



Mr. Obama continued speaking despite heavy rain at a campaign rally at Widener University in Chester, Pa, the week before the presidential election.



Supporters waited for hours and endured freezing rain to see Mr. Obama at an outdoor rally in Chester, Pa., in October 2008.



Students cheered from behind a fence on the school track as Mr. Obama arrived to speak to an overflow crowd before a town hall at Duncanville High School in Texas in February 2008.



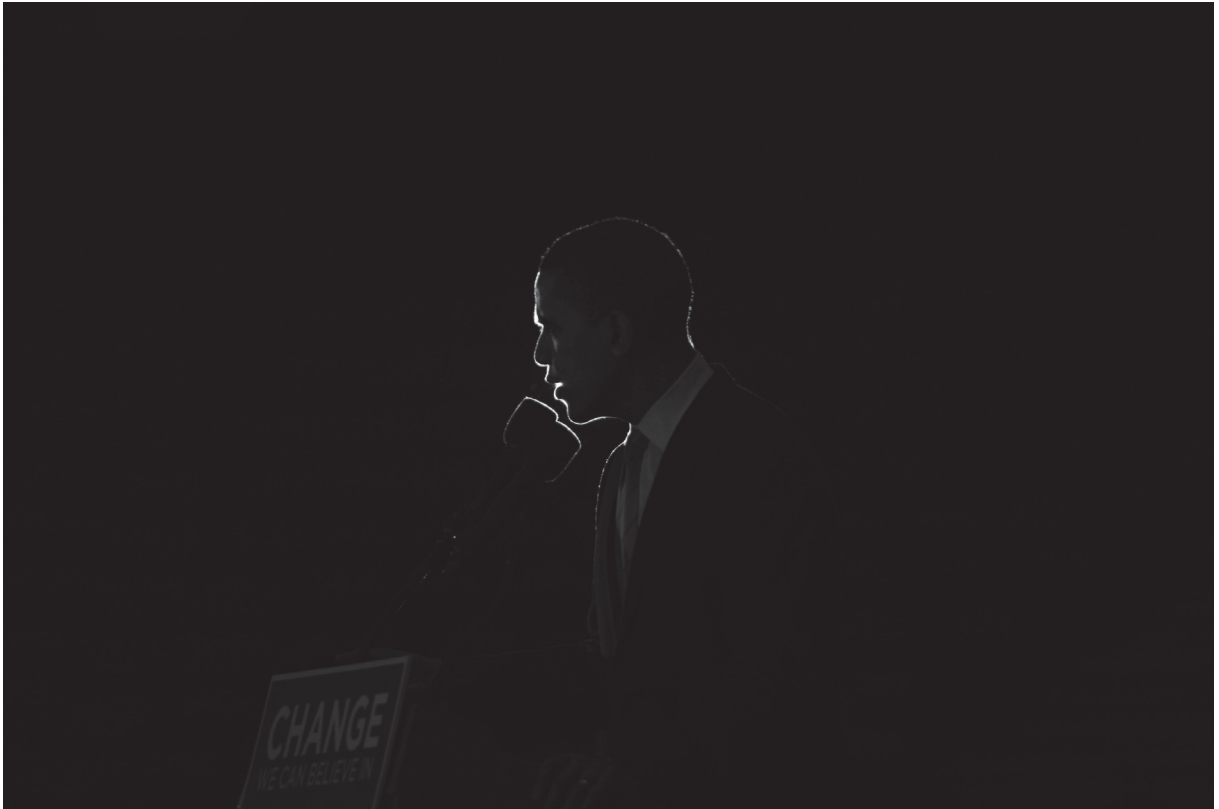
Mr. Obama addressed a February rally in Rodney Square in downtown Wilmington, Del.



Supporters cried and cheered on election night in Grant Park in Chicago as it became certain that Mr. Obama would be the next president.



The serving staff watched from the back as Mr. Obama greeted customers and workers at the Deli Den in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in October.



Mr. Obama spoke at the Izod Center in East Rutherford, NJ., in February.



Mr. Obama bought tickets for food and rides at the Sombrero Festival in Brownsville, Tex., in February.



A law enforcement agent kept watch from an upper level entrance as Mr. Obama spoke at a January rally at Bartow Arena at the University of Alabama.



Not all was serious or momentous at a September Obama rally in Jacksonville, Fla.



Secret Service agents tugged at the hands of a supporter as she hugged Mr. Obama in October at Legend's Field in Tampa, Fla.



Mr. Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia joined his wife Michelle at a November campaign rally in Springfield, Mo.



Mr. Obama emerged from a holding area backstage before a November rally at the University of Cincinnati.



Mr. Obama waited backstage before an October campaign rally at the Richmond Coliseum in Richmond, Va.



Children inscribed a favorite at an October Obama rally at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Fla.



A mid-October campaign stop at Mack's Apples in Londonderry, N.H.



Mr. Obama at a campaign rally in Pueblo, Colo., the Saturday before the election.



A show of hands an October rally at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Fla.: Who makes under \$250,000 a year, Mr. Obama asked?



Mr. Obama after a meeting with veterans in San Antonio in March.



In January, Shadrick Johnson, 6, wandered off the line outside the Columbia Convention Center in South Carolina, where Mr. Obama would soon be speaking.



Thomas Cheemuk walks away after paying his respects at his older brother John's grave in a tiny cemetery in St. Michael, Alaska. Thomas, his sister Alberta Steve, and his older brother Elmer were all sexually abused as children by a Catholic Deacon named Joseph Lundowski. His older brother John Cheemuk Jr. committed suicide in March of 1999. Tommy suspects that he too was sexually abused by Lundowski but they never spoke about it. For a story on an almost entire generation of men and women in two tiny villages in rural Western Alaska who were sexually abused for decades by representatives of the local Catholic Church.



John Lockwood smokes a cigarette in the front entrance of his home in St. Michael. John was sexually abused for years by Catholic deacon Joseph Lundowski in the village church. John had just told his wife Dorothy earlier in the week about the abuse he suffered as a child. This was the first time he had told anyone besides the lawyers about the secret he had been holding inside him for decades. John married his wife in that church where he was raped because he couldn't tell her the truth about what happened there. John stayed home all that week from his job as a janitor at the village school complaining of pains in his stomach from ulcers. For a story on an almost entire generation of men and women in two tiny villages in rural Western Alaska who were sexually abused for decades by representatives of the local Catholic Church.



Le Van Su, 76, remembers when his wife, Nguyen Thi Yen, 71, was plucked from her garden as a young woman while collecting bamboo shoots by US Soldiers in a helicopter. She was taken to a nearby base, interrogated and released. Similar cases were reported in the area where civilians were never returned. Le Van Su was afraid he would never see his wife again. Photographed in his home in Tan Minh hamlet, Minh Thanh village, Dau Tieng district with his grandson Le Nhat Phi, 3.



Linda Zaribi mourns the death of her husband and daughter from a seperate mourning area for female relatives and loved ones at a funeral for Shimon Zaribi, 45 and his daughter Mazal Zaribi, 14, who were killed yesterday in a Hezbollah rocket attack in the Israeli town of Akko on the Mediterranean Sea. The funeral was held at a cemetary outside of Akko in northern Israel. Yesterday was the highest civilian death toll in Israel since the conflict with Hezbollah began over three weeks ago. Photographed on August 4, 2006.



Kabul, Afghanistan. A game of Mujahadeen vs. Taliban (an Afghan variation on the American role-playing game cowboys and Indians) turns serious as Solem, 7, (second from right) and Samat, 7, beat each other with their fists and with rocks in heavily war-damaged neighborhood of Kabul. Solem was playing the role of the Mujahad and Samat was the Talib (the bad guy). Afghanistan has been embroiled in decades of war and fighting, leaving a generation of children and young adults who know nothing else but lives of violence.