

Set 1: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagre

Set 2: thank, togeth, hope, trust, promis, futur, elect, opportun

Set 3: troop, afghanistan, iraq, strategi, qaida, succeed, general, war

Set 4: spend, billion, defens, propos, dollar, budget, prioriti, cut

JOHN MCCAIN How about a spending freeze on everything but defense, veteran affairs and entitlement programs.

MODERATOR Spending freeze?

JOHN MCCAIN I think we ought to seriously consider with the exceptions of caring for our veterans national defense and several other vital issues.

MODERATOR Would you go for that?

BARACK OBAMA The problem with a spending freeze is youre using a hatchet where you need a scalpel. There are some programs that are very important that are under funded. I went to increase early childhood education and the notion that we should freeze that when there may be, for example, this Medicare subsidy, I think, doesnt make sense. Let me tell you another place to look for some savings. We are currently spending \$10 billion a month in Iraq when they have a \$79 billion surplus. It seems to me that if were going to be strong at home as well as strong abroad, that we have to look at bringing that war to a close.