



BARACK OBAMA



JOHN MCCAIN

PRO-LIFE ISSUES

PERSONAL PROFILE

- ▶ Barack Hussein Obama  
b. 08/04/61
- ▶ Married to Michelle, two daughters
- ▶ Former member of Trinity United Church of Christ
- ▶ Served as Illinois State Senator 1996-2004  
U. S. Senator since 2004
- ▶ Graduate of Columbia University, law degree from Harvard, first African-American president of *Harvard Law Review*

HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

PERSONAL PROFILE

- ▶ John Sidney McCain III  
b. 08/29/36
- ▶ Married to Cindy, seven children, four grandchildren
- ▶ Attends North Phoenix Baptist Church
- ▶ Arizona Congressman 1982-86, Arizona Senator since 1986
- ▶ Graduate U.S. Naval Academy, a Vietnam POW from 1967 to 1973, won Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross

ABORTION

Supports a woman's "right to choose" and will "make preserving women's rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as president."

[www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

Opposed *Roe v. Wade*. Believes the decision should be returned to the states.

[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION (PBA)

"On an issue like partial-birth abortion, I strongly believe that the state can properly restrict late-term abortions. I have said so repeatedly. All I've said is we should have a provision to protect the health of the mother, and many of the bills that came before me didn't have that."

Fox News Sunday 04/28/08

Supported PBA Ban Act; "Today's Supreme Court ruling (*Gonzales v. Carhart*\*) is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of life."

\*2007 Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of PBA Ban Act).

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EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH (ESCR)

Voted in favor of funding ESCR. "These embryos must be deemed in excess and created based solely for the purpose of fertility treatment."

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Voted NO on Marriage Protection Amendment (06/07/06) but does not support homosexual marriage. "I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman, but I detest the bashing and vilifying of gays and lesbians." Supports civil unions.

[www.ontheissues.org](http://www.ontheissues.org)

"As president, John McCain would nominate judges who understand the role of the court is not to subvert the rights of the people by legislating from the bench."

[www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)

Supported the Defense of Marriage Act. Says the issue should be left to the states; voted NO on Marriage Protection Amendment.

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HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

"Obama will strengthen federal hate crimes legislation, expand hate crimes protection by passing the Matthew Shepherd (sic) Act, and reinvigorate enforcement at the Department of Justice's Criminal Section."

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Voted NO on adding sexual orientation to definition of hate crimes (06/11/02).

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GAY ADOPTION

Supports equal adoption rights for homosexuals.

[www.gaylife.com](http://www.gaylife.com)

"I think that we've proven that both parents are important in the success of a family so, no I don't believe in gay adoption." (John and Cindy McCain are adoptive parents.)

[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)



OBAMA



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Increase number of legal immigrants, remove incentives for illegal immigration by cracking down on employers who hire them. Supports allowing illegal immigrants in good standing to learn English, pay a fine, and go to the back of the line to become citizens. Promotes economic development in Mexico to curb illegal immigration.

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“We have to secure our borders. But we also need a temporary worker program, and we have to dispose of the issue of 12 million people who are in this country illegally. This issue needs to be addressed comprehensively.”

MSNBC, 05/05/08

IMMIGRATION

Bring troops home in 16 months; press Iraqi leaders to take responsibility for their future. Continued humanitarian aid.

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“I do not want to keep our troops in Iraq a minute longer than necessary to secure our interests there. Our goal is an Iraq that can stand on its own as a democratic ally and a responsible force for peace in its neighborhood.” Supports counterinsurgency strategy, push for political reconciliation.

[www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)

IRAQ WAR

FOREIGN OIL DEPENDENCY

Expand use of ethanol; build new ethanol refineries; increase vehicle fuel economy standards.

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Expand domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production; propose a \$300 million prize to improve battery technology for full commercial development of plug-in hybrid and fully electric automobiles; institute gas tax holiday from Memorial Day to Labor Day; stop filling Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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ECONOMY

HEALTH CARE

National health plan to cover all Americans with guaranteed eligibility and affordable premiums.

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Reform tax code to offer more than employer-based health insurance; make insurance more portable; ensure care for traditionally uninsurable; work to pass medical liability reform. Reform Medicare and Medicaid to cut costs; promote safe re-importation of prescription drugs.

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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

► [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net) – for online voter registration form and state-by-state deadline information

► U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Toll free: 866-747-1471  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
E-mail: [HAVAinfo@eac.gov](mailto:HAVAinfo@eac.gov)  
Web site: [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

HOUSING MARKET CRISIS

Establish a \$10 billion Foreclosure Prevention Fund to be used for pre-foreclosure counseling; help families facing foreclosure to either refinance or sell their homes; provide \$10 billion in relief to states and cities hardest hit by foreclosure.

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Propose plan to allow troubled homeowners to trade in burdensome mortgage for more manageable loan; form Justice Dept. Mortgage Abuse Task Force.

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ECONOMIC STIMULUS IDEAS

Provide tax rebates; eliminate income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000; invest in manufacturing; create five million “green” jobs.

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End ethanol subsidies, tariff barriers; permanently repeal Alternative Minimum Tax; double exemption for dependents; require ⅓ vote in Congress to raise taxes.

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