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Will Hillary's supporters choose Obama?

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DENVER-- Sen. Barack Obama and his supporters hope to see a lot of people like Sarah P. Burns, of Los Angeles, in Denver this week.

At the DNC, Burns, who voted for Hillary Clinton in her state's February primary, wore a red button that read, "Clinton supports Obama so do!!!"

"I didn't know that I could believe him early on. He seemed too good to be true," said Burns, director of development for JustForeignPolicy.org. But now, "I am very enthusiastic about Obama, and I think he can make a huge difference, and I think he can win."

Not everyone who voted for Hillary Clinton in the primary has shifted their allegiance. Clinton is expected to formally release her delegates to vote for Obama today after a forceful speech calling for party unity Tuesday, but will that be enough to secure a November victory for the Democratic Party's nominee?

Clinton's Denver appearance and instructions to delegates were unlikely to sway Adela Solis, an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, she said not long before Clinton's much-hyped speech. Solis wore a "Hillary for President" T-shirt Tuesday at a Denver march commemorating the 88th anniversary of the constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote.



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"I'm not going to vote for Obama. That's where I stand right now," said Solis, who's been a Clinton supporter since her husband, Bill Clinton, was elected president, and believes Clinton had no choice but to publicly support Obama. "The issues she supports are mine."

What can Obama do to win Solis' support?

"For me, nothing," she said. "It's a little too late."

Another Clinton supporter in Denver, Tess Elkins, of New Jersey, was more adamant than Solis in her feelings about Obama.

"If he wins the nomination, I'll be voting for McCain," said Elkins, who was with four women, all five wearing Clinton campaign gear. "I don't think it's a matter of him being ready. I don't trust him because there is way too much we don't know about him. It's all superficial."

Nothing Obama can do will win over Elkins, she said.

Burns, the Clinton fan who's now cheering on Obama, initially chose Clinton, because, she said, Clinton is smart, tough and pro-choice. She changed her mind because, "as (Clinton) began to lose primaries, she became more desperate."

But Burns never considered voting for McCain, who [says on his Web site](#) he "believes Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision that must be overturned."

Read more about McCain's views [here](#) and about Obama's stance on women's issues [here](#).

Will Clinton supporters end up voting for Obama? Or will McCain get their votes?

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