



OBAMA VS. MCCAIN: RECORD ON WOMEN

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<p>STANDING UP FOR 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 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>EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK</p>	<p>Obama Helped Protect 330,000 More Illinois Women From Pay Discrimination. Obama helped pass the Illinois Equal Pay Act, which provided that no employer may discriminate by paying different wages solely on the basis of 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>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 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>

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<p>PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH</p>	<p>Obama Has Fought 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>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 Cosponsored Legislation To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. Obama co-sponsored the legislation reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, which provides funds to help communities, nonprofit organizations and police combat domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The VAWA also establishes a sexual assault services program and provides education grants to prevent domestic violence. As president, Obama 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> <p>Obama Has Consistently 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>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>
<p>CHILD CARE</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>Obama Helped to Dramatically Expand Day-Care Services. In Illinois, Obama fought to create Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which</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>

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	included a six-fold increase in day care funding.	
PAID LEAVE	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.	McCain Does 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.

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