

## Extra Feature Story

### **Democrats Face Continued Battle After Clinton's Pa. Victory**

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**Facing another must-win political battle, Hillary Clinton emerged victorious in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, but it's unclear how much the victory will help close her delegate deficit against the better-funded Barack Obama.**

Clinton defeated Obama by nearly ten percentage points, an amount that political strategists said was necessary for her to remain a viable contender for the Democratic nomination.

Clinton acknowledged that she needed the Pennsylvania win.

"The future of this campaign is in your hands," Clinton told supporters at a Philadelphia victory rally Tuesday night. "Some people counted me out and said to drop out, but the American people don't quit and they deserve a president who doesn't quit either. Because of you, the tide is turning."

#### **Who the voters chose**

During the campaign, Clinton worked to show her working-class connections and highlight her Pennsylvania family roots. Exit polls showed she won more of the blue-collar workers, women and white men. She also won the majority of voters who named the economy as their top concern.

Her passionate speech, in which she promised to help economically devastated communities and create more jobs, ended by co-opting Obama's "Yes, we can" slogan into a more determined "Yes, we will."

Obama, meanwhile, was favored by black voters, the affluent and those who recently switched to the Democratic Party-- about one in 10 Pennsylvania voters, according to the surveys conducted by The Associated Press and TV news networks.

Obama watched the Pennsylvania results from Indiana and in a speech late Tuesday said his campaign was energized and ready to focus on general election issues ("Two wars, an economy in recession and a planet in peril"). He also took a crack at both Clinton and GOP nominee Sen. John McCain.

"Real change doesn't begin in the halls of Washington but on the streets of America," Obama said. "It doesn't happen from the top-down, but from the bottom-up."

#### **Campaign spending**

Obama continues to raise and spend more cash than Clinton. He spent \$11.2 million on television ads in Pennsylvania, more than any other place. That compared with \$4.8 million for Clinton.

With the Democratic race projected to last through June, Obama's campaign appears to be more fiscally sound. He is spending 75 cents for every dollar he is taking in while Clinton is spending \$1.10, The New York Times reported.

After heaping attention on Pennsylvania, the Democrats will begin competing for the 187 delegates at play in Indiana's and North Carolina's May 6 primaries, but Guam holds its caucuses for 11 delegates three days before that. The other remaining Democratic primaries include Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana, South Dakota and Puerto Rico.

Clinton won at least 52 Pennsylvania delegates to the party's national convention, with 60 still to be awarded. Obama won at least 46, according to an initial analysis of election returns by the AP.

### **Competing views of the results**

The Clinton campaign used the victory to suggest their candidate can win big states with rural and blue-collar populations such as Pennsylvania and Ohio — which are necessary to win the general election against the Republicans.

The Obama campaign meanwhile argues that he is ahead in both the delegate and popular vote (the raw number of people who voted), and that he can attract independents and Republicans who have been locked out of many Democratic primaries.

With Indiana shaping up to be the next big battleground, both campaigns used favorite son John Mellencamp's music in their Tuesday speeches. Mellencamp, who used to support former Sen. John Edwards, appeared with Obama Tuesday night, but has appearances with Clinton scheduled as well.

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