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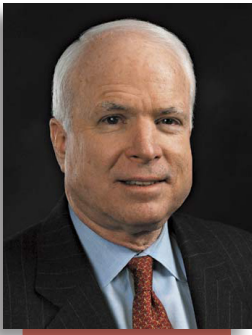
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Sincerely,

FRC Action Staff

VALUES VOTER GUIDE FOR 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



JOHN McCAIN

Party: Republican

Age: 71 (8-29-36)

www.johnmccain.com

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✓	Adult stem cell research
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✓	Embryo destructive research
	Human/animal hybrids
✓	Umbilical cord blood banks

Judicial Issues

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APPLY AS WRITTEN	Would you appoint as judges men and women who interpret a law in accordance with their personal beliefs, or apply it as written whether they would have written it that way themselves or not? ⁴

Women's Health

NO	Do you support Medicaid-funded abortions? ⁵
YES	Would you support laws requiring abortion clinics to show all women an ultrasound image of their unborn baby? ⁶

Family and Parental Rights

SUPPORT	Would you support or oppose a federal parental notification law? ⁷
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Abstinence and Marriage Education

YES	Would you fight to protect the integrity of federally defined abstinence-until-marriage education ("A-H criteria," without being watered down just to the delay of sexual initiation)? ⁸
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Promoting Stronger Marriages

NO	Do you support a U.S. constitutional amendment to define and protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman? ⁹
	If you support a U.S. constitutional amendment to define and protect marriage, what provisions do you believe should be included in such an amendment?
	a) create a fixed definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman nationwide
	b) prohibit judges from requiring that marriage or its legal benefits be conferred upon any union other than the union of one man and one woman
	c) prohibit judges or legislatures from conferring marriage or its legal benefits on any union other than the marriage of one man to one woman
	d) prohibit judges from requiring that states recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states
	If you do not support a U.S. constitutional amendment to define and protect marriage now, would any of these hypothetical future circumstances allow you to support such an amendment? ¹⁰
	a) if additional state supreme courts require that the legal rights and benefits of marriage be granted to same-sex couples (as has happened in Vermont and New Jersey)
	b) if additional state supreme courts require that civil marriage be granted to same-sex couples (as has happened in Massachusetts)
✓	c) if one or several state supreme courts require their state to recognize same-sex "marriages" from another state
	d) if one or several states legalize same-sex "marriage" through the legislative process
✓	e) if the U.S. Supreme Court requires states to recognize same-sex "marriages" from another state (thus overturning a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act)
✓	f) if the U.S. Supreme Court requires the federal government to recognize same-sex "marriages" and/or partnerships for any purpose under federal law (thus overturning a provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act)
✓	g) if the U.S. Supreme Court rules that same-sex "marriage" is a right under the U.S. Constitution

	The Federal Defense of Marriage Act (1996) declares marriage to be the union of one man and one woman for all purposes of the federal government and declares that states do not have to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states. Which of the following describes your position on the federal DOMA?
YES	a) I would veto any bill that would weaken any provision of the federal DOMA. ¹¹
	b) I would support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to codify the provision of DOMA that says that states do not have to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states.
	c) I would support repeal of the provision of DOMA that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman for all federal purposes, thus freeing the federal government to give marital benefits to same-sex couples.
	d) I would support repeal of the provision of DOMA that declares states do not have to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states, thus leaving courts free to require such recognition under the Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause.

Religious Liberty	YES	Will you support the continuation of the Faith Based Initiative (on the federal level) to guarantee the right of religious social service providers to access federal programs on an equal basis? ¹²
Homosexuality and Special Rights	YES	<p>Which of the following comes closest to your position on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would grant federal civil rights protection on the basis of sexual orientation?</p> <p>a) I would veto any bill to provide federal civil rights protection on the basis of sexual orientation.¹³</p> <p>b) I would sign a bill to give federal civil rights protection based on sexual orientation, but not one that included protection for "gender identity."</p> <p>c) I would sign a bill to give civil rights protection based on sexual orientation, but only if it had the broadest possible religious exemption.</p> <p>d) I would sign a bill to give federal civil rights protection based on sexual orientation and "gender identity."</p> <p>Which of the following comes closest to your position on the proposed federal "hate crimes" law, which would allow the federal government to prosecute any "hate crime" anywhere in the country?</p> <p>a) I would veto any federal "hate crimes" law, and leave prosecution of such crimes to state and local authorities.¹⁴</p> <p>b) I would sign a federal hate crimes law covering the characteristics included in the 1964 Civil Rights Act (such as race), but not one with protections based on sexual orientation or "gender identity."</p> <p>c) I would sign a federal hate crimes law that included sexual orientation and "gender identity," but only if it included strong and explicit protections for freedom of speech and freedom of religion.</p> <p>d) I would sign a federal hate crimes law that included protections based on sexual orientation and "gender identity."</p> <p>Which of the following policies would you follow regarding the issue of homosexuals who wish to serve in the military?</p> <p>a) I would veto any bill to overturn the statutory ban on homosexuals serving in the military.¹⁵</p> <p>b) I would sign a bill to overturn the statutory ban on homosexuals serving in the military.</p> <p>c) I would end the Clinton-era "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and resume the practice of asking military recruits about their sexual orientation, with the purpose of excluding homosexuals from the military.</p> <p>d) I would continue the Clinton-era policy of "not asking" military recruits about their sexual orientation and advising them not to acknowledge such an orientation.</p> <p>e) I would continue to prosecute both homosexual and heterosexual members of the military for the crime of sodomy under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.</p> <p>f) I would support removal of the crime of sodomy from the Uniform Code of Military Justice.</p>
General Issues	SUPPORT	Do you support or oppose federal legislation limiting the ability of government to take private land for private development purposes? ¹⁶
	SUPPORT	Do you support or oppose repeal of the federal estate (death) tax? ¹⁷
	OPPOSE	Do you support or oppose legislative initiatives that emphasize border security over all other forms of immigration reform? ¹⁸
	SUPPORT	Do you support/oppose President Bush's decision not to renew the federal ban on assault weapons? ¹⁹
	YES	Do you support removing the federal moratorium on drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf? ²⁰
	YES	Do you support an immigration system that allows undocumented immigrants, who qualify by not having a decided criminal record, to learn English and become eligible to become U.S. citizens? ²¹
	YES	Do you have a schedule for reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions? If so, what is it? ²² <i>Cap and trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels (66 percent below 2005 levels)</i>

1 2007 GOP primary debate, at Reagan library, hosted by MSNBC May 3, 2007, http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Abortion.htm And: http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00128
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?r109:1::/temp/~r109MUS9Gy:>

2 <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=MTMxOWRkYjgyNDhjOTU5ZTY2OWU2ZTg2ZmUxMzQlNjQ=&w=MQ=#more>

3 http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Abortion.htm, <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/95b1852-d5b6-45e-90a2-12028d71df58.htm>

4 Associated Press Jun 14, 1999, http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Abortion.htm see also http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00245 and http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00002

5 Ron Fournier, Associated Press Aug 24, 1999, http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Abortion.htm

6 <http://www.lifenews.com/nat3344.html>

7 http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00263

8 http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00214

9 CNN.com, "Presidential bids" Nov 15, 2006 see also http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00163

10 http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/03/john_mccains_full_hours_on_hann.html

11 Bill HR 3396 ; vote number 1996-280 on Sep 10, 1996

12 <http://pewforum.org/religion08/profile.php?CandidateID=3>

13 Bill S.625 ; vote number 2002-147 on Jun 11, 2002

14 Bill S.2549 ; vote number 2000-136 on Jun 20, 2000

15 2007 GOP debate at Saint Anselm College Jun 3, 2007, http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/John_McCain_Civil_Rights.htm

16 <http://www.2008electionprocon.org/eminentdomain.htm#mccain>

17 Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act; Bill HR 8 ; vote number 2006-164 on Jun 8, 2006

18 http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00145

19 Todd S. Purdum, *New York Times*, p.A14 Aug 17, 1999

20 <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/17671aa4-2fe8-4008-859f-0ef1468e96f4.htm>

21 <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/68db8157-d301-4e22-baf7-a70dd8416efa.htm>

22 <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/da151a1c-733a-4dc1-9cd3-f9ca5caba1de.htm>

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BARACK OBAMA

Party: Democratic

Age: 46 (8-4-61)

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1 Therapeutic cloning: <http://www.cmsdocs.org/content/index.pl?iid=2542&isa=Category> see also <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN01520:@@P> Bill prohibits reproductive cloning but permits therapeutic cloning. Adult Stem cell research: Opposed http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00128 Leftover embryos and embryo destructive research http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00127 Supports Umbilical Cord Blood Banks: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?r109:1:/temp/~r109MUS9Gy:>

2 http://www.issues2000.org/2008/Barack_Obama_Abortion.htm

3 <http://www.cmsdocs.org/content/index.pl?iid=2542&isa=Category> see also <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN01520:@@P> Bill prohibits reproductive cloning, but allows therapeutic cloning.

4 http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00127

5 http://ontheissues.org/Social/Barack_Obama_Abortion.htm See also: <http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/07/17/274143.aspx>

6 <http://www.lifenews.com/nat3556.html>

7 http://www.issues2000.org/Senate/Barack_Obama_SenateMatch.htm

8 http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00214 Voted for the Lautenberg Amendment (S.ADMT 4689 to S.3 Child Custody Protection Act)

9 http://ontheissues.org/Senate/Barack_Obama.htm#Civil_Rights

10 Transcript of LOGO debate on August 9, 2007. OBAMA: Well, it is my strong belief that the government has to treat all citizens equally. I come from that, in part, out of personal experience. When you're a black guy named Barack Obama, you know what it's like to be on the outside. And so my concern is continually to make sure that the rights that are conferred by the state are equal for all people. That's why I opposed DOMA in 2006 when I ran for the United States Senate. See also http://ontheissues.org/Senate/Barack_Obama.htm#Civil_Rights same for answer to choice "D"

11 http://obama.senate.gov/podcast/060628-call_to_renewal_1/index.php

12 <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=093-0765> See also <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=077500050K1-103> See also <http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/lgbt.pdf>

13 <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=093-0765> See also <http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/lgbt.pdf>

14 <http://www.hrcbackstory.org/2007/11/senator-barack.html>

15 http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/Barack_Obama_Tax_Reform.htm

16 http://www.issues2000.org/Senate/Barack_Obama.htm#Tax_Reform

17 http://www.ontheissues.org/Domestic/Barack_Obama_Gun_Control.htm <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/issues.gun.html> <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,289373,00.html>

18 <http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/06/17/mccain.energy/index.html>

19 <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/pdf/ImmigrationFactSheet.pdf>

20 <http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/newenergy>



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