

Clinton's first TV spot airs in Iowa

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., Tuesday began airing spots in Iowa, criticizing the Bush administration on healthcare and Iraq. Clinton speaks in the ad of those in the United States who she considers to be "invisible to their government," The Hill reported Tuesday. "If you're a family that is struggling, and you don't have healthcare, well you are invisible to this president," Clinton says in the spot. "If you're a single mom trying to find affordable child care so you can go to work, well you're invisible too. And I never thought I'd see that our soldiers, who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, would be treated as if they are invisible as well. "Americans from all walks of life across this country may be invisible to this president, but they're not invisible to me," she says. "And they won't be invisible to the next president of the United States." White House spokeswoman Dana Perino called the ad "outrageous." "This is a president who first and foremost has helped millions of seniors across the country have access to prescription drugs at a much lower cost. And that system that the president put in -" helped put in place with the help of both sides of Congress " is helping millions of people and working better than anyone would have expected," Perino said during the daily press briefing in Crawford, Texas, where the president is vacationing. "And as to whether or not our troops are invisible to this president, I think that that is absurd and that it is unconscionable that a member of Congress would say such a thing." Clinton is considered the national frontrunner in the Democratic race, but recent polls suggest she is being challenged by Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards in Iowa.

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