

McCain, Clinton make troubled winners

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WASHINGTON - Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican John McCain emerged from Super Tuesday with major victories, but scored no knockout blows on their opponents. Clinton rival Barack Obama claimed the leadership of a new movement to change the status quo in Washington, telling cheering Illinois supporters, "Our time has come. Our movement is real. And change is coming to America." Clinton and McCain took some big prizes, including New York and California. Obama actually won more primaries in the 24 states holding primaries or caucuses, but Clinton was seen as gathering more delegates to the national convention.

It was difficult to count totals since all Democratic contests allotted delegates on a proportional basis, and most Democratic and Republican contests had projected rather than actual winners Tuesday night. On the Republican side, where there were more winner-take-all contests, McCain was expected to build a significant delegate lead. Clinton had to contend with most black voters, a core constituency of the Democratic Party, voting for Obama. Obama also had a much bigger war chest going into 14 primaries between Super Tuesday and early March. On the Republican side, the biggest surprise was Mike Huckabee, the religious conservative who won five contests with a severely underfunded campaign. McCain tried to reach out to Huckabee and rival Mitt Romney while claiming the front-runner's mantle while taking to supporters in Arizona. But he was still dogged by some broadcast commentators who claim he is not conservative enough.

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