

## Ferraro sticking by Obama remarks

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NEW YORK - Former U.S. Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., refuses to apologize for suggesting race is a factor in the battle for the Democratic nomination for U.S. president. The Hillary Clinton supporter says every time rival Sen. Barack Obama's campaign is upset about something, "they call it racist," The New York Times reported Wednesday. She accused the Obama campaign of twisting her words. "I will not be discriminated against because I'm white," Ferraro said. "If they think they're going to shut up Geraldine Ferraro with that kind of stuff, they don't know me." Ferraro caused an uproar when she suggested to a California newspaper that Obama, D-Ill., achieved his place in the Democratic presidential race because he is black. "If Obama were a white man he would not be in this position," Ferraro said. Obama's campaign has called the remarks outrageous and demanded Clinton, D-N.Y., repudiate them. In an interview with a Pennsylvania radio station Wednesday morning, Obama dismissed as "patently absurd" the notion that race is helping him in his bid to win the Democratic nomination, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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