

## Student Worksheet

### DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

### STORY

**Obama Solidifies Delegate Lead after N.C., Indiana Primaries**, 05/07/08

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june08/obama\\_5-07.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june08/obama_5-07.html)

### READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**1. Who won the Indiana and North Carolina primaries?**

**2. What issues are impacting the fight over the farm bill? What is President Bush's opinion of the issue?**

**3. What controversy has the Obama campaign been dealing with?**

**4. What is the Clinton campaign trying to do to boost her delegate count?**

**5. Why is there controversy over counting delegates from Michigan and Florida?**

**6. What issue are the most voters concerned about and why?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Do you think the results of the Indiana and North Carolina primaries are significant? Why or why not?**

**2. What are the pros and cons of counting delegates from Michigan and Florida?**

**3. In his speech Obama said he disagrees with the idea that the Democratic party "is inalterably divided - that Senator Clinton's supporters will not support me, and that my supporters will not support her." Do you agree? How has the long primary affected your opinion of the candidates and how do you think it will affect the Democrats chances in November? Ask parents or other people you know who plan to vote what they think about the long primary.**

**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.