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This paper examines the American Presidential election through an examination of discussion threads on Stormfront, an online forum for people who self-identify as “White nationalists.” The 2008 presidential election has historic implications since Barack Obama, an African American, is the Democratic nominee. The Republican candidate, John McCain, is no stranger to controversy and his nomination is closely scrutinized by Stormfront discussants along with that of Obama. The findings shed additional light on extremist attitudes about American politics and politicians and reveal a deepening ideological divide among a segment of our population that remains outside the political mainstream. These findings further illustrate the value of continued exploration of the Internet as an increasingly important forum for studying the discourse of marginalized groups such as White nationalists.