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**2008 Presidential Odds**

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. ....	7/5
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. ....	8/5
Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y. ....	9/5
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**Between the Lines:** A small downtick for Sen. Barack Obama coming on the heels of the explosive comments of his pastor, Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. Obama has moved from even to 7/5, while Sen. John McCain has slipped from 7/5 to 8/5 after the most recent polls show him ever so slightly behind either Obama or Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Speaking of HRC, Hillary Rodham Clinton, she jumped from 5/2 to 9/5 on the strength of her wide lead in the Pennsylvania polls. Obama was starting to close in Pennsylvania, but after the controversial remarks by his pastor, Clinton has increased her lead in the Keystone State to double digits. Sen. Obama gave a speech Tuesday in Philadelphia dealing with the race issue, and if it is received well around the country, he should get a small bump on the odds chart.

Stay tuned to "Politics and Line," where we will update you every week until the election in November, or more frequently as events warrant.

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