

## OBAMA

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If you haven't noticed I haven't been around much lately. I have a good reason. I ended up finding a vision, and word of Change. I jumped on the bandwagon for Barack Obama right after the Democrat Convention in full force, and now I can smile and hope I too, made a difference.

As we know now all across the world where there is TV, radio, and newspapers, Mr. Obama crossed the racial barrier that covered American politics. In January we get to see this man in the office as our Commander in Chief.



Over the past three months I've made thousands of calls to people across America. Knocked on doors of my neighbors, and shared the vision of Obama with everyone I could get to talk with me about Politics.

I'll back track here and say what moved me was his speech at the DNC. Before that I wasn't sure who I would vote for, and even before all this I had never campaigned for anyone. But, he mentioned the immigrants that came long before and made America what it is today. I thought of my great-grandparents. They had no education, they were very poor and struggled through the depression to raise all eleven of their kids. Then I thought of my grandfather, their son, who left school at the age of 12 and worked hard all his life, raised a family from nothing to a middle class. And then it came to my father, the proper working class man, who passed onto my brother and I the dreams and hopes of opportunities for the future.

"Instead, it is that American spirit -- that American promise -- that pushes us forward even when the path is uncertain; that binds us together in spite of our differences; that makes us fix our eye not on what is seen, but what is unseen, that better place around the bend.

That promise is our greatest inheritance. It's a promise I make to my daughters when I tuck them in at night, and a promise that you make to yours -- a promise that has led immigrants to cross oceans and pioneers to travel west; a promise that led workers to picket lines, and women to reach for the ballot.

And it is that promise that 45 years ago today, brought Americans from every corner of this land to stand together on a Mall in Washington, before Lincoln's Memorial, and hear a young preacher from Georgia speak of his dream.

The men and women who gathered there could've heard many things. They could've heard words of anger and discord. They could've been told to succumb to the fear and frustration of so many dreams deferred.

But what the people heard instead -- people of every creed and color, from every walk of life -- is that in America, our destiny is inextricably linked. That together, our dreams can be one."- Barack Obama

We have a great future in America.

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