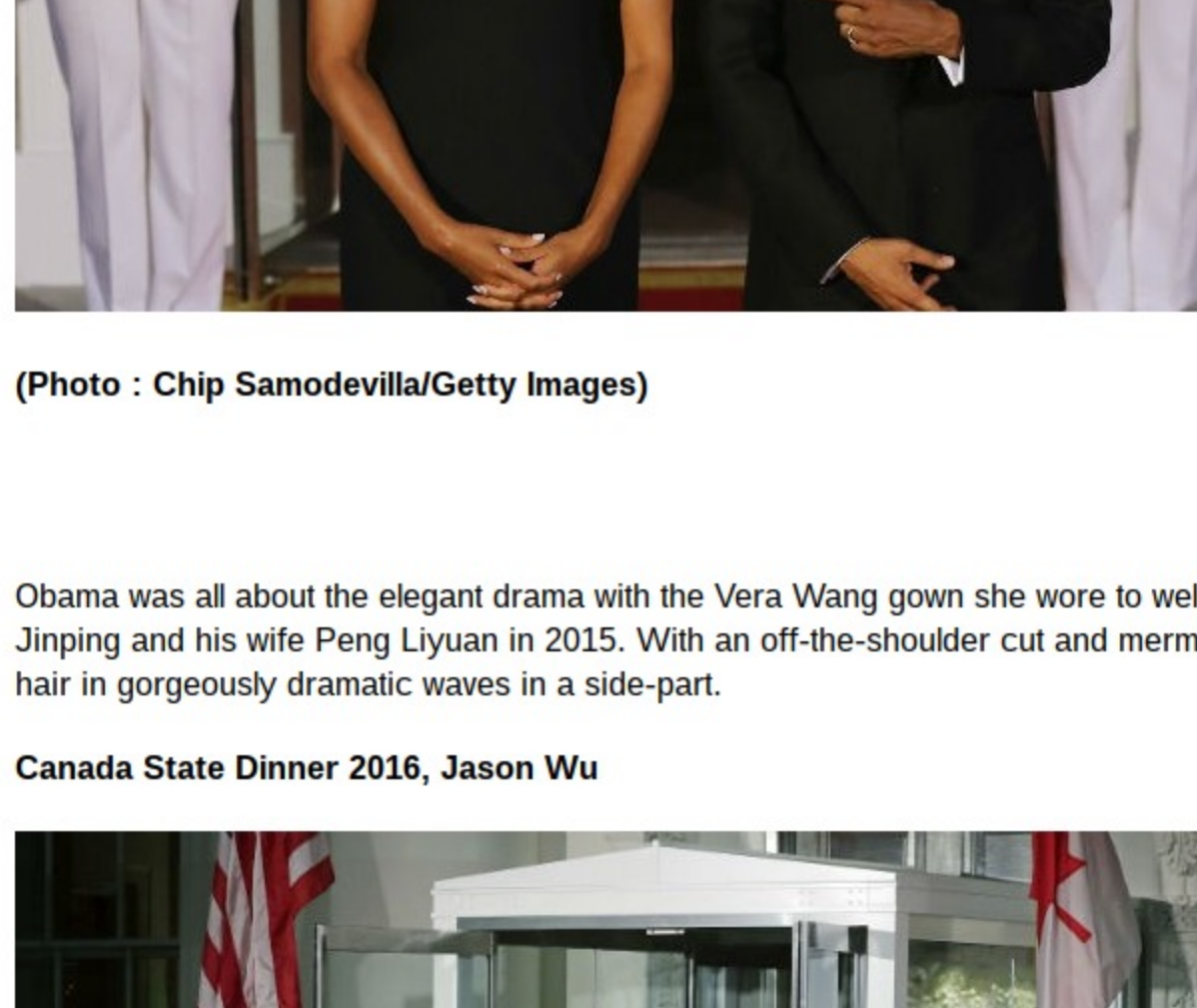
### Phoenix Awards 2013, J. Crew



(Photo: Mike Theiler-Pool/Getty Images)

Wearing a plaid patterned gown, Obama once again showed her penchant for some affordable pieces mixed into her wardrobe, labeling the dress with a black belt from J. Crew, not the first time she wore something by the more affordable label.

### China State Dinner 2015, Vera Wang



(Photo: Chip Samodevilla/Getty Images)

Obama was all about the elegant drama with the Vera Wang gown she wore to welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan in 2015. With an off-the-shoulder cut and mermaid bottom, she also styled her hair in gorgeously dramatic waves in a side-part.

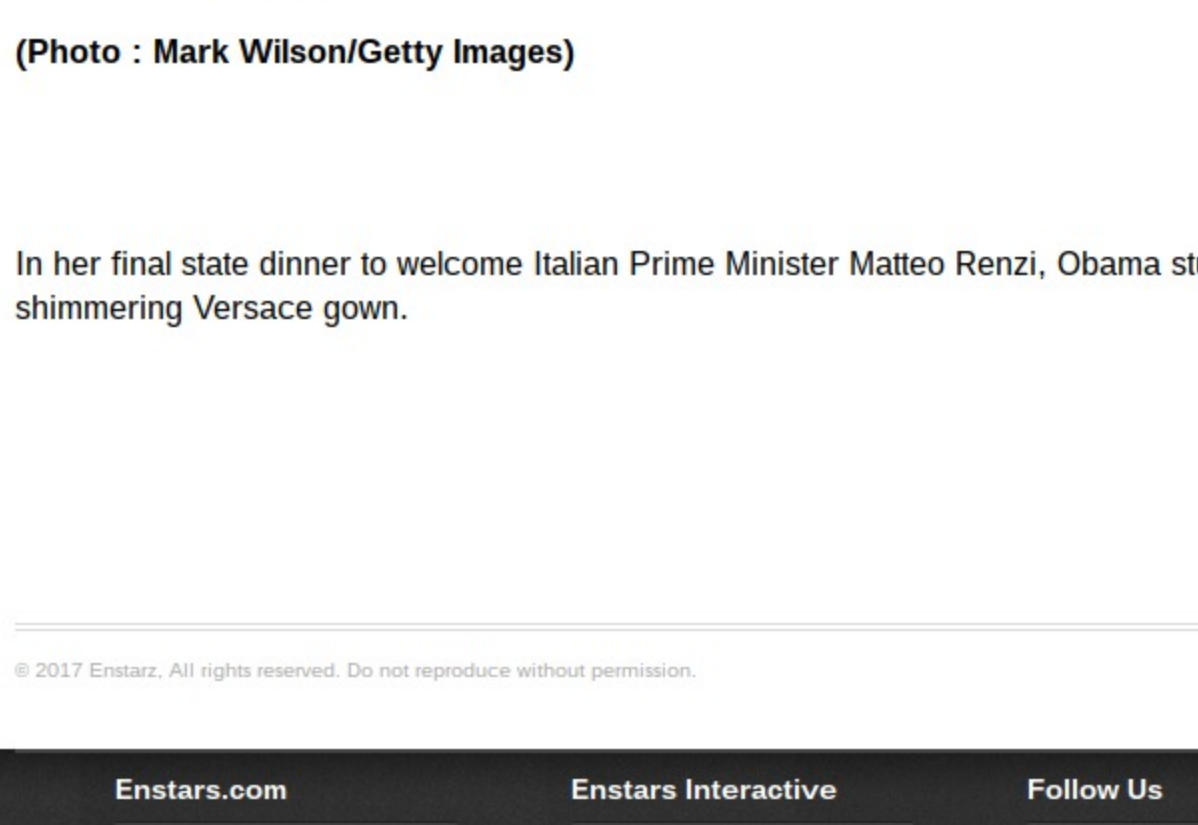
### Canada State Dinner 2016, Jason Wu



(Photo: Alex Wong/Getty Images)

Obama opted for florals by Wu when hosting Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau

### Italy State Dinner 2016, Versace



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In her final state dinner to welcome Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, Obama stunned in a custom gold shimmering Versace gown.

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