## Election Update

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With diverse views and strong opinions coming from all directions, deciding on a candidate can be a tough assessment. Politics in general can be quite intimidating, particularly when you do not know what information should be filtered. I encourage you to question everything you hear from the media, teachers, friends, and even your family. Too often are political facts skewed due to a partiality and foregone conclusions. As college students we are adventuring down the path to maturation, and as we grow it becomes exceedingly essential for us to mold our own interpretations. Use the 2008 elections as a chance to demonstrate self assurance in making a conclusion knowing that you have come to a choice independently.

## John McCain Republican

**Environment:** Supports alternative energy use, even nuclear, Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act of 2007 **Health Care:** Opposes universal health care, wants to expand community health centers, wishes to see small business get together to lower rates from health care providers

Immigration: Voted for a 700 mile long fence to be built between the U.S. and the Mexican border, wants to see defense increased, yet an easier process for immigrants to become citizens Iraq: Voted for military use in Iraq, and has supported that decision

## Barack Obama Democrat

Environment: Give incentives to famers that help prevent deforestation by planting trees, wants to reduce amount of greenhouse gas emissions, wishes to work with the Department of energy in helping underdeveloped countries learn to be more climate friendly Health Care: Would create a national health care service for Americans that are not already covered by their work, or for those that do not qualify for existing programs, does not require everyone to be covered, but does require that all children be covered

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