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PRESIDENT OBAMA WHAT HE MEANS TO UTAH

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Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. has sent him a \$14B wish list; military families can expect a gradual decrease in training and deployment; a fourth House seat grows more likely; and public-lands debate likely will focus on energy.

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Washington » Months ago, Barack Obama became the first person in a century coronated as a major-party presidential nominee in a Mountain West setting.

That occasion in Denver recognized the growing political might of the region and how issues long important to the West are gaining national prominence: Energy development, land use, climate change.

Obama has promised sweeping policy changes on these and a host of other issues that will profoundly impact — for better or worse — Utah and the West.

He has pledged a change from the pro-development policies of his predecessor to a renewed attention of protecting

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Obama's agenda

1 Pump hundreds of billions into the economy, including funding 'shovel-ready' road-building, bridge and other projects.

2 Draw down troops in Iraq and beef them up in Afghanistan.

3 Abandon 'Drill baby, drill' mentality and start moving the country to alternative, renewable energy.

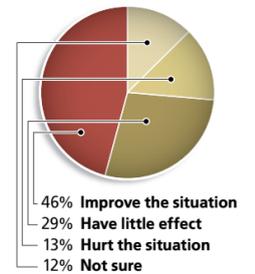


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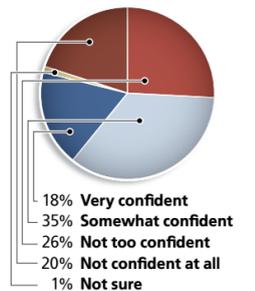
Tribune poll What Utahns think of an Obama presidency

A recent poll of registered Utah voters asked:

Do you expect Barack Obama's actions to stabilize the economy will:

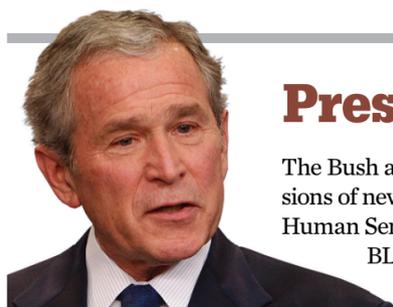


With Barack Obama as president, how confident are you in the country's national security and of the management of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? Are you:



Poll of 500 registered Utah voters conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc., of Washington, D.C., from Jan. 8-9. The margin of error is ±4.5 percentage points.

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President Bush's last-minute policy decisions

The Bush administration issues a rule in mid-December saying there's no reason to regulate the greenhouse gas emissions of new power plants, including one in eastern Utah. Mike Leavitt, former Utah governor and outgoing Health and Human Services secretary, approves a regulation permitting health care workers to refuse treatment for abortion. The BLM pushes through a rush sale on oil and gas leases near Arches and Canyonlands national parks. › **A11**

Prop 8 inspires a new army of Utah activists

Post-election push » Groups enlist soldiers for the gay-rights fight.

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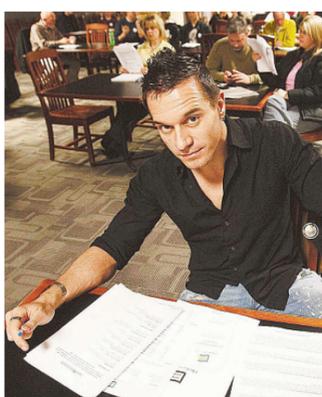
Crushed by the defeat of same-sex marriage in California, Jacob Whipple fired off text messages to everyone he knew the day after Election Day. Two nights later, more than 3,000 people joined

him at a rally outside Salt Lake City's Temple Square.

"It was exhilarating," says first-time organizer Whipple.

The 29-year-old is part of a national phenomenon Proposition 8 backers likely didn't see coming. The ballot measure, eliminating the right of gay couples to marry in California, succeeded, but it also ignited a furor among gay-rights supporters, forging and fortifying a new generation of activists who could fuel the movement for years

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Jacob Whipple attends a training session sponsored by Equality Utah on Thursday at the state Capitol.

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Today » Hazy sunshine and normal temps. › **A13**

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Cease-fire in place in Israel

WORLD » Israel implements a unilateral cease-fire early today in its 22-day offensive that turned Gaza neighborhoods into battlegrounds. Hamas threatens to keep fighting until Israeli troops leave. › **A16**

A knock at the door will bring something sweet.

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