



# Barack Obama vs John McCain

## on War and Peace

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	<b>BARACK OBAMA</b> 	<b>JOHN McCain</b> 
<b>IRAQ</b>	<p><b><u>Would end the war in Iraq and withdraw all combat troops over 16 months.</u></b> Some troops would remain to guard the US embassy, train Iraqi forces and engage in counter-terrorist actions.</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.barackobama.com">www.barackobama.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Would continue the war in Iraq indefinitely until "victory" is achieved.</u></b> Defines "victory" as "a stable, prosperous, and democratic state in Iraq that poses no threat to its neighbors and contributes to the defeat of terrorists."</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.johnmccain.com">www.johnmccain.com</a></p>
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	<p><b><u>Would add 7,000 troops to "finish the fight in Afghanistan."</u></b> Would send \$1 billion in economic aid to counter the opium trade.</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.barackobama.com">www.barackobama.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Calls for permanent US bases in Afghanistan and more US troops*.</u></b> Sources: <a href="http://www.cfr.org/bios/662/john_mccain.html">www.cfr.org/bios/662/john_mccain.html</a> <a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0707/p01s03-uspo.html">www.csmonitor.com/2008/0707/p01s03-uspo.html</a></p> <p>*On July 15, 2008 changed position from no additional troops to more troops Source: <a href="http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalpunch/2008/07/mccain-shifts-p.html">http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalpunch/2008/07/mccain-shifts-p.html</a></p>
<b>IRAN</b>	<p><b><u>Supports diplomacy and economic incentives to stop Iran from making nuclear weapons.</u></b> Would consider promise not to seek "regime change" if Iran cooperates.</p> <p>Sources: <a href="http://www.barackobama.com">www.barackobama.com</a> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/02/us/politics">www.nytimes.com/2007/11/02/us/politics</a></p>	<p><b><u>Against "unconditional dialogues" with Iran from a "position of weakness."</u></b> In response to question about Iran's nuclear program, McCain sang "Bomb bomb bomb, bomb bomb Iran."</p> <p>Sources: <a href="http://www.johnmccain.com">www.johnmccain.com</a> <a href="http://www.armscontrolcenter.org">www.armscontrolcenter.org</a> <a href="http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/blogs/politicalticker/2007/04/">www.cnn.com/POLITICS/blogs/politicalticker/2007/04/</a></p>

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