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The previously thinkable is possible and that is that Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama could wrest the Democratic presidential nomination and even beyond that the White House. His Iowa showing is proof, says political analyst Earl Ofari Hutchinson, that he can appeal to a wide segment of centrist white voters. An Obama presidency would be a racial step forward in the sense that it shows

that millions of Americans can look past race to make a black, especially an exceptional black, their leader.

Unfortunately, it will not show that millions of Americans are yet willing" says Hutchinson, to do the same for the millions of blacks that cram America's jails and prisons, suffer housing and job discrimination, are trapped in failing public schools in America's poor, crime ridden inner cities.

Hutchinson will assess:

- *Why Obama's Iowa showing is a historic first
- *What's next for Obama
- *Whether black voters will fully embrace Obama
- *Whether he can appeal to wide segments of mid-American voters
- *Whether an Obama presidency is an antidote for America's racial and social ills

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