

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Senator Barack Obama's nomination victory makes him the first black candidate of a major political party in U.S. history. How does this make you feel about being an American? Do you think he can win the general election? What do you think this tells us about American society? How important do you think this event is in relation to your daily life?

2. What would you do now if you were Senator Hillary Clinton? There has been much speculation about what she will do now. Do you think she would rather be a Senate leader, vice president, Supreme Court justice, member of the Obama Cabinet? Why?

3. Much has been said in the news media about the reactions of the Democratic voters whose candidate did not win the nomination. Do you know any Democratic voters? Ask them how this historical event might impact how they will vote in November. Does anything about their reaction surprise you? Why or why not? In addition, ask Republican voters how this event might impact how they will vote in the general election? Is there anything surprising here?

Extension Activity

Write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.