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# So Far, Obama Can't Take Black Vote for Granted

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**DISPLAYING ABSTRACT** - Some African-American voters express ambivalence about political phenomenon Barack Obama, who is black and has entered 2008 presidential race; some blacks say Obama's background--he is American-born son of black African father and white American mother--raises painful questions about race and heritage; his supporters embrace his background and say it only enhances his appeal in increasingly multicultural nation; some blacks argue that he is removed from struggles and cultural identities of most black Americans; some supporters say they are unperturbed by recent poll finding that 20 percent of black voters surveyed supported Obama while 60 percent supported Sen Hillary Rodham Clinton

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