



IN THEIR OWN WORDS: BARACK OBAMA *and* JOHN MCCAIN

	Obama	McCain
On Honoring and Protecting Social Security	<p>“We... have an obligation to protect Social Security and ensure that it’s a safety net the American people can count on today, tomorrow and forever. Social Security is the cornerstone of the social compact in this country... Coming together to meet this challenge won't be easy... It will take restoring a sense of shared purpose in Washington and across this country. But if you put your trust in me — if you give me ‘your hand and your heart’ — then that’s exactly what I intend to do as your next President.”</p> <p>— <i>Barack Obama, Speech in Des Moines, Iowa, October 27, 2007</i></p>	<p>“Americans have got to understand that we are paying present-day retirees with the taxes paid by young workers in America today. And that’s a disgrace. It’s an absolute disgrace, and it’s got to be fixed.”</p> <p>— <i>John McCain, Speech in Denver, Colorado, July 8, 2008</i></p>
On Privatization	<p>“Well let me be clear: privatizing Social Security was a bad idea when George W. Bush proposed it. It’s a bad idea today. It would eventually cut guaranteed benefits by up to 50%. It would cost a trillion dollars that we don’t have to implement on the front end, permanently elevating out debt. And most of all, it would gamble the retirement plans of millions of Americans on the stock market. That’s why I stood up against this plan in the Senate, and that’s why I won’t stand for it as President.”</p> <p>— <i>Barack Obama, Speech in Columbus, Ohio, June 13, 2008</i></p>	<p>“I’m totally in favor of personal savings accounts. As part of Social Security reform, I believe that private savings accounts are a part of it—along the lines that President Bush proposed.”</p> <p>— <i>John McCain, Wall Street Journal Interview, March 3, 2008</i></p>
On Medicare	<p>“We will make generic drugs more available to consumers and we will tell the drug companies that their days of forcing affordable prescription drugs out of the market are over.”</p> <p>— <i>Barack Obama, Iowa City, Iowa, May 29, 2007</i></p>	<p>“Those who can afford to buy their own prescription drugs should be expected to do so.”</p> <p>— <i>John McCain, Speech in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 15, 2008</i></p>

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