



## McCain, Obama And Five Issues That Matter Most

### 1. Abortion

- John McCain is pro-life and has been endorsed by National Right to Life PAC. He supports the repeal of *Roe v. Wade*. John McCain has cast a pro-life vote 125 times on 130 abortion related votes, for a 96% pro-life voting record.
- Barack Obama is the most radically pro-abortion candidate for president. In the Illinois State Senate, Obama repeatedly opposed a bill to provide medical care to babies born alive after botched abortions. That's infanticide.
- Obama has 100% pro-abortion voting record with Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America.
- Obama pledged to sign the Freedom of Choice Act, which would repeal every restriction on abortion at every level, including the federal law banning partial-birth abortions and every state law on parental notification, informed consent and waiting periods.

### 2. Traditional Marriage

- John McCain supports marriage remaining the union of one man and one woman, and he believes children are best raised by a mother and a father. He supports state marriage protection amendments and would support a federal marriage amendment if a court ever overturned the Defense of Marriage Act.
- What is the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)? Passed in 1996 and signed into law by Democrat Bill Clinton, DOMA recognizes marriage as the union of one man and one woman in federal law, and it protected states from being forced to recognize to recognize the homosexual "marriages" performed in other states.
- In 2004, Barack Obama called the Defense of Marriage Act "an abhorrent law," and as a presidential candidate, he has repeatedly called for DOMA to be repealed. If repealed, every state in the union could be forced by liberal judges to recognize the homosexual "marriages" now being performed in Massachusetts.
- In February, Obama published an "open letter" in homosexual newspapers in which he wrote, "As your President, I will use the bully pulpit to urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws." In other words, a President Obama would promote "gay marriage" and "gay adoption."
- Barack Obama is to the left of Bill Clinton on homosexual marriage. That's why he was endorsed by the nation's largest pro-homosexual rights group, the Human Rights Campaign.

### 3. Judges

- John McCain supports the appointment of conservative judges who will not legislate from the bench or try to redefine our cherished values by judicial fiat. He voted for Justice Samuel Alito and for Chief Justice John Roberts. Senator McCain has supported every conservative judge nominated, including Robert Bork.
- Barack Obama fully embraces the leftwing notion of "judicial activism." He talks of judges needing "empathy," or emotional reactions leading to desired outcomes, rather than knowledge of the law. When a judge acts on empathy, he follows his own political biases and ignores the plain language of the Constitution. At a 2007 Planned Parenthood conference Obama said this about his judicial appointments: "We need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom ... the empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old."
- When asked by CNN's Wolf Blitzer to name his model judges, Obama said, "I think actually Justice Breyer, Justice Ginsburg are very sensible judges." Justices Breyer and Ginsburg (who once served as the General Counsel of the ACLU) are two of the Supreme Court's most liberal, activist judges. Both voted against the federal ban on partial-birth abortion and against an individual right to self-defense under the Second Amendment.
- Barack Obama voted against Chief Justice John Roberts and even voted to filibuster Justice Samuel Alito.

## 4. Economics

- John McCain supports lower taxes and is one of the most ardent opponents of wasteful, pork-barrel spending. He supports making the Bush tax cuts permanent. He has called for reducing the corporate tax rate and cutting the capital gains tax in half. He has called for doubling the dependent tax deduction and a government spending freeze. John McCain favors an “all of the above” approach to energy, including offshore drilling, building more nuclear power plants, clean coal and investing in alternative energy research.
- Barack Obama has repeatedly promised to raise taxes on successful small businesses and families. He famously told “Joe the Plumber” that he wants to “spread the wealth around” through socialist tax policies. In 2001, Obama told a WBEZ interviewer that one of the failures of the civil rights movement was that it did not achieve “redistributive change” and that “the Supreme Court never ventured into the issues of redistribution of wealth and the more basic issues of ... economic justice in this society.”
- On March 13th, the *Associated Press* wrote that Barack Obama voted for a Democrat budget which, according to the *Associated Press*, would “allow income tax rates to go up on individuals making as little as \$31,850 and couples earning \$63,700 or more.”
- Barack Obama has repeatedly opposed additional domestic oil exploration and nuclear power. Obama’s top advisors have suggested they would ban oil imports from Canada – America’s most reliable source of imported foreign oil. That would dramatically jeopardize our national security and make America even more dependent on foreign oil from hostile nations like Iran and Venezuela. Barack Obama would continue the “Democrat oil embargo” against America and his policies would lead to higher energy taxes and more “pain at the pump.”
- Obama supports massive tax hikes on small businesses. Former White House economics advisor Lawrence Lindsey noted that Obama’s tax hikes would effectively raise the federal marginal tax rate on successful small business owners from 38% to 53%, making it “higher than what it was under Jimmy Carter or Richard Nixon.”
- Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist at Merk Investments, said that Obama’s overall tax plan would be a “profound mistake,” and the center-piece of his tax plan -- to hit small businesses with incomes of \$250,000 and above with marginal tax rates not seen since Jimmy Carter -- would be “courting disaster” economically.

## 5. National Security

- John McCain believes in a strong national defense. He knows America cannot show weakness in the face of radical Islamic terrorism, and having been a prisoner of war in Vietnam, he understands that America must win the Iraq war. John McCain challenged the administration’s conduct of the war in Iraq almost immediately after his first trip there in August 2003. He boldly backed the surge policy, and because of his commitment to victory, Al Qaeda in Iraq has been defeated and our troops are coming home with honor.
- Barack Obama voted against the surge. When our troops, fighting a vicious enemy on a foreign battlefield, called for reinforcements, Barack Obama voted “No.” In the Senate, Obama repeatedly voted to force our withdrawal from Iraq on a fixed timetable that would telegraph to Al Qaeda exactly when America was going to give up.
- Obama has consistently demonstrated a naïve understanding of radical Islam and the nature of the world. He said as president he would meet with our greatest enemies, including Iran’s Holocaust-denying dictator, without preconditions. He also called Iran a “tiny country that poses no serious threat” to America. Obama supporter Jesse Jackson recently said that “Zionists, who have controlled American policy for decades,” will lose their clout once Obama become president.
- During the primary campaign, Obama told a group of leftwing pacifists that he would gut spending on national defense by cancelling missile defense programs and delaying the development of future combat systems that our troops rely upon to save lives and protect America’s superpower status.
- Obama has been endorsed by the radical “blame America first” group MoveOn.org, and one of his top fundraisers, Jodie Evans, is a co-founder of the anti-military group CodePink. His own running mate, Joe Biden, says that if elected, “It will not be six months before the world tests Barack Obama ...we’re gonna have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy.” The world is a dangerous place and, as Joe Biden also said, the Oval Office does not lend itself to “on the job training.”

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