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Compare the Candidates' Records



ISSUE	OBAMA	MCCAIN
Repealing the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions	Obama is a co-sponsor of the Social Security Fairness Act, a bill to eliminate the Gov't Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions, which reduce Social Security benefits for federal retirees who have earned CSRS annuities.	McCain refuses to support the Social Security Fairness Act.
Protecting Social Security	Obama opposes privatizing Social Security, and does not believe it is necessary to raise the retirement age.	McCain supports Social Security privatization, and he voted to raise the Social Security retirement age from 65 to 67. <small>[SCR 83, Vote #68, 3/16/06; SCR 83, Vote #68, 3/16/06]</small>
Improving Medicare	Obama voted to allow Medicare to negotiate for cheaper prescription drug prices. He would not raise the eligibility age for Medicare; in fact, he favors allowing people 55-64 to buy-in to Medicare.	McCain missed a vote to amend Medicare Part D to allow Medicare to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs. McCain voted to raise the eligibility age for Medicare. <small>[S. 3, Vote #132, 4/18/07; New York Times, 4/19/07; Families USA, 1/07] [S. 947, Vote #112, 6/24/97; S. Amdt. 445, Vote #115, 6/25/97]</small>
Helping to Pay for Long-Term Care	Recognizing that many seniors would prefer to be cared for at home, Obama will work to end policies that are biased toward institutional care. He will work to reform the financing of long-term care to protect seniors and their families.	McCain voted twice against giving tax credits to seniors and their caregivers to help them pay for long-term care. In 2000, he opposed a \$3,000 tax credit and a \$5,000 tax credit for seniors or their caregivers for long-term care. <small>[HR 8, Vote 193, 07/14/00]</small>
Tax Relief That Helps Seniors	Obama will enact a middle-class tax cut, and eliminate income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000 per year.	McCain favors tax cuts for the rich, but ignores the middle class – including 37 million seniors.
Caring for Veterans	Obama has consistently supported increased funding for veterans' programs. <small>[March and April 2006 and June 2008.]</small>	McCain opposed each of these increases in funding for veterans' programs. <small>[March and April 2006 and June 2008.]</small>

Obama passes the test! Vote Nov. 4