



Where Do the Candidates Stand on Key Issues?



A non-partisan guide to the positions of the 2008 Presidential Candidates on various issues of concern to the electorate.

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BARACK OBAMA	KEY ISSUE	JOHN McCain
<p>Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos to be used in research, but prohibit placing them in wombs. 	Human Cloning	<p>Opposes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> His campaign website states that he “opposes the intentional creation of human embryos for research purposes.”
<p>Obama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. “Embryonic stem cells can obtain from a number of sources including in vitro fertilization...We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos...” 	Embryonic Stem Cell Research	<p>McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. “I believe that skin stem cell research has every potential very soon of making that discussion [embryonic stem cell research] academic.”
<p>Obama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports full civil unions that give same-sex couples equal legal rights and privileges as married couples. Obama voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would have defined marriage as between a man and a woman. 	Gay Marriage	<p>McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes that marriage must be protected as a sacred institution of a man and a woman. Co-chaired the Arizona Marriage Protection Amendment campaign in 2006.
<p>Obama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “We need stronger enforcement on the border and at the workplace...” 	Immigration	<p>McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “As president, I will secure the border. Tight border security includes not just the entry and exit of people, but also the effective screening of cargo at our ports and other points of entry.”
<p>Obama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Let me be clear: there is no military solution in Iraq, and there never was. The best way to protect our security and to pressure Iraq's leaders to resolve their civil war is to immediately begin to remove our combat troops. Not in six months or one year - now.” 	Iraq	<p>McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “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. Our goal is an Iraq that no longer needs American troops.” Strongly disagrees with those who advocate withdrawing American troops before Iraq has become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people.
<p>Obama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “We had a situation surrounding Terri Schiavo...that eventually allowed Congress to interject itself into that decision-making process of the families. It wasn't something I was comfortable with, but it was not something that I stood on the floor and stopped. And I think that was a mistake.” 	Terri Schiavo	<p>McCain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “It's an American tragedy and I hope that the next time we're presented with one of these situations we'll perhaps approach it in a more measured and reasoned fashion.”



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