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McCain vs. Obama on Worker Freedom

Alliance for Worker Freedom Releases Comprehensive '08 Election Guide

Washington, D.C. — The Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) has released a matrix comparing Sen. Obama and Sen. McCain's positions on issues concerning worker freedom. A fifteen category version is available on their website, www.workerfreedom.org. Executive Director Brian Johnson said, "We will be releasing short facts from the full version every day until the election to educate the voters on the two candidates and their different positions."

<u>Policy Issue</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>
Right to Work¹	Wants to force workers to join a union and pay dues as a condition of employment.	Supports giving workers the right to choose whether or not to join a union.
Card Check²	Supports forcing workers to vote on union membership using a public ballot so everyone, including union bosses, can see how they voted.	Supports the current law of holding union elections using a private ballot just like other democratic processes..
Minimum Wage³	Supports forcing states to raise their minimum wage leaving less money to hire additional staff, increasing unemployment.	Voted to balance any minimum wage increase with offsetting small business tax credits, thus alleviating the burden of any wage increases without increasing the cost of goods/services.
Competitive Sourcing⁴	Voted against legislation that would have increased competition and efficiency in government contracting by allowing the private sector to compete.	Supports allowing private sector competition for government jobs to lower the cost to taxpayers, increase efficiency, and provide opportunities for new employment in the private sector.
Union Financial Transparency⁵	Obama promised the Teamsters he would end federal oversight imposed to root out widespread corruption and mob ties in the union.	Voted to increase Office of Labor Management Standards funding, providing the necessary resources to enforce existing union financial disclosure laws and protect union members.

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¹ Obama: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/laborissues>; McCain: S. 370, 02/14/05, co-sponsored by McCain; S. 1788 Vote 188, 7/10/06.

² Obama: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/content/laborissues>, H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; McCain:

<http://www.johnmccain.com/Images/Issues/JobsforAmerica/briefing.pdf>; H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07

³ Obama: S.Amdt. 2115 to H.R. 3058, CQ Vote 258 10/19/05; McCain: S.Amdt. 44 to S. 256, Vote 26, 3/7/05; S.Amdt. 2115 to H.R. 3058, CQ Vote 258 10/19/05, H.R. 2, Vote 23, 1/24/07; S.Amdt. S.Amdt. 100 to H.R. 2, Vote 24, 1/24/07.

⁴ Obama and McCain: Motion to table S.Amdt. 4230 to S. 2766, Vote 169 06/14/06

⁵ Obama: S.Amdt. 3373 to H.R. 3043, Vote 380 10/18/07, "Obama Says Teamsters Need Less Oversight," WSJ (05/05/08); McCain: S.Amdt. 3373 to H.R. 3043, Vote 380 10/18/07