

MOUTHS OF BABES

We asked local youngsters to tell us what Barack Obama's victory means to them?



Antwon Davis, 18,
W-S
Prep
Academy

"I think it means a lot to the economy since the economy is messed up. I think it's not going to take him overnight to fix it, I think he's going to try his best to fix the economy. So many people losing their jobs, losing their homes, and Barack Obama actually cares about the people."



Xavier Farmer, 9,
Ashley
Magnet
School

"It really means a lot because Barack Obama is the first black president to be elected, and I'm just so happy. I think prices and stuff will go down."



Denzel Hanes, 9,
South Fork
Elementary

"Change. He needs to get the economy back on track, cause right now it's acting buggy."



Madison McCarthy, 9,
Ashley
Magnet
School

"I think he could have a start of a better community. He could stop racists, hopefully, and finish up what Martin Luther King did. Hopefully, different colored people can be appreciated for who they are ... and everybody can look at people as people, not as a color."



Vernnay Tanner, 13,
Downtown
Middle
School

"It inspired me because I'm sure Obama had to go through some criticism with some racism as well and he still made it through. With that inspiration, I feel like I can do anything now. I feel like I have the power to do whatever I want with my life."



Tierra Wallace, 15,
Atkins
High
School

"I think it means a new beginning, change for the world. I think that some of the things he said like making the economy...grow stronger will make a difference in the world, they'll be more jobs, less tax—so I think he's going to bring change for the best."



Nebraska Crosby, 13,
Mineral
Springs
Middle

"I think Barack Obama as President will have an impact on all people, but mostly African Americans... Now, I can actually go to college and be able to do things that I thought I wouldn't be able to do."



Stacey Hernandez, 13,
Mineral
Springs
Middle

"I think it's good that we have an African American President now; it's good to have a change in the world."



Eric Boston, 12,
Mineral
Springs
Middle

"Barack being president opens more doors for me, knowing that black people can accomplish higher goals...I feel like people will look at blacks differently now... they'll look at us like they look at themselves, not as lower class."



Greg Horne, 18,
Parkland
Magnet
High
School

"I'm glad to see a black president in my day and age. Everyone was so proud to see that, finally, a black person was elected into office... Hopefully, he will get the country out of the recession."



Breshaun Liles, 13,
Downtown
Middle
School

"All my life growing up, I wished for a black president and now I finally got it. I just wished for it because I want to know that kids...will be able to do anything else, if we have a black president."



Shirley Vazquez, 18,
Parkland
Magnet
High
School

"It's good to finally see change. The new president ... is committed to helping Hispanics out."



Destiny Cowan, 11,
Ephesus
Junior
Academy

"I think that he will help with the American economy. I think he will make a change not just for brown people, but to all Americans. I think he's a good person, and I think he will be an excellent president."



Khyre Thompson, 9,
Ashley
Magnet
School

"I thought it would happen when I was older a bit, probably 90... I think it means basically what everybody's been saying, change for America and a better economy."