

- DEBATE SOBRE AS ELEIÇÕES PRESIDENCIAIS NOS EUA -
Colocar em confronto as posições dos Candidatos Republicano e Democrata

- Política Externa:

Visão para a posição dos EUA no mundo;
Poder Global e Nova Ordem Internacional;
Relações com a ONU, com a UE, com os BRIC;
Grande Médio Oriente; China e Rússia;
Israel;
África;
Estados falhados e "state building";
Lista de prioridades.

John McCain	Barack Obama
<p>John McCain's position on China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain called China's economic boom a concern. • He believes that the current rise of China and Russia warrant a stronger US military. <p>John McCain's position on Cuba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain would ease restrictions on Cuba once he is "confident that the transition to a free and open democracy is being made" <p>John McCain's position on Iran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He opposes unconditional diplomatic talks with Tehran and would work with allies to stop Iran's dealings in Iraq. • McCain is very worried about Iran acquiring a nuclear weapon and giving it to terrorist organizations. • He believes that Iran's nuclear proliferation is a serious risk and could further destabilize the region. 	<p>Barack Obama's position on China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wants to enforce all standing trade agreements with China. • Obama advocates reducing the amount of US debt held by Beijing. • He has threatens to take China 'to the mat' if it is found to be manipulating the value of its currency. <p>Barack Obama's position on Cuba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obama would ease restrictions on family related travel and on money Cuban-Americans want to send to their families in Cuba. • He is open to meeting new Cuban leader Raul Castro without preconditions. • He would ease the trade embargo if Havana "begins opening Cuba to meaningful democratic change." <p>Barack Obama's position on Iran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obama would engage in direct talks with Tehran including offering some economic incentives if Iran stopped operations in Iraq and cooperated on nuclear issues. • He has refused to say if he would consider military action if Iran were not abandon its nuclear weapons program. • Obama said he continued to favor an incentive package that is

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- McCain would use military force to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.
- In April 2007, McCain was asked about possible U.S. military action in Iran, "when do we send them an airmail message to Tehran?" He began his answer with a variation on the lyrics of a well-known pop song, Barbara Ann. "You know that old Beach Boys song, Bomb Iran?" He then sang "Bomb bomb bomb, bomb bomb Iran".
- In July 2008, McCain was asked for his reaction to an Associated Press report that \$158 million in cigarettes had been shipped from the United States to Iran during President Bush's years in office, despite restrictions on U.S. exports there. "Maybe that's a way of killing them," McCain answered. Following a poke in the back from wife Cindy, McCain clarified, "I meant that as a joke, as a person who hasn't had a cigarette in 28 years." The song became a vídeo sensation on the Internet.
- McCain has called Obama naive for his willingness to meet with U.S. foes such as Iran.
- In July 2008, Iran test-fired nine long- and medium-range missiles that Iranian officials said were aimed at showing the country's ability to counter Israeli or American attacks. In a prepared statement, McCain responded, "Iran's most recent missile tests demonstrate again the dangers it poses to its neighbors and to the wider region, especially Israel. Ballistic missile testing coupled with Iran's continued refusal to cease its nuclear activities should unite the international community in efforts to counter Iran's dangerous ambitions. Iran's missile tests also demonstrate the need for effective missile defense now and in the future, and this includes missile defense in Europe as is planned with the Czech Republic and Poland."

John McCain's position on Iraq

- As a senator in October 2002, McCain voted to support a joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.
- He remains a very stark supporter of President Bush's policies but has criticized the management of the war.
- McCain supports the present troop increase and favors maintaining troop levels. He has also defended moral justifications for the war.

- aimed at getting Iran to drop its nuclear ambitions.
- He proposed a resolution in the Senate to reverse designation of Iran's Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist organization.
- Obama accused McCain and President Bush of what he called dishonest and divisive attacks over his willingness to talk to Iran. Without mentioning Obama's name, President Bush compared those who would negotiate with terrorists and radicals, to the appeasers of Nazi Germany prior to the Second World War.
- In July 2008, Iran test-fired nine long- and medium-range missiles that Iranian officials said were aimed at showing the country's ability to counter Israeli or American attacks. Obama responded, "I would want to talk to the national security team to find out whether this indicates any new capabilities on Iran's part. At this point, the reports aren't clear. It's still early, but I think what this underscores is the need for us to create a kind of policy that is putting the burden on Iran to change behavior. And, frankly, we just have not been able to do that over the last several years, partly because we're not engaged in direct diplomacy." He also stated that Iran is a 'grave threat' and that we should gather our allies together in a serious effort to apply sanctions in Iran. He noted that American exports to Iran have increased during the Bush years.

Barack Obama's position on Iraq

- Obama was an stark opponent of the war as an Illinois state senator and campaigned against the war in his 2004 Senate bid. He had said, I am not opposed to all wars, I am opposed to dumb wars.
- Obama is opposed to the present troop increase, supports a phased redeployment. In January 2007, he introduced the Iraq War De-Escalation Act with a goal of removing all combat troops from Iraq by March 31, 2008.

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John McCain's position on North Korea

"It is unclear today whether North Korea is truly committed to verifiable denuclearization and a full accounting of all its nuclear materials and facilities, two steps that are necessary before any lasting diplomatic agreement can be reached. Future talks must take into account North Korea's ballistic missile programs, its abduction of Japanese citizens, and its support for terrorism and proliferation."

John McCain's position on Russia

"Today, we see in Russia diminishing political freedoms, a leadership dominated by a clique of former intelligence officers, efforts to bully democratic neighbors, such as Georgia, and attempts to manipulate Europe's dependence on Russian oil and gas. We need a new Western approach to this revanchist Russia. We should start by ensuring that the G-8, the group of eight highly industrialized states, becomes again a club of leading market democracies: it should include Brazil and India but exclude Russia."

• He has said in the April, 2007 debate, "there's no military solution to this. We've got to have a political solution, begin a phased withdrawal, and make certain that we've got benchmarks in place so that the Iraqi people can make a determination about how they want to move forward."

Barack Obama's position on North Korea

"We must develop a strong international coalition to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Iran and North Korea could trigger regional arms races, creating dangerous nuclear flashpoints in the Middle East and East Asia. In confronting these threats, I will not take the military option off the table. But our first measure must be sustained, direct, and aggressive diplomacy – the kind that the Bush administration has been unable and unwilling to use."

Barack Obama's position on Russia

"We'll work with Russia to take U.S. and Russian ballistic missiles off hair-trigger alert, and to dramatically reduce the stockpiles of our nuclear weapons and material."

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- Segurança e Defesa:

Homeland Security;
Guerra ao Terrorismo Transnacional;
Organização e estrutura das Forças Armadas;
NATO, outras Alianças Multilaterais e Bilaterais;
Capacidade de resposta e intervenções no exterior;
Utilização de Armas NBQR;
Lista de prioridades.

John McCain	Barack Obama
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He voted for the Patriot Act and all of its revisions. • McCain wants intelligence officials to have all tools they need to fight terrorism. • He opposes detaining enemy combatants without giving them legal rights. • He generally opposes the interests of the American Civil Liberties Union. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He voted against the original Patriot Act and later for bills reauthorizing the act as a compromise, believing the new version is still better than what the White House originally proposed and does modestly improve the Patriot Act by strengthening civil liberty protection without sacrificing the tools that law enforcement needs to keep us safe. • Obama wants Homeland Security money targeted more towards high-risk areas such as nuclear facilities, chemical plants and ports. • He introduced legislation to enhance disaster preparedness and to strengthen the security of chemical plants and drinking water security. • He wants more quality tracking of nuclear technology and spent nuclear fuel so that it doesn't end up in terrorist hands.
<p>John McCain position on Gun Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain praised the June 2008 Supreme Court decision striking down the District of Columbia's gun ban. "Obviously I am very pleased about that decision," he said. "We had filed an amicus brief with 54 other senators. So I am pleased with that ruling." 	<p>Barack Obama position on Gun Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obama addressed the June 2008 Supreme Court decision striking down the District of Columbia's gun ban by saying, "I have always believed that the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to bear arms, but I also identify with the need for crime-

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- McCain supports assault weapons and concealed weapons and has voted consistently against such bans or restrictions. Most recently he opposed an amendment to extend a ban on 19 specific firearms, and others with similar characteristics.
- He believes that banning ammunition is just another way to undermine Second Amendment rights. He voted against an amendment that would have banned ammunition marketed or labeled as 'armor-piercing.'
- McCain supports the importation of certain types of high capacity ammunition magazines and has voted against any limitations.
- McCain believes in strict, mandatory penalties for criminals who use a firearm in the commission of a crime or illegally possess a firearm. Enforcing the current laws on the books is the best way to deter crime.
- Closing Guantanamo Bay prison: Obama and McCain agree: Close the prison.
- Military forces : McCain and Obama have both called for expanding the size of our active duty military forces.

John McCain position on Nuclear Weapons Free World

"A quarter of a century ago, President Ronald Reagan declared, 'our dream is to see the day when nuclear weapons will be banished from the face of the Earth.' That is my dream, too."

John McCain position on Nuclear Weapons Reductions and the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)

"We should be able to agree with Russia on binding verification measures based on those currently in effect under the START Agreement, to enhance confidence and transparency."

ravaged communities to save their children from the violence that plagues our streets through common-sense, effective safety measures. The Supreme Court has now endorsed that view, and while it ruled that the D.C. gun ban went too far, Justice Scalia himself acknowledged that this right is not absolute and subject to reasonable regulations enacted by local communities to keep their streets safe."

- Obama has a history of supporting gun control.
- Obama supports a ban on assault weapons and concealed weapons.
- He would crackdown on unscrupulous gun dealers.
- He voted against prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers.
- Closing Guantanamo Bay prison: Obama and McCain agree: Close the prison.
- Military forces: McCain and Obama have both called for expanding the size of our active duty military forces.

Barack Obama position on Nuclear Weapons Free World

"As president, I will take the lead to work for a world in which the roles and risks of nuclear weapons can be reduced and ultimately eliminated."

Barack Obama position on Nuclear Weapons Reductions and the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)

Barack Obama and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) introduced legislation in 2007 (S. Res. 1977) outlining a strategy to fortify U.S. nonproliferation and disarmament policy, including action on START.

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John McCain position on decrease in the U.S. Nuclear Arsenal

"I will seek to reduce the size of our nuclear arsenal to the lowest number possible consistent with our security requirements and global commitments. Today we deploy thousands of nuclear warheads. It is my hope to move as rapidly as possible to a significantly smaller force."

John McCain position on Missile Defense

McCain strongly supports "the development and deployment of theater and national missile defenses. Effective missile defenses are critical to protect America from rogue regimes like North Korea that possess the capability to target America with intercontinental ballistic missiles, from outlaw states like Iran that threaten American forces and American allies with ballistic missiles, and to hedge against potential threats from possible strategic competitors like Russia and China. Effective missile defenses are also necessary to allow American military forces to operate overseas without being deterred by the threat of missile attack from a regional adversary."

John McCain position on Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) Ratification

"I believe we must also address nuclear testing. As president I will pledge to continue America's current moratorium on testing, but also begin a dialogue with our allies, and with the U.S. Senate, to identify ways we can move forward to limit testing in a verifiable manner that does not undermine the security or viability of our nuclear deterrent. This would include taking another look at the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to see what can be done to overcome the shortcomings that prevented it from entering into force. I opposed that treaty in 1999, but said at the time I would keep an open mind about future developments."

Barack Obama position on decrease in the U.S. Nuclear Arsenal

"We will not pursue unilateral disarmament. As long as nuclear weapons exist, we'll retain a strong nuclear deterrent. But we'll keep our commitment under the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty on the long road towards eliminating nuclear weapons."

Barack Obama position on Missile Defense

The Bush Administration has been developing plans to deploy interceptors and radar systems in Poland and the Czech Republic as part of a missile defense system designed to protect against the potential threat of Iranian nuclear armed missiles. If we can responsibly deploy missile defenses that would protect us and our allies we should – but only when the system works. We need to make sure any missile defense system would be effective before deployment. The Bush Administration has in the past exaggerated missile defense capabilities and rushed deployments for political purposes. The Bush Administration has also done a poor job of consulting its NATO allies about the deployment of a missile defense system that has major implications for all of them."

Barack Obama position on Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) Ratification

Obama says if elected he will make ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty a priority.

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John McCain position on Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction

"We need to increase funding for our own non-proliferation efforts, including the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs established by the landmark Nunn-Lugar legislation, and ensure the highest possible standards of security for existing nuclear materials."

John McCain position on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

"In 2010, an international conference will meet to review the Non-Proliferation Treaty. If I am President, I will seize that opportunity to strengthen and enhance all aspects of the non-proliferation regime. We need to strengthen enforcement of the so-called 'atoms for peace' bargain by insisting that countries that receive the benefits of peaceful nuclear cooperation must return or dismantle what they receive if they violate or withdraw from the NPT."

John McCain position on U.S.-India 123 Agreement

"We need to enlist all willing partners in the global battle against nuclear proliferation. I support the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Accord as a means of strengthening our relationship with the world's largest democracy, and further involving India in the fight against proliferation. We should engage actively with both India and Pakistan to improve the security of nuclear stockpiles and weapons materials, and construct a secure global nuclear order that eliminates the likelihood of proliferation and the possibility of nuclear conflict."

Barack Obama position on Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction

In August 2005, Obama traveled with Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) to nuclear and biological weapons destruction facilities in the former Soviet Union, where they urged the destruction of conventional weapons stockpiles. With Lugar, Obama introduced the Cooperative Proliferation Detection, Interdiction Assistance, and Conventional Threat Reduction Act, which passed as part of the Department of State Authorities Act of 2006. Obama also said "As President, I will lead a global effort to secure all nuclear weapons and material at vulnerable sites within four years – the most effective way to prevent terrorists from acquiring a bomb."

Barack Obama position on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

"When I'm President, we'll strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty so that nations that don't comply will automatically face strong international sanctions."

Barack Obama position on U.S.-India 123 Agreement

Obama voted for the U.S.-India nuclear deal in 2006, but he also voted for amendments to condition the deal on India ending military cooperation with Iran and a presidential certification that nuclear cooperation with India will not aid India in making more nuclear weapons. In July 2008, Obama said "The existing agreement effectively balanced a range of important issues - from our strategic relationship with India to our non-proliferation concerns to India's energy need. I am therefore reluctant to seek changes."

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John McCain position on Nuclear Energy Policy

"I will also greatly increase the use of nuclear power, a zero-emission energy source. Given the proper incentives, our innovators, scientists, entrepreneurs, and workers have the capability to lead the world in achieving energy security; given the stakes, they must." McCain has also pledged to build 45 new nuclear reactors by 2030 if he is elected.

John McCain position on Permanent Nuclear Waste Repository and Yucca Mountain

McCain supports the Yucca Mountain storage facility and believes opposition to it is harmful to U.S.

Barack Obama position on Nuclear Energy Policy

"With respect to nuclear energy, what I have said is that if we could figure out a way to provide a cost-efficient, safe way to produce nuclear energy, and we knew how to store it effectively, then we should pursue it because what we don't want is to produce more greenhouse gases. And I believe that climate change is one of the top priorities that the next president has to pursue. Now, if we cannot solve those problem, then absolutely...we shouldn't build more plants. But part of what I want to do is to create a menu of energy options, and let's see where the science and the technology and the entrepreneurship of the American people take us."

Barack Obama position on Permanent Nuclear Waste Repository and Yucca Mountain

"I will end the notion of Yucca Mountain because it has not been based on the sort of sound science that can assure the people in Nevada that they're going to be safe. And that, I think, was a mistake. Now, you hate to see billions of dollars having already been spent on a mistake, but what I don't want to do is spend additional billions of dollars and potentially create a situation that is not safe for the people of Nevada. So I've already – I've been clear from the start that Yucca, I think, was a misconceived project. We are going to have to figure out how we are storing nuclear waste."

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- Questões internas:

Sistema de Governo;
Economia e emprego;
Sistema de Saúde;
Educação;
Energia;
Lista de prioridades e capacidade de resposta.

John McCain	Barack Obama
<p>John McCain position on Civil Liberties and Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain has expressed concerns regarding the implementation of affirmative action programs. • McCain voted YES on extending the Patriot Act's wiretap provision extending the authority of the FBI to conduct "roving wiretaps" and access business records. 	<p>Barack Obama position on Civil Liberties and Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a young community activist Obama helped 150,000 African Americans register to vote. • Obama worked as a civil rights attorney for more than a decade litigating employment discrimination, housing discrimination, and voting rights cases. • His record in the Illinois State Senate focused heavily on civil liberty and rights. He passed one of the country's first racial profiling laws and helped reform a broken death penalty system. • In the U.S. Senate, Obama has been a leading advocate for protecting the right to vote, helping to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act and leading the opposition against discriminatory barriers to voting. • He would expand Hate Crimes Statutes by passing the Matthew Shepherd Act, strengthening federal hate crime legislation, and strengthening enforcement at the Department of Justice. • Obama would combat employment discrimination by working to overturn the Supreme Court's recent ruling that curtails racial

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John McCain position on the Economy

- He supports lowering taxes to help small businesses.
- He would cut the corporate tax rate from 35% to 25%.
- McCain supports giving tax breaks to businesses for investing in equipment and technology.
- He wants to establish a permanent tax credit for research and development.

minorities' and women's ability to challenge pay discrimination. He would also pass the 'Fair Pay Act' to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work and the 'Employment Non-Discrimination Act' to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

- He would ban racial profiling by federal law enforcement agencies and provide federal incentives to state and local police departments to prohibit the practice.
- Obama voted NO on extending the Patriot Act's wiretap provision extending the authority of the FBI to conduct "roving wiretaps" and access business records.

Barack Obama position on the Economy

- He supports tax incentives for companies that keep jobs in the US.
- He believes that the NAFTA agreement should be renegotiated to protect the American economy.
- Obama suggests a \$75 billion plan for the economy would offer a \$500 tax rebate to families and a \$250 Social Security supplement to seniors.
- He also would put more money into unemployment insurance.
- He would give federal money States hardest hit by the housing crisis.
- He would stop mortgage fraud and predatory lending with legislation that he proposed two years ago.

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John McCain position on Taxes

- McCain wants to make the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 permanent, and has proposed a few more of his own.
- McCain supports a simplified income tax system with two rates and a generous standard deduction.
- He wants to double the deduction for dependents to \$7,000 to help those raising families.
- McCain proposed suspending the federal gas tax during the 2008 summer.
- McCain advocates phasing out the alternative minimum tax, which threatens to group millions of middle class taxpayers together with the wealthy taxpayers.
- He would reform estate taxation.
- McCain would forbid Internet and cell phone taxes.

John McCain position on Education

- McCain supports school vouchers.
- Supports sending federal dollars directly to local schools, cutting back on red tape and saving administrative costs.
- McCain wants to place parents and children at the center of the education process and empower parents by greatly expanding the ability of parents to

Barack Obama position on Taxes

- Obama wants to allow the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 to expire as scheduled for Americans earning more than \$250,000 a year.
- He would raise taxes on capital gains and dividends and give tax breaks for low and middle-income Americans.
- He proposes a \$500 per person or \$1,000 per family payroll tax credit for middle class taxpayers.
- Obama opposed the suspension of the federal gas tax during the 2008 summer.
- He supports a universal mortgage tax credit of 10 percent.
- Obama advocates the elimination of income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000 and would simplify their tax filing process.
- He wants to close corporate tax loopholes and end deductions for industries such as oil and gas.
- He plans to introduce tax penalties for US companies that keep their profits overseas.

Barack Obama position on Education

- Obama Addressing a mostly African American crowd outside Atlanta in July 2008, "You can't find a job unless you are a really, really good basketball player. Which most of you brothers are not. I know you think you are. But you're not. You are overrated in your own mind. You will not play in the NBA. You are probably not that good a rapper. Maybe you are the next Little Wayne, but probably not. In which case you need to stay in school."

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choose among schools for their children.

- Obama opposes school vouchers.
- Obama believes that the problems with education in the US are that the 'No Child Left Behind Law' has failed, students have been neglected, high dropout rate, teacher retention, and soaring college costs.
- He says that 2 million academically qualified students will not go to college because they cannot afford it because our complicated maze of tax credits and applications leaves too many students unaware of financial aid available to them.
- Obama proposes the comprehensive "Zero to Five" plan to provide support to young children and their parents. His plan places key emphasis at early care and education for infants, believing that it is essential for children to be ready to enter kindergarten. Obama would create 'Early Learning Challenge Grants' to promote state "zero to five" efforts and help states move toward voluntary, universal pre-school programs.

John McCain position on Health Care

- McCain opposes universal health care.
- He supports importing prescription drugs to lower costs.
- He would offer a refundable \$2,500 tax credit and \$5,000 for families.
- He would open health care markets by allowing providers to practice nationwide, rather than restricting them regionally, allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines.

Barack Obama position on Health Care

- He claims that medical bills and health related issues are the number one cause for personal bankruptcy.
- A priority for Obama would be to promote affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care.
- Obama would mandate that all children have health care coverage.
- He would create a national public insurance program that would allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health care similar to that available to federal employees.

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John McCain position on Social Security

- McCain believes that Social Security is failing because it is raided to fund other government programs.
- He supports allowing workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts which they would manage themselves.

John McCain position on Business and Labor

- McCain wants to lower trade barriers for US companies. Ninety-five percent of the world's customers lie outside our borders and he says we need to be at the table when the rules for access to those markets are written. To do so, he thinks the U.S. should engage in multilateral, regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade, level the global playing field and build effective enforcement of global trading rules. He believes these steps would also strengthen the U.S. dollar and help to control the rising cost of living that hurts our families.

- He supports universal health care, and believes that the government should buy prescription drugs in bulk to reduce costs.
- His plan would require all employers to contribute toward health coverage for their employees or toward the cost of the public plan.
- He wants hospitals to be graded on performance and switch to more cost-effective, computerized record keeping system.
- Obama would create a national health insurance exchange to reform the private insurance market.

Barack Obama position on Social Security

- Senator Obama opposes privatization of the Social Security system.
- He supported the interests of the Alliance for Retired Americans 100 percent in 2005.
- He believes the system is faulted but can be fixed with relatively minor changes.

Barack Obama position on Business and Labor

- He has for the most part supported the interests of the United Auto Workers and the AFL-CIO.
- Obama believes that workers should have the freedom to choose whether to join a union without harassment or intimidation from their employers. Obama cosponsored and is strong advocate for the EmployeeFree Choice Act, a bipartisan effort to assure that workers can exercise their right to organize. He will continue to fight for EFCA's passage and sign it into law.

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- McCain says he will act to make American workers more competitive. He wants to prepare the next generation of workers by making American education worthy of the promise we make to our children and ourselves.

- McCain would reform the Unemployment Insurance System by depositing a portion of each workers Unemployment Insurance Tax into a Lost Earnings Buffer Account (LEB). If an individual becomes unemployed, the LEB may be used to cover needed expenses, with a backstop of traditional UI if the account is exhausted before 26 weeks. Workers would have an incentive to preserve their LEB by getting back to work quickly, and may be eligible for a re-employment bonus if they get a new job quickly. The LEB would be portable, and upon retirement, the property of the worker.

- McCain believes we should have a single, seamless approach to Job transition assistance. He thinks that the Unemployment Insurance System must be more effective in helping those who have lost a job. He would modernize and transform our current programs by consolidating redundant federal programs, strengthening community colleges and technical training and giving displaced workers more choices to find their way back to productive and prosperous lives.

- McCain would provide special, targeted assistance for older workers. He believes training is often inefficient for older workers and those 55 years of age and older who have built up an LEB would be eligible for a Lost Earnings Supplement. The supplement of up to 50 percent of their earnings loss (up to a maximum of \$10,000) for two years would be rewarded for those who find work inside 26 weeks.

John McCain position on Abortion - Pro-Life

- McCain is anti-abortion; he believes that abortions should be legal only when the pregnancy resulted from incest, rape, or when the life of the woman is endangered.

- In August 1999, CNN reported the McCain statement concerning Roe v.

- Obama has fought the Bush National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) efforts to strip workers of their right to organize. He is a cosponsor of legislation to overturn the NLRB's "Kentucky River" decisions classifying hundreds of thousands of nurses, construction, and professional workers as "supervisors" who are not protected by federal labor laws.

- Obama supports the right of workers to bargain collectively and strike if necessary. He would work to ban the permanent replacement of striking workers.

- Obama would raise the minimum wage, index it to inflation and increase the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Barack Obama position on Abortion - Pro-Choice

- Obama strongly supports a woman's right to have an abortion as protected by the Constitution and stated in May 2007, "A woman's ability to decide how many children to have and when, without interference from the government, is one of the most fundamental rights we possess. It is not just an issue of choice, but equality and

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Wade, "I'd love to see a point where it is irrelevant, and could be repealed because abortion is no longer necessary. But certainly in the short term, or even the long term, I would not support repeal of Roe v. Wade, which would then force X number of women in America to undergo illegal and dangerous operations."

- On February 2007, in South Carolina McCain said, "I do not support Roe versus Wade. It should be overturned. "He believes Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision that must be overturned, and as president he will nominate judges who understand that courts should not be in the business of legislating from the bench. This is a change in position from his 1999 statement.
- McCain wants to prohibit late-term abortion procedures and said, "I would do everything in my power to ban that horrible procedure of partial-birth abortion."
- He would prohibit public funding of abortions and public funding of organizations to promote or perform abortions.
- Asked in January 2000 if he would tell his teenage daughter that she could not get an abortion if she became pregnant, McCain says, "The final decision would be made by Meghan with our advice and counsel." He later called reporters to say it would be a "family decision, not her decision."
- McCain voted NO to an amendment of the Senate's 2006 Fiscal Year Budget that allocates \$100 million in funding to reduce teen pregnancy by education and contraceptives.

John McCain position on the Budget

McCain says that he will balance the federal budget by the end of his first term by curbing wasteful spending and overhauling entitlement programs, including Social Security.

- McCain would attack excessive government spending and reduce budget

opportunity for all women."

- He is a strong supporter of the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 and stated, "I have been a consistent champion of reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under Roe v. Wade a priority as President. I oppose any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case."
- In the Illinois Senate, he voted against a bill to ban late-term abortions because it did not contain a clause to protect the life of the mother.
- During a 2007 Democratic debate, Obama said that he trusts women to make their own decisions about whether or not to have an abortion and added that this should be done in conjunction with her doctors, her family and her clergy.
- Obama strongly opposes restrictions on medical procedures used during late term abortions.

Barack Obama position on the Budget

- Obama would require disclosure of all congressional pet projects and force lawmakers pay for any new spending or tax breaks through new revenue and cuts in other programs.

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deficits through cuts in spending to parts of the budget that do not finance Social Security, Medicare and other entitlement programs.

- He wants affluent participants in the Medicare drug program to pay higher premiums.

John McCain position on Capital Punishment

- He supports the use of the death penalty for federal crimes.
- McCain voted for the 1994 Biden crime bill that expanded the number of capital offenses punishable by the death penalty and limited the number of appeals.
- McCain supports the death penalty for drug kingpins.

John McCain position on Immigration

- McCain supports amnesty / permanent legalization for illegal aliens and temporary legalization for illegal aliens as guest workers.
- He initially supported the temporary guest worker program that failed to advance in US Senate and then his position to emphasize border security first.
- Advocates tightening of the border by increasing patrols.
- He would increase the number of visas issued for agricultural workers.

Barack Obama position on Capital Punishment

- Obama supports the death penalty.
- He believes that the death penalty 'does little to deter crime' but supports it for cases in which 'the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage'.
- As an Illinois lawmaker, Obama worked with law enforcement officials and wrote a bill mandating the videotaping of interrogations and confessions in all capital punishment cases. He also sought other changes in a system that had produced wrongful convictions.
- Obama was involved in reforming the broken Illinois capital punishment system.

Barack Obama position on Immigration

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- He supports granting citizenship to illegal aliens already in the country as long as they pay the fines and back taxes, learn English, do not violate the law and go to the end of the line to become citizens.
- He supports efforts to build a fence along the Mexican border.
- He backs the use of additional personnel, infrastructure and

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• McCain supports relaxing the restrictions barring legal immigrants from using social programs such as food stamp, health care and housing.

technology to safeguard American borders and ports.

• Obama advocates tougher laws to keep illegal aliens from finding jobs and would create a program for employers to easily verify an applicant's immigration status.

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- Grandes questões mundiais:

Ambiente e clima,
Fome e desigualdades,
Energia e soluções;
Diálogo de Religiões;
Tráfico de droga, de pessoas e de armas.

John McCain	Barack Obama
<p>John McCain position on Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain supports alternative energies. • He wants to look at more nuclear possibilities. • McCain recently supported off-shore-drilling as a way to address the rising price of oil and gas. This is a contradiction to his earlier opposition to the drilling. 	<p>Barack Obama position on Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obama supports more using more renewable energies, phasing out incandescent light bulbs by 2014 and requiring new vehicles to be able to run on biofuel. • He wants to look into clean coal uses as a way of freeing the US from foreign oil dependency. • Obama proposed giving US automakers help with health coverage in exchange for more hybrid production. • He would invest \$150 billion over 10 years in production technology and development of biofuel and other renewable energies. • He favors cutting emissions standards by 80 percent by 2050.
<p>John McCain position on Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain is a supporter of free trade. • McCain wants to lower trade barriers. Ninety-five percent of the world's customers lie outside our borders and he says we need to be at the table when the rules for access to those markets are written. To do so, he thinks 	<p>Barack Obama position on Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He voted for a free trade agreement with Oman. • He voted against CAFTA, the implementation of free trade with Central America.

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the U.S. should engage in multilateral, regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade, level the global playing field and build effective enforcement of global trading rules. He believes these steps would also strengthen the U.S. dollar and help to control the rising cost of living that hurts our families.

On his website, Senator McCain states that he believes that "globalization is an opportunity for American workers today and in the future [and that] the U.S. should engage in multilateral, regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade, level the global playing field and build effective enforcement of global trading rules." Senator McCain has reiterated his support for NAFTA in St. Louis in March 2008: "I'm a free trader. I do not believe in isolationism and protectionism. We've got to stop this protectionist NAFTA-bashing." During a speech to the World Affairs Council McCain declared, "I am an unashamed and unabashed defender of NAFTA. I am an unabashed supporter of free trade agreements. In fact, it would be interesting to have a free trade agreement between ourselves and the European Union." Later that day McCain told reporters, "they [the EU] are one of the largest economic blocs in the world, if not the largest. I think to head a free trade agreement with the EU would be a great thing to happen" In a May 20th speech given in Florida, McCain explained how "the Colombia FTA would benefit American workers and consumers - the U.S. International Trade Administration estimates that over \$1 billion in tariffs have been imposed on U.S. exports to Colombia since the FTA was signed, tariffs that would be eliminated once the agreement takes effect.

John McCain position on Climate Change

In an April 2007 speech, Senator McCain described global warming as a "serious and urgent economic, environmental and national security challenge." He went on to say that "climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution...America has both an obligation and a compelling national interest in fulfilling our historic leadership role." In testimony before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works to hear

During the Democratic debate at the University of Texas in Austin, Senator Obama stated: "It is absolutely critical that we engaged in trade, but it has to be viewed not just through the lens of Wall Street, but also Main Street, which means we've got strong labor standards and strong environmental standards and safety standards, so we don't have toys being shipped in the US with lead paint on them."

With regard to NAFTA, Obama's website states: "NAFTA and its potential were oversold to the American people. Obama will work with the leaders of Canada and Mexico to fix NAFTA so that it works for American workers." When Senator Obama was recently asked how other countries should interpret his position, Obama responded that he supported free trade but wanted it to be fair: "What the world should interpret is my consistent position, which is I believe in trade; I just want to make sure that the rules of the road apply to everybody and they are fair." While campaigning in Pennsylvania Obama further outlined his position on trade in a speech to the AFL - CIO: "We'll acknowledge that we can't stop globalization in its tracks and that opening new markets to our goods can help strengthen our economy. But what I refuse to accept is that we have to sign trade deals like the South Korea Agreement that are bad for American workers. What I oppose - and what I have always opposed - are trade deals that put the interests of multinational corporations ahead of the interests of Americans workers - like NAFTA, and CAFTA, and permanent normal trade relations with China."

Barack Obama position on Climate Change

In a speech delivered on October 8, 2007, Senator Obama laid out his plan for a "clean energy future," which would include: "a set of proposals that will allow America to lead the world in combating global climate change, such as 1) a hard cap on all carbon emissions at a level that scientists say is necessary to curb global warming and an 80% reduction by 2050; 2) all polluters will have to pay based on

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"Senators' Perspectives on Global Warming", Senator McCain elaborated on the "Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act of 2005" that he co-sponsored with Senator Lieberman: "As Senator Lieberman and I have continued working for [...] legislation with the goal of producing the most innovative, meaningful, and economically feasible measure that can be embraced by the Senate, it has become clear to us that any responsible climate change measure must contain five essential components: 1) it must have rational, mandatory emission reduction targets and timetables [...]; 2) it must utilize a market-based, economy-wide cap and trade system [...]. 3) it must include mechanisms to minimize costs and work effectively with other markets [...]; 4) it must spur the development and deployment of advanced technology. Nuclear, solar, and other alternative energy must be part of the equation [...]; 5) it must facilitate international efforts to solve the problem. Global warming is an international problem requiring an international effort. The United States has an obligation to lead. If we don't lead proactively, we will find ourselves following." On May 12, McCain delivered a major address on climate change, accusing the Bush administration of inaction and separating himself from its policies. "I will not shirk the mantle of leadership that the United States bears," he said. "I will not permit eight long years to pass without serious action on serious challenges."

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Both agree that humans contribute to global climate change.

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the amount of pollution they release; 3) a call on businesses, government, and the American people to make America 50% more energy efficient by 2030." In a speech to Detroit business and political leaders in May 2007, Senator Obama stated that "The need to drastically change our energy policy is no longer a debatable proposition. It is not a question of whether, but how; not a question of if, but when. For the sake of our security, our economy, our jobs and our planet, the age of oil must end in our time." With regards to the U.S. role in working with other countries on combating climate change, Senator Obama stated: "It's inexcusable for a country of our wealth and ingenuity and power not to be leaders. We abdicated responsibility... We were laggards on this issue. This [bill to improve fuel efficiency standards] gives us an opportunity to show the world that we are prepared to work with them in a constructive, positive, but aggressive way." Senator Obama also stated that should he become his party's nominee, he would start developing the U.S. position on climate change before the November 2008 elections: "I think we need to start reaching out to other countries ahead of time, not because I'm presumptuous, but because there's such a sense of urgency about this."

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- Características pessoais:

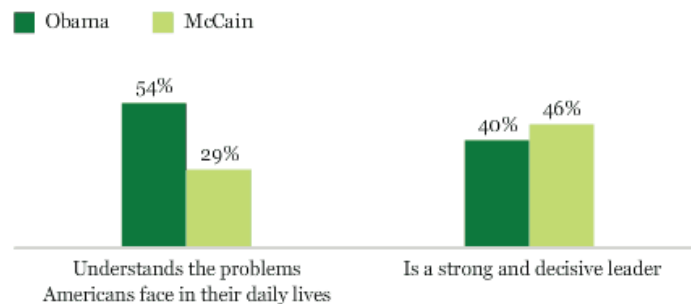
Carácter, Liderança e Experiência;
Imagem e carisma;
Energia pessoal e capacidade de trabalho sob pressão;
Capacidade de controlo e mobilização das suas próprias facções;
Independência face aos lobbies internos;
Credibilidade junto dos Aliados e Adversários no mundo;
Natureza do discurso e retórica política.

Obama Beats McCain on Most Character Ratings

Obama leads on 7 of 10 characteristics, but McCain wins on leadership

PRINCETON, NJ -- In the June 15-19 *USA Today*/Gallup poll, Barack Obama leads John McCain among registered voters in a presidential preference test, 48% to 42%. The same poll finds Obama swamping McCain in Americans' perceptions of who has the better grasp of the problems Americans face, while McCain leads Obama by a slight margin as a "strong and decisive leader."

Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies more to Barack Obama or more to John McCain.



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More generally, Obama is the more highly regarded of the two candidates on a number of positive personal and leadership characteristics, ranging from his empathy for average Americans, to his political independence, to his ability to solve the nation's problems. He leads McCain by a significant margin on 7 of 10 characteristics tested in the recent poll; he roughly ties McCain on two, and trails McCain on only one.

Empathy, Independence, and Effectiveness

The two dimensions on which Obama does best relative to McCain -- understanding the problems Americans face in their daily lives and caring about "the needs of people like you" -- both concern his perceived empathy for average Americans. He outscores McCain by more than 20 percentage points on both of these.

Barack Obama vs. John McCain on Empathy Characteristics

	Obama	McCain	Net for Obama
	%	%	pct. pts.
Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives	54	29	+25
Cares about the needs of people like you	52	30	+22

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Obama also leads by double digits on two dimensions that tap Americans' perceptions of the candidates' political independence: being independent in his thoughts and actions, and standing up to special interests.

Barack Obama vs. John McCain on Independent-Minded Characteristics

	Obama	McCain	Net for Obama
	%	%	pct. pts.
Is independent in his thoughts and actions	52	36	+16
Would stand up to special interests, including those aligned with his party	48	34	+14

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Obama performs well on two dimensions related to his effectiveness in achieving public policy objectives: working well with both parties to get things done, and having a clear plan for solving the country's problems (though on this latter dimension, a substantial 28% do not express a preference for either candidate).

Barack Obama vs. John McCain on Effectiveness Characteristics

	Obama	McCain	Net for Obama
	%	%	pct. pts.
Would work well with both parties to get things done in Washington	48	35	+13
Has a clear plan for solving the country's problems	41	31	+10

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Obama and McCain are more closely matched when it comes to their personal ethics or values. Obama leads McCain, but only slightly, on the "shares your values" dimension, while the two are nearly tied in perceptions of who is more "honest and trustworthy." Again, many Americans do not see either candidate as superior on the honesty dimension -- something both candidates score well on when rated individually.

Barack Obama vs. John McCain on Values/Moral Characteristics

	Obama	McCain	Net for Obama
	%	%	pct. pts.
Shares your values	47	39	+8
Is honest and trustworthy	39	35	+4

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McCain is slightly more likely than Obama to be credited as a "strong and decisive leader." He also ties Obama in perceptions of which candidate can better manage the government effectively.

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While neither dimension is a strong advantage for McCain, his relatively good performance on them signals that Americans see him as someone who can lead people and government agencies. These are core responsibilities of the presidency, and ones on which he at least measures up to Obama.

Barack Obama vs. John McCain on Leadership/Competence Characteristics

	Obama	McCain	Net for Obama
	%	%	pct. pts.
Can manage the government effectively	42	42	0
Is a strong and decisive leader	40	46	-6

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Implications

Obama clearly wins Gallup's character ratings by volume; the question is whether he wins by a large enough margin on the dimensions that are most important to Americans when electing a president. Obama's six-point lead in the horse race in the same poll is an important summary indicator suggesting that he does.

Survey Methods

Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,625 national adults, aged 18 and older, conducted June 15-19, 2008. For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points.

For results based on the 781 national adults in the Form A half sample and the 844 national adults in the Form B half sample, the maximum margins of error are ± 4 percentage points.

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Interviews are conducted with respondents on land-line telephones (for respondents with a land-line telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell-phone only).

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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