

Choose or Lose

YOUR COUNTRY YOUR VOTE !!

Who has the best plan for *your* future ?



Senator John McCain



Senator Barack Obama

THE ECONOMY

Senator McCain says that " jobs are the most important thing our economy creates." Cutting taxes to corporations and small businesses allows them to create jobs, he believes. McCain wants to make President Bush's two tax cuts permanent. The senator's economic plan also calls for sharply reducing government spending, which he says is often wasteful.

Senator Obama " would roll back the Bush tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans." Depending on the state of the economy, Obama would raise taxes on families making more than \$250,000 and on large corporations. Nearly everyone else would pay less in taxes.

Obama pledges to creating jobs by investing in highways, schools, public transportation, and other elements of the country's infrastructure, which experts warn is crumbling.

HEALTHCARE

Senator Obama favours using a variety of methods to insure Americans. Workers with employer-based insurance could keep theirs. Small businesses would receive tax credits to help them provide coverage. For everyone else, Obama proposes an affordable health plan administered by the government. Private businesses would be required to help support this plan, and all parents would have to obtain insurance for their children.

Senator McCain strongly opposes such a new government program, which he sees as wasteful and intrusive. His plan would move away from employer-based health insurance. Instead, McCain would rely on giving tax credits to individuals and families to buy coverage from the private insurance company of their choice. He would also allow people to buy insurance across state lines, which he believes would encourage greater competition and lower rates.

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Nuclear power is a chief part of **Senator McCain's** energy vision. He has called for building 45 new nuclear power plants. The Senator wants to encourage development of new biofuels. He promises a \$300 million prize for the scientist who can develop a long-lasting electric car battery. At the same time, McCain insists that the U.S. must explore for oil off its coasts, which is now prohibited.

Senator Obama disagrees. " We simple cannot... drill our way out of this problem," he says. Obama argues that such exploration would not produce any oil for at least seven years. While promising to consider limited offshore drilling, the Senator proposes investing \$150 Billion in a " major commitment" to develop wind power and other "clean energy". Obama has compared his goal to make the U.S. the world leader in environmental technology to the U.S. space program in the 1960s.

EDUCATION

Senator Obama wants to spend \$10 billion a year on pre-Kindergarten programs. " Children at a very early age are starting school already behind," he said. " Every dollar that we spend in early childhood education, we get back in reduced dropout rates." He also wants to hire thousands of new teachers.

Senator McCain says that if parents want to send their kids to private school, the government should pay for it. " We have to have choice an competition in our schools in order to improve our school system," he said. McCain also believes that education in largely the responsibility of state and local governments.

Our Mission

The mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is to foster interaction between graduate and professional students through community service, social and academic events. GPSC also provides a voice for graduate and professional students through representation on university committees and advocacy of student interests to the administration.

Upcoming Events!!

Graduate Student Organization
Advisory Committee Luncheon - Oct 10

Homecoming Parade float - Oct 17

GPSC Fall Picnic - Nov 7

GPSC General Assembly
Meeting/ Workshop - Nov 14

For more information about or events please visit our website at www.gpsc.usf.edu

Spotlight

Diverse Student Success (DSS)



Dr. Joan Holmes

The Graduate School hosted its Third Annual DSS Retreat recently. The retreat is designed to inform and empower new and continuing diverse students about issues, solutions, strategies, and provides support regarding situations that may be unique to students of color in graduate school. The ultimate goal is to increase retention and reduce time to degree completion at the master and doctorate level. It is also designed to continue to create a positive graduate community.

In addition, the DSS Retreat helps provide a setting for graduate students to network with diverse students and faculty from various graduate programs at USF. We were able to accomplish this by providing both faculty and graduate student panels from diverse disciplines, which allowed new students the chance to interact with both faculty and graduate students.