

## What Are McCain and Obama Serious (Religious) About?

*Is there a religious reason to vote for McCain or Obama?*

My religious reason for voting for Obama is that I consider him a more serious human being than McCain. If you can't do lower than 100 at golf, you're not "religious" (that is, serious) about the game. What have McCain and Obama been serious (that is, religious) about?

OBAMA has a record of being serious about...

1...his commitment to help the needy. Instead of becoming a wealthy lawyer after graduating from a cultural high place (Harvard Law School), he chose a small income at a cultural low place, the violent streets of South Chicago. While he found that he could be of some help as a community organizer, he concluded that he could be of more help as a state senator. His concept of the needy kept expanding, and now he seeks America's most powerful office for making a difference in the lives of the needy, all of us Americans in this needy world. Of course the less generous interpretation is that what has driven him is not compassion for the needy but hunger for power. But if that were the case, would he not have taken a ladder *up* from Harvard rather than down?

2...school. Serious enough to reach the eminence of the Harvard Law Review's presidency.

3...personal relationships. His opponents have accused him of everything they could conceive of, but none have questioned his integrity as a faithful husband and father.

4...religion. While he has the advantage of exposure to several religions, I have no doubt of the genuineness of his Christian conversion and seriousness about living the Christian faith.

McCain has a record of being serious about...

1...his Americanism, what he's been most "religious" about since his five years as a prisoner of war.

2...trying, with some bipartisan success, to get things done in the U.S. Senate for the American people.

3...his "pro-life" stance. A recent novelty in the history of morals is that one-celled human beings have "full human rights." While it's biological and sociological nonsense, this extremism is at present politically potent.

But he has a record of NOT being serious about...

1...school. His college record was almost the worst in his graduating class.

2...personal morals. When he and a fellow-prisoner were released from their Hanoi incarceration and his fellow said he was going to the Middle East to prepare for his next stage of service to his country, and his fellow asked McCain what he was going to do, McCain -- according to a [Rolling Stone magazine story](#) -- said he was going to Rio to have sex.

3...personal relationships. When his first wife was accident-crippled, he divorced her.

4...religion. While of late he's been associating himself more with the Christian religion, it seems to me adjunctive to his passionate commitment as a militant American patriot.

What does OBAMA have a record of not being serious about? Nothing serious that I know of.

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"(Since Bush is a recovering alcoholic, though, I doubt he drinks beer.)"

Well, technically, by the recovery movement, he'd be considered a 'dry drunk,' ...he still acts rather a lot like an alcoholic, he just substituted right-wing religion for the bottle, rather than done 'recovery.'

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"To base one's vote on a candidate's religious beliefs is a terrible mistake."

Granted. But one's own religion is essential in political decisions. One's religion is what determines what kind of world you want to live in. Actually, a "candidate" is only a symbol of what world a political party will be promoting. You have to look beyond the stereotype the image of the candidate represents to the world their organization will be attempting to create.

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Your point is well chosen. Maybe we've finally moved beyond voting for the candidate we'd "like to have a beer with." (Since Bush is a recovering alcoholic, though, I doubt he drinks beer.)

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Fair enough, I suppose, not that I'd speak on golf. :)

The problem with McCain's 'Patriotism' is that it doesn't apparently extend to living out his slogan of 'Country First,'... since he's so willing to pursue a 'scorched earth' policy (in more ways than one) in this election. His claims he'd take the high road were tossed aside immediately, when it suited his ambition, and despite the fact he can't win on the course he's pursued, (not without another stolen election, anyway) he still seeks to do as much damage as possible to the country, our social fabric, and civility itself.

He wants to make it 'easier' for some to succumb to fear, and probably a readily-offered temptation to double-down on failed policies out of pride. It's harder to face the notion that things have gone so wrong because one got 'rooked,' in the name of religion, than it is, necessarily, to blame some 'other' for the failures of policies presented in the name of your own sense of religious rightness.

Maybe, Reverend, if Obama is a candidate the two of \*us\* can agree on, that alone is worth something, though.

McCain may wave flags, but he can't unite the country, never mind cooperate with the global community.

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