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'Obama Girl' attracts thousands on YouTube

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Perhaps what's most astonishing about the "I Got A Crush on Obama" video — a 3-minute, 18-second ditty directed by two young men from Hempstead — is that, as of yesterday afternoon on the YouTube Web site, it had attracted 5,522 comments.

"This is highly offensive," wrote one viewer. "I LOVE IT!"

Larry Strong and **Kevin Arbouet**, the filmmakers, love it that they love it. This political parody follows a young, well-endowed woman around Manhattan as she coos suggestively about her infatuation for Democratic presidential hopeful **Barack Obama**. The candidate's camp has been silent on the clip, which made its first big splash on barelypolitical.com ("Politics are ugly. Girls are pretty") and has since surfaced on CNN, "The Tonight Show" and the BBC, as well as YouTube.

"Obama Girl" is the star, although the dubbed vocals are sung by a vocalist named **Leah Kauffman**, 21, a college student who wrote the song. The on-screen posing and pouting is acted out by one **Amber Lee Ettinger**, an actress/model who's previously posed in Maxim and FHM magazines.

Strong, 36, who stud-

ied film at Long Island University's C.W. Post Campus, and Arbouet, 30, have worked together on previous projects, including a film called "Serial" that won the Long Island International Film Festival best story award in 2006. The "Obama" video was shot a month ago and took about two weeks to edit, Strong said.

The directors say they aren't yet done lampooning the 2008 presidential race: Later this week they plan to begin filming a second video that focuses on another candidate. "The driving force of the video is the beautiful girl who attracts the guys," said Strong, acknowledging that he's capitalizing on an old, old story: lust. "We're going to keep that theme going."



Actress Amber Lee Ettinger proclaims her love for presidential candidate Barack Obama in this video.