



OBAMA-BIDEN VS. MCCAIN-PALIN: RECORD ON WOMEN

During the Republican Convention, John McCain's campaign manager said, "Issues don't matter." No wonder McCain hasn't been able to bridge the gender gap. While John McCain was gambling that women voters would overlook the fact that McCain-Palin are offering four more years of Bush's failed policies, Barack Obama and Joe Biden have been discussing the issues that women and families are concerned about – issues like equal pay for equal work, the right to make your own family planning choices, and the challenge of balancing the family budget in the face of skyrocketing energy and healthcare costs.

Anyone who thinks women are voting for candidates based solely on gender is completely out of touch. The vast majority of women, like some 80 percent of Americans, think this country is heading in the wrong direction and while McCain-Palin only offer more of the same, Barack Obama and Joe Biden will deliver the change we need.

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<p>STANDING UP FOR A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE</p>	<p>Obama and Biden Unequivocally Support Roe v. Wade and A Woman's Right To Choose</p> <p>Obama Has A 100% Pro-Choice Voting Record. Obama has received a voting record of 100% from NARAL Pro-Choice America.</p> <p>Obama Passed A Law Requiring That Emergency Medical Services For Sexual Assault Survivors Include Coverage For Emergency Contraception. Obama was the chief co-sponsor of a bill requiring that hospitals providing emergency services for sexual assault victims provide medically accurate information about emergency contraception.</p> <p>Obama: "It's Never Been More Important To Protect A Woman's Right To Choose." On the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Obama said "it's never been more important to protect a woman's right to choose."</p>	<p>McCain and Palin Oppose a Woman's Right To Choose</p> <p>McCain Bragged About His Anti-Choice Record And Wants To Overturn Roe v. Wade. McCain has a long anti-choice record and he even bragged about the consistent "zero" score he had received from NARAL Pro-Choice America. His campaign website says he "believes Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision that must be overturned."</p> <p>McCain Opposed Requiring Insurers To Provide The Same Level of Coverage For Birth Control That They Do For Other Prescription Drugs. McCain voted against requiring health insurers to provide the same level of coverage for contraception as they do for other prescription drugs.</p> <p>The McCain-Palin Republican Platform promotes a Constitutional Amendment to ban ALL abortions – without an exception for rape, incest, or the health or life of the woman.</p>
<p>EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK</p>	<p>Obama Helped Protect 330,000 More Illinois Women From Pay Discrimination. Obama co-sponsored the Illinois Equal Pay Act, which provided that no employer may discriminate by paying different wages solely on the basis of</p>	<p>McCain Opposed Legislation That Would Help Women Achieve Pay Equity. McCain opposed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which sought to overturn a recent Supreme Court decision making it harder for women to challenge pay</p>

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	<p>gender. The AP says the bill gave “about 330,000 more women in the state protection from gender-based discrimination in pay.”</p> <p>Obama Cosponsored The Federal Fair Pay Restoration Act And Describes Equal Pay For Equal Work As “Fundamental.” Obama co-sponsored legislation to overturn a Supreme Court decision making it harder for women to challenge pay discrimination. Obama said “we've got to use all the power at our disposal to make sure that women are treated equally. The idea of equal pay for equal work is something that I think is fundamental to the American ideal.”</p>	<p>discrimination. McCain even suggested that women get paid less because they need more education and training. In addition, McCain voted against a proposal that would have provided more effective remedies to victims of sex discrimination in the payment of wages.</p>
<p>PROTECTING WOMEN’S HEALTH</p>	<p>Obama and Biden Will Fight To Increase Education And Awareness Of Cancers that Affect Women. Obama passed a law in the Illinois State Senate to require coverage of breast and cervical cancer screenings, and he helped pass a law ensuring that women and minorities are included in state-funded clinical research. Obama was an original sponsor of “Johanna’s Law”, which launched a national campaign to increase awareness of gynecological cancers like ovarian, cervical and uterine cancers.</p>	<p>The McCain-Palin Ticket Opposes Increases in Healthcare That Will Provide Vital Resources for Women</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Extending Insurance Coverage To Pregnant Women And Infants And Opposed \$214 Million For Breast Cancer Research. McCain voted against extending Medicaid coverage to pregnant women and infants up to one year of age with incomes below the Federal poverty line. He also voted against transferring \$214 million from the Defense Department to fund breast cancer research.</p>
<p>FIGHTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p>	<p>Obama and Biden Support Increasing Funding for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Support Laws to Protect the Victims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>Obama Supported More Domestic Violence And Abuse Prevention Funding And Passed Laws Protecting Victims. Obama voted for funding to prevent domestic violence and abuse, including increased funding for the Office of Violence Against Women, and passed numerous laws protecting victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Biden authored and passed the landmark Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the strongest legislation to date that criminalizes domestic violence and holds batterers accountable. VAWA provides funds to help communities, nonprofit organizations and police combat domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The VAWA also establishes a sexual</p>	<p>McCain and Palin Oppose Additional Funding to Prevent domestic Violence</p> <p>McCain Repeatedly Voted Against Funding To Fight And Prevent Domestic Violence. McCain has repeatedly voted against funding to fight and prevent domestic violence, including a \$9 million increase for the Office of Violence Against Women. McCain even opposed authorizing grants to aid children who have witnessed domestic violence.</p>

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	<p>assault services program and provides education grants to prevent domestic violence. Obama co-sponsored VAWA reauthorization and as President will fully fund and implement VAWA.</p> <p>Obama Authored The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. In Illinois, Obama introduced and passed the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) – one of the most comprehensive sets of employment protections in the nation - which ensures that victims of domestic violence can seek treatment without losing their jobs.</p>	
CHILD CARE	<p>Obama Helped to Dramatically Expand Day-Care Services. In Illinois, Obama fought to create Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which included a six-fold increase in day care funding.</p> <p>Obama Will Expand The Child And Dependent Care Tax Credit. Obama will expand the Child and Dependent Care tax credit to 7.5 million more working women, double funding for afterschool programs to serve 1 million more children, and provide summer learning opportunities to an additional 1 million young people</p>	<p>The McCain-Palin Ticket Opposes Funding for Child Care Services, Even When the Additional Funding Comes from Tax Breaks</p> <p>McCain Has Repeatedly Voted Against Increased Funding For Child Care. McCain repeatedly voted against providing billions in additional funding for child care services. McCain even voted against a proposal to expand tax credits for businesses that provide quality child care centers.</p>
PAID LEAVE	<p>Obama and Biden Fully Support Expanding Legislation That Provides for Family and Medical Leave</p> <p>Obama Will Expand Sick Leave To 22 Million Working Women, Expand The Child And Dependent Care Tax Credit. Obama will work to guarantee seven days of paid sick leave to the 22 million working women who currently have none.</p>	<p>McCain and Palin Do Not Have A Real Plan To Expand Paid And Sick Leave. McCain doesn't have a real plan to help parents juggle work and family, and has no plan to expand paid leave and sick leave for working Americans.</p>