



NARAL Pro-Choice America
“Birth Control” Video Fact Sheet
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The web video released today by NARAL Pro-Choice America highlights Sen. John McCain’s unwillingness to answer questions about insurance coverage for birth control. Months ago, McCain was asked if insurance companies should be required to cover birth control if they cover Viagra. He still hasn’t answered the question clearly. The following sections give additional background and source information on the facts and statements used in the video.

<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>In July 2008, John McCain was asked his position about insurance coverage covering drugs like Viagra but not birth control.</p>	
<p><u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u> Scott Martelle, Top of the Ticket, July 11, 2008 http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/washington/2008/07/john-mccain-a-2.html</p>	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>He responded: (or not...)</p>	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>Video clip of John McCain speaking on his campaign bus to Maeve Reston of the <i>Los Angeles Times</i>.</p>	<p>John McCain: McCain: I certainly do not want to discuss that issue.</p> <p>McCain: I don’t know...</p> <p>Reston: I guess her statement was that it was unfair that health insurance companies cover Viagra but not birth control. Do you have an opinion on that?</p> <p>McCain: (after 8 second pause) I don’t know enough about it to give you an informed answer because I don’t recall the vote...</p>

	McCain: It's something that I had not thought much about and ... I will get back to you today on it. I don't usually duck an issue, but I'll try to get back to you.
<p><u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u> John McCain speaking on his campaign bus to Maeve Reston of the <i>Los Angeles Times</i> CNN, July 10, 2008 http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2008/07/10/mccain.insurance.question.cnn</p>	
<p><u>VISUAL</u></p>	<p><u>AUDIO</u></p>
<p>Thanks for voting against something you didn't "know anything about."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">xoxo, American Women</p>	
<p><u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u> Voted against legislation that would have prevented unintended pregnancy by investing in insurance coverage for prescription birth control, promoting family-planning services, implementing teen-pregnancy-prevention programs, and developing programs to increase awareness about emergency contraception. [Clinton/Reid amendment to FY'06 Budget Resolution, S.Con.Res.18, 3/17/05.] http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/assets/files/obamamccainfamilyplanningcomparison.pdf</p>	
<p><u>VISUAL</u></p>	<p><u>AUDIO</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">weeks later...</p>	
<p><u>VISUAL</u></p>	<p><u>AUDIO</u></p>
<p>John McCain speaking at a Town Hall meeting in Wisconsin.</p>	<p>Woman: ...Now that you've had several weeks to get more information about that, what your position is?</p> <p>McCain: That it's up to the person who purchases the insurance. If that person wants certain coverage of any kind, then that person ought to be able to receive it.</p>
<p><u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u> John McCain speaking at a Town Hall meeting in Racine, Wisconsin July 31, 2008 www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGLnFzgLUds</p>	

<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
News Flash: Most Americans don't get to choose their health insurance.	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
Nice try, but still not an answer. We're giving McCain one last chance.	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
We demand a real answer. MeetTheRealMcCain.com	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
Protect your access to birth control. Vote Obama-Biden on November 4.	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
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