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For President Barack Obama, even the location of a dinner date is a political decision.

And so far, he's shown the same tendency to split the difference in his dining choices that some critics say he has in his policies.

Among the more than a dozen places at which Obama has dined since becoming president are the city's trendiest hot spots. But a closer look at what he's eaten shows Obama's tastes are pretty traditional.

"The restaurants reflect a certain imagination, a certain taste for adventure," said Todd Kliman, an award-winning restaurant critic and the dining editor at Washingtonian magazine. "There's a progressive bent to the choices but a conservative leaning to what he's choosing to order."

Restaurant Nora, where Obama took his wife for her birthday last year, was America's first certified organic restaurant. Two other spots on his list, Equinox and Blue Duck Tavern, strive for fresh local ingredients and culinary innovation.

But more often than not, Obama orders a steak or a burger.

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