



Republican Jewish Coalition Fact Sheet **Four Key Issues for Jewish Voters in 2008**

REAL BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP CREDENTIALS: THE ORIGINAL MAVERICK

Sen. John McCain has delivered solutions to our nation's problems and reached across the aisle to do it. Sen. McCain worked with Democrats and Republicans to ensure federal judges were appointed, campaign finance reform was enacted, and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to stop the effects of climate change. John McCain worked with members of both political parties to build support for his surge strategy. While others talk about bipartisan leadership, John McCain has delivered bipartisan leadership over the past 25 years. It's why independents and Democrats (including Sen. Joe Lieberman) have all praised John McCain for his experience and principled leadership.

EXPERIENCE: MCCAIN'S 25-YEAR RECORD V. OBAMA'S THIN RECORD OF INEXPERIENCE

John McCain's 25-year voting record supporting policies that protect America and Israel is unparalleled. He has co-sponsored dozens of pieces of pro-Israel legislation, including the Kyl-Lieberman resolution, the Palestinian anti-Terror Act and the Iran Freedom Support Act. By contrast, Barack Obama has only been a US Senator since 2004, and has very few votes regarding Israel. In 2004, prior to being elected to the US Senate, Barack Obama opposed Israel's construction of a security fence. In 2007, Sen. Obama vehemently opposed the bipartisan Kyl-Lieberman resolution declaring the Iranian Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization. Sen. Obama took Sen. Hillary Clinton to task for supporting Kyl-Lieberman where Obama called the resolution unnecessary saber-rattling. Sen. Obama's record over three years is still extremely suspect.

BETTER ECONOMIC POLICY: STOP GOVERNMENT WASTE; KEEP TAXES LOW

As a fiscal conservative, Sen. McCain understands how to improve our economy and control spending in Washington. Sen. McCain will curb earmarks and stop wasteful spending in Washington. Sen. McCain will not raise capital gains taxes and lower taxes across the board. Sen. McCain will make the cost of doing business in America lower to create jobs. Sen. McCain understands our economy and will ensure America's economy thrives.

LEADER ON ENERGY: CURBING DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN OIL

John McCain has repeatedly demonstrated effective leadership on the issues of energy independence and environmental protection. By contrast, Barack has shown a total lack of meaningful leadership on environmental issues. Today, McCain offers a bold energy independence plan based on a "Manhattan Project" vision of achieving oil independence within five years. John McCain's ambitious goals are grounded in a record of leadership: opposing the special interest-oriented 2005 Energy Bill (that Sen. Obama supported), leading the fight on Senate floor for increased fuel efficiency standards, joining with Joe Lieberman to write the first comprehensive cap-and-trade climate change bill in 2003.