

Set 1: republican, democrat, togeth, commiss, polit, done, bipartisan, senat

Set 2: record, vote, oppos, senat, financ, fought, parti, reform

Set 3: tax, incom, class, middl, relief, pay, rais, corpor

Set 4: gun, polic, crime, assault, law, ban, check, death

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JOHN MCCAIN . . . tough decisions. I want to get to Medicare in a second. Social Security is not that tough. We know what the problems are, my friends, and we know what the fixes are. Weve got to sit down together across the table. Its been done before. I saw it done with our — our wonderful Ronald Reagan, a conservative from California, and the liberal Democrat Tip O'Neill from Massachusetts. Thats what we need more of, and thats what Ive done in Washington. Senator Obama has never taken on his party leaders on a single major issue. Ive taken them on. Im not too popular sometimes with my own party, much less his. So Medicare, its going to be a little tougher. Its going to be a little tougher because were talking about very complex and difficult issues. My friends, what we have to do with Medicare is have a commission, have the smartest people in America come together, come up with recommendations, and then, like the base- closing commission idea we had, then we should have Congress vote up or down. Lets not let them fool with it anymore. Theres too much special interests and too many lobbyists working there. So lets have — and lets have the American people say, “Fix it for us.” Now, just back on this — on this tax, you know, again, its back to our first question here about rhetoric and record. Senator Obama has voted 94 times to either increase your taxes or against tax cuts. Thats his record. When he ran for the United States Senate from Illinois, he said he would have a middle- income tax cut. You know he came to the Senate and never once proposed legislation to do that? So lets look at our record. Ive fought higher taxes. I have fought excess spending. I have fought to reform government. Lets look at our records, my friends, and then listen to my vision for the future of America. And well get our economy going again. And our best days are ahead of us.