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In conversation with Martin Amis- Part 3: Obama, and Ian McEwan

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In the third extract from Toby Muse's interview with Martin Amis, Toby Muse discusses Obama's election, and the implications for America's relationship with rest of the world. (If you missed it, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) are here.) Since 9/11, Amis has been seen as an increasingly conservative voice on world politics, particularly controversial with former friends on the left. As Tom Chatfield notes in his short [article](#) to accompany this interview, he has even appeared "nervously out of kilter with his times". But in today's extract we see a different Amis; one surprisingly optimistic, even idealistic about the future. It is a revealing moment, which even he seems surprised by: "I keep on trying to contain my excitement, and dampen my hopes, but...there is no telling what he [Obama] might do". Enjoy!

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