

# Values



Sanctity of Life



Human Dignity



Fairness & Prosperity



National Security



Common Good



Stewardship



*The teachings of our faith are anything but trivial!*

## Obama

## McCain



### Life

Seeks “common ground” efforts to reduce abortions by increasing education, health care, and economic supports for women, children, and families. Supports legal abortion and using taxpayer funds for embryonic stem cell research. Supports the death penalty.

Believes making abortion illegal is the best way to address the abortion issue. Supports legal abortion in cases of rape, incest, and when the mother’s life is in danger. Supports using taxpayer funds for embryonic stem cell research. Supports the death penalty.



### Torture

Voted for legislation that would have explicitly banned the CIA from using torture in interrogations.

Voted against legislation that would have explicitly banned the CIA from using torture in interrogations.



### Economy

Supports cutting taxes on low- and middle-income Americans, and raising taxes on those with an annual income of more than \$250,000. Advocates stricter government oversight and regulation of financial markets. Supports legislation to simplify the process by which workers may choose to form a union.

Supports preserving President Bush’s across-the-board tax cut, with the largest cuts reserved for wealthy Americans. Has led efforts to minimize government oversight and regulation of financial markets. Opposes legislation to simplify the process by which workers may choose to form a union.



### War in Iraq

Opposed the Iraq War and calls for a 16-month combat troop withdrawal timeline.

Voted to go to war in Iraq and supports open-ended military engagement there.



### Health Care

Aims to make health coverage more available and affordable by combining private plans and a new public insurance option in a “National Health Insurance Exchange” that would amass purchasing power and ban insurance company abuses like denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. Voted to expand a program to provide health care to pregnant women and uninsured children. Believes health care should be a right for every American.

Would deregulate the market and promote individual health insurance by taxing workers’ employer-paid health care benefits and offsetting at least some of these additional taxes with a flat tax credit. Voted against expanding a program to provide health care to pregnant women and uninsured children. Believes health care is a “responsibility.”



### Climate Change

Supports public investment in “green collar jobs” and research to reduce harmful emissions and end dependence on foreign energy. Supports a “cap and trade” emissions reduction program that requires all major polluters to pay for their carbon output.

Supports market-based efforts to reduce harmful emissions and end dependence on foreign energy. Supports a “cap and trade” emissions reduction program that allows larger polluters to emit more carbon without incurring added cost.

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