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**Obama defeats McCain**

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Barack Obama was elected America's first black president November 4 in a historic triumph, overcoming racial barriers. The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his victory by defeating Republican Senator John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground states – Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa.

The 47-year-old senator for Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, was little known just four years ago. A widely praised speech at the Democratic National Convention, delivered when he was merely a candidate for the senate, changed that. Overnight, media commentators began explicating what many began calling the “Obama phenomenon,” with people openly discussing his future as a possible presidential candidate, evident in his ability to capture white votes like no other racial minority candidate has ever done before. His landslide victory against John McCain on November 4, proved them right.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment, change has come to America," Obama told a victory rally of 125,000 in Chicago. Supporters cheering “Yes, we can” were met with cries of “Yes, we did.”

Obama and his running mate, Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009. Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

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