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Getting To Know Joe Biden

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Sixty-five-year-old Delaware Senator Joseph Robinnett "Joe" Biden serves as the Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate in the upcoming election. Originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania and the oldest of four children, Biden and his family moved to Claymont, Delaware where he attended parochial school and participated in public service; he was 11 at the time.

Biden's college career took place at The University of Delaware, where he graduated in 1965 and then graduated from law school at Syracuse University three years later. He returned to the Wilmington area where he set up his own firm and practiced law until 1972, at which time Biden launched a political campaign to take the senate seat of Republican Caleb Boggs. With little help, he beat his opponent by 3,162 votes.

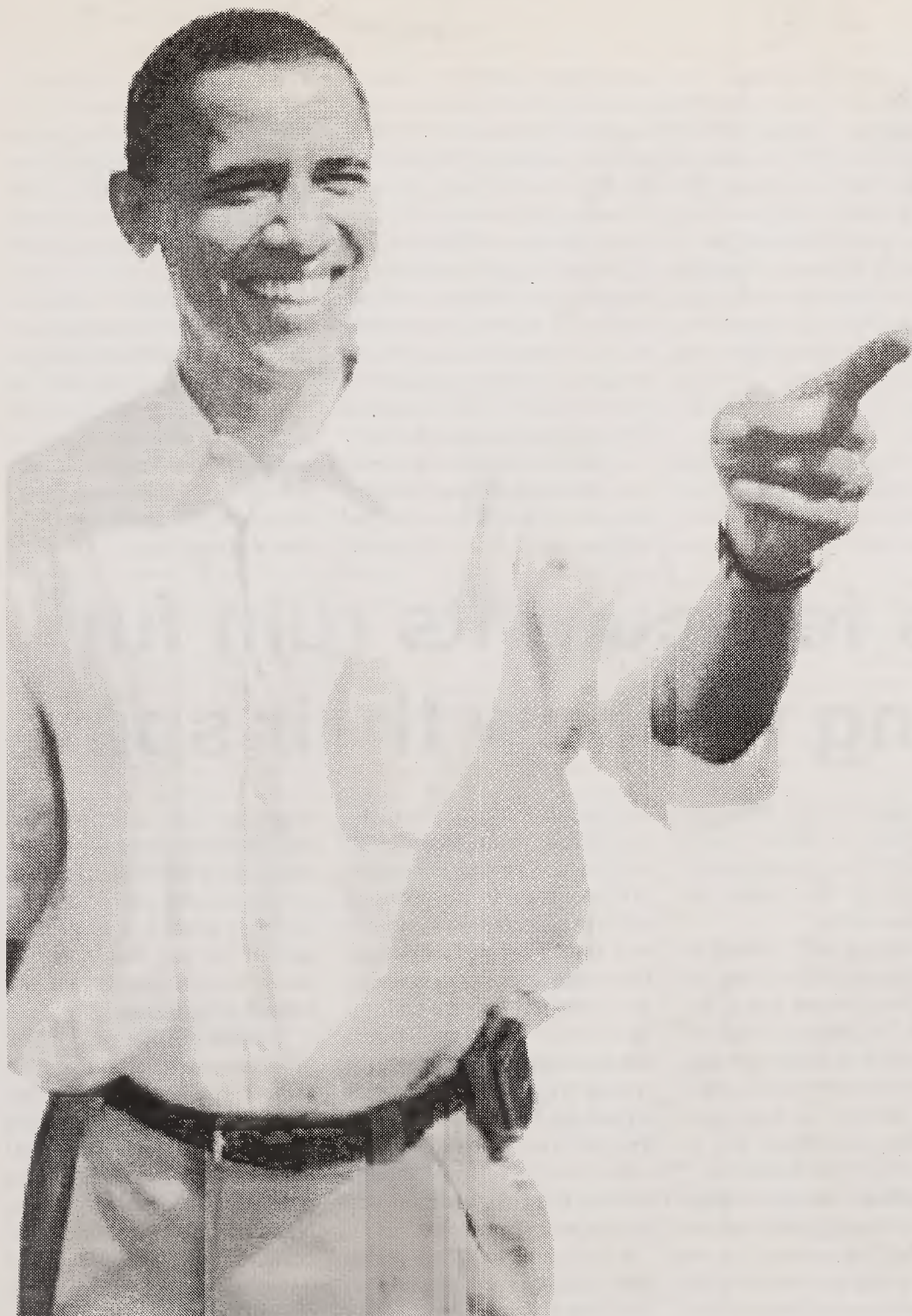
Weeks later, his wife and children were in a horrific automobile accident. As a result, Biden lost his wife and daughter; his two sons were critically injured. To be near his sons, Biden began commuting by train between Washington, D.C. and Delaware on a daily basis, a commute he still takes today.

Biden remarried in 1977 to Jill Jacobs, who earned a PhD in Education. Currently, he has three children: Beau, who will be deployed to Iraq this month; Ashley, a social worker; and Hunter, an attorney.

Having been in the senate since 1972 (he secured the position at 30 years old, making him the 5th youngest senator in history), Biden has vast experience in the political arena, a stark contrast to his running mate, Senator Barack Obama. Some would consider this an advantage to the Obama Campaign. Examining his voting record, one can sense that he is a democrat on practically all issues. He maintained consistent voting records on all issues (a feat that not many can boast about), supporting a woman's right to abortion, more gun control, and defending citizen rights. Some of his greatest political accomplishments include becoming a ranking democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee in 1997, of which he soon became Chairman. Known as a leading authority on foreign policy (Biden is currently the Chairman of the International Narcotics Control Caucus), Biden is very influential in the matters of terrorism, drug policy, crime, and other issues important to women.

Barack Obama chose Joe Biden as his running mate because Obama thought Biden would help him to bring about the change that Washington, and America in general, desperately need to cure the country's woes. Obama called him a "rare mix" and described him as one "whose heart and values are firmly rooted in the middle class."

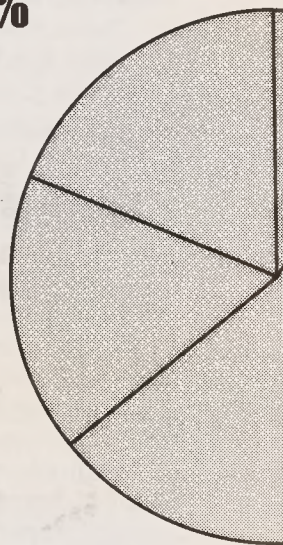
Many can see that Joe Biden's political experience will make him a worthy candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination, and many question if Biden's resume can or will boost Obama's campaign. Only voters can decide.



In just four days, millions of people are going to vote for the President of the United States. Some wonder if any of the candidates will be in the position of leadership at such a crucial time. How many will choose a write-in candidate? How many Vice Presidential candidates. There are many questions. The question: How important are the VP's?

Undecided
19%

McCain
17%



Write-In
9%

McCain
26%



October 2008 Candidate

Near the end of the 2007-2008 school year, members organized a presidential election. English classes to determine the winner. Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain. During the month of October, another mock election to discover student support from almost the