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**“Voting Records – Side by Side”**

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Sixty-Six days remain before the big one... the 2008 Presidential Election. November 4<sup>th</sup> is the day, hopefully, that all eligible American voters will go out and vote for their next United States President. Many of you, possibly, are still undecided about for whom you will vote and I know you want to be sure before you step into the voting booth. There is so much on TV these days about who did what to whom and when... it's sometimes difficult for one to see a side-by-side comparison on how each candidate stands on the issues.

Saddleback Church's Pastor Rick Warren, who is the author of "Purpose Driven Life," and "The Purpose Driven Church," held a special interview session where he sequestered each candidate and asked them the exact same questions separately. It was a truly revealing evening as to where each person stood, especially on Faith issues. Many of you possibly didn't see that program, so to help you make things somewhat clearer I am providing the following facts on each person. I am also providing on-line links for verification of the information in this article.

	<b><u>McCain</u></b>	<b><u>Obama</u></b>
<b>Favors immediate off-shore drilling-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Will appoint Supreme Court Justices who will interpret law and not make law</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Served in US Armed Services</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Time served in U.S. Senate</b>	<b>22 years</b>	<b>173 days</b>
<b>Will institute socialized national health</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supports abortion through all pregnancy</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Would pull troops out of Iraq immediately</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Supports gun-ownership rights</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Supports Homosexual Marriage</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Is in favor of huge tax increases</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Voted against making English America's national language</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Would give Social Security benefits to Illegal immigrants</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**On taxes and tax increases the following facts are provided:**

### Capital Gains Taxes

**McCain** = 0% on home sales up to \$500,000 per home (couples.) He does not propose any change in existing home sales income tax.

**Obama** = Would ask for a 28% profit tax on ALL home sales. Which means if you sell your home you would pay 28% of your gain in taxes. If you are heading into retirement and would like to sell your home to move into a retirement community, 28% of the money you make in profit would go to taxes, leaving that much less to help you with retirement income.

### Inheritance Taxes

**McCain**= 0% - (No changes to the tax that President Bush repealed)

**Obama**= Would restore the inheritance tax. Many individuals who own large and small businesses, and farmers with large acreages would be adversely affected by their heirs having to sell their legacy to pay the huge tax the government would demand at the death of the owners, denying the heirs the right to enjoy that which their parents had built up over the years.

### Dividend Tax

**McCain**= Would leave tax at 15%

**Obama**= Has said he will raise the tax possibly up to 39.6%. This means if you have any retirement plan, individual stocks, life insurance, college funds... basically anything that pays or re-invests dividends, you would be paying nearly 40% of the money earned in extra taxes if Obama is elected President.

Looking at the above facts makes it very easy for me and my family to determine which candidate in the upcoming election believes as we do. Hopefully it will for you as well.

### VERIFICATION LINKS

<http://money.cnn.com/news/specials/election/2008/index/html>

<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/issues.taxes.html>

<http://elections.foxnews.com/?s=proposed+taxes>

[http://bulletin.aarp.org/yourworld/politics/articles/mccain\\_obama\\_offer\\_different\\_visions\\_on\\_taxes.html](http://bulletin.aarp.org/yourworld/politics/articles/mccain_obama_offer_different_visions_on_taxes.html)

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/candidates/barack\\_obama/](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/candidates/barack_obama/)

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/candidates/john\\_mccain/](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/candidates/john_mccain/)

Check the facts and vote your conscience for the future and security of this country. Have a great week.

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