

TRADUCCIÓN AL INGLÉS DEL ARTÍCULO DE SARAH CACICIO EN EL PERIÓDICO LES NOTICIES: **YES, WE CAN. YES, WE DID.**

When Barack Obama won the election I felt, for the first time, proud to be American. My friend and I followed the election all night with the rest of Spain, until they announced the results at dawn. I told her she could stop telling people she was Canadian.

And it was true.

As I arrived to work, people congratulated me. My students applauded in class. The woman who sold me the newspaper thanked me for voting.

The results of this election transcend Barack Obama and the Democratic party, clearing a new path for our country. As Obama observed, we are better than what these last eight years have demonstrated. Our country comprises innumerable immigrants, languages, cultures, and ideals. We should use this singularity in order to benefit everyone, both in and outside of our nation.

What struck me most was that it was my generation, young Americans, who was able to push the campaign forward in the last moments. For once, we, along with other marginalized groups, chose hope in place of cynicism. We reached for social equality instead of racism.

This is not to say that all socio-political problems will now be resolved. Rather, history does not repeat itself. Each generation adds a new perspective, which becomes more global by the minute. Fifty years ago, African-Americans did not even have the right to vote, and today, we have elected a black president.

I cannot say exactly what Obama will change as president, but clearly change has already been set in motion. Through this election, we have reclaimed our political voice. We have questioned the current situation, taken action, and above all, taken responsibility as citizens of The United States, and of the global world. We have learned that we are active participants in history, and more importantly, that we have the capacity to revise it.

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