

Set 1: energi, coal, gas, oil, clean, land, technolog, wind
Set 2: russian, putin, russia, nato, democraci, old, clear, cold
Set 3: love, experi, children, faith, daughter, man, part, person
Set 4: record, vote, oppos, senat, financ, fought, parti, reform

BARACK OBAMA Well, Joe Biden, I think, is one of the finest public servants that has served in this country. Its not just that he has some of the best foreign policy credentials of anybody. And Democrats and Republicans alike, I think, acknowledge his expertise there. But its also that his entire life he has never forgotten where he came from, coming from Scranton, fighting on behalf of working families, remembering what its like to see his father lose his job and go through a downward spiral economically. And, as a consequence, his consistent pattern throughout his career is to fight for the little guy. Thats what hes done when it comes to economic policies that will help working families get a leg up. Thats what hes done when it comes to, for example, passing the landmark 1994 crime bill, the Violence Against Womens Act. Joe has always made sure that he is fighting on behalf of working families, and I think he shares my core values and my sense of where the country needs to go. Because after eight years of failed policies, he and I both agree that what were going to have to do is to reprioritize, make sure that were investing in the American people, give tax cuts not to the wealthiest corporations, but give them to small businesses and give them to individuals who are struggling right now, make sure that we finally get serious about energy independence, something that has been languishing in Washington for 30 years, and make sure that our kids get a great education and can afford to go to college. So, on the key issues that are of importance to American families, Joe Bidens always been on the right side, and I think he will make an outstanding president if, heaven forbid, something happened to me.

MODERATOR Senator?

JOHN MCCAIN Well, Americans have gotten to know Sarah Palin. They know that shes a role model to women and other — and reformers all over America. Shes a reformer. She is — she took on a governor who was a member of her own party when she ran for governor. When she was the head of their energy and natural resources board, she saw corruption, she resigned and said, “This cant go on.” Shes given money back to the taxpayers. Shes cut the size of government. She negotiated with the oil companies and faced them down, a \$40 billion pipeline of natural gas thats going to relieve the energy needs of the United — of what they call the lower 48. Shes a reformer through and through. And its time we had that bresh of freth air (sic) — breath of fresh air coming into our nations capital and sweep out the old- boy network and the cronyism thats been so much a part of it that Ive fought against for all these years. Shell be my partner. She understands reform. And, by the way, she also understands special- needs families. She understands that autism is on the rise, that weve got to find out whats causing it, and weve got to reach out to these families, and help them, and give them the help they need as they raise these very special needs children. She understands that better than almost any American that I know. Im proud of her. And she has ignited our party and people all over America that have never been involved in the political process. And I cant tell how proud I am of her and her family. Her husbands a pretty tough guy, by the way, too.

MODERATOR Do you think shes qualified to be president?

BARACK OBAMA You know, I think its — thats going to be up to the American people. I think that, obviously, shes a capable politician who has, I think, excited the — a base in the Republican Party. And I think its very commendable the work shes done on behalf of special needs. I agree with that, John. I do want to just point out that autism, for example, or other special needs will require some additional funding, if were going to get serious in terms of research. That is something that every family that advocates on behalf of disabled children talk about. And if we have an across- the- board spending freeze, were not going to be able to do it. Thats an example of, I think, the kind of use of the scalpel that we want to make sure that were funding some of those programs.

MODERATOR Do you think Senator Biden is qualified?