



Sarah Palin		Barack Obama	
			
<b>Office being sought</b>	Vice President	President of the United States and Leader of the Free World	
<b>Full name</b>	Sarah Louise Heath Palin	Barack Hussein Obama II	
<b>Nickname</b>	Sarah Barracuda	Barry Obama; 'The One'	
<b>Public opinion</b>	<i>Smoking</i> hot in a 'naughty librarian' sort of way	May be The Messiah	
<b>Age</b>	44	48	
<b>Children</b>	5: two sons, three daughters	2: two daughters	
<b>Religion/ Church attendance</b>	Evangelical Christian; attends Juneau Christian Center when in Juneau and grew up attending Wasilla Assembly of God	Attended Trinity United Church of Christ for 20 years, a 'black liberation theology' church formerly led by Rev. Jeremiah Wright and governed according to the <a href="#">Black Value System</a>	
<b>Current Job</b>	Governor of Alaska	Junior Senator from Illinois	
<b>Previous Public Jobs</b>	Mayor of Wasilla, AK (1996-2006); President of Alaska Conference of Mayors; City Council member (1992-1996)	State Senator (1997-2004); Community Organizer	
<b>Executive Experience</b>	Governor for 2 years; Mayor for 10 years	None	
<b>Foreign Relations experience</b>	Governor of state that borders two foreign countries (Canada and Russia)	Chaired Senate subcommittee on Europe but never called it into session; once gave a speech to 200,000 screaming Germans	
<b>Military Affairs experience</b>	Commander in Chief of Alaska National Guard; Son is enlisted Infantryman in U.S. Army	None	
<b>Private Sector Experience</b>	Sports reporter; Salmon fisherman	Associate at civil rights law firm	
<b>Speaking ability</b>	Beautifully executed initial stump speech in Dayton, OH hockey arena without a teleprompter	An enter...wait--did you say <i>without a teleprompter??</i>	
<b>Spouse's name</b>	Todd Mitchell Palin	Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama	

<b>Spouse's occupation</b>	Salmon fisherman; Former North Slope production supervisor for BP Oil	Vice President for Community and External Affairs at University of Chicago Hospitals; former Associate Dean of Student Services at the University of Chicago; former Executive Director for the Chicago office of Public Allies; former Assistant to the Mayor of Chicago; former associate at Sidley Austin law firm
<b>Reaction to spouse's political success</b>	Quit 17-year BP oil job when BP became involved in natural gas pipeline negotiations with wife's administration	Promoted and given 160% pay raise by UofC hospitals within months of husband's election to U.S. Senate; Employer received \$1,000,000.00 federal earmark, requested by husband, after her promotion
<b>Coollest thing about Spouse</b>	Tesoro Iron Dog Snowmobile race champion (longest snowmobile race in the world); In 2008, while defending his championship, was injured when he was thrown 70 feet from his machine. He was sent to the hospital but still finished in fourth place	Sister of Oregon State University head basketball coach Craig Robinson
<b>Most Courageous Moment in Public Service</b>	Resigned in protest from position of Ethics Commissioner of Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in order to expose legal violations and conflicts of interest of Alaska Republican leaders, including the former state Attorney General and the State GOP Chairman (who was also an Oil & Gas Commissioner), who was doing work for the party on public time and supplying a lobbyist with a sensitive e-mail.	Gave an anti-Iraq war speech to a crowd of anti-Iraq war demonstrators in Hyde Park in 2002
<b>In Current Office Because...</b>	Upset sitting Governor in GOP primary due to public support for her efforts to clean up corrupt government establishment	Republican opponent, who was leading in the polls, was forced to leave race after unsealing of divorce records exposed a sex scandal
<b>Theme:</b>	Change and Clean Government	Hope and Change; 'Bringing Change from Outside Washington'
<b>What they've done to live that theme:</b>	Replaced entire Board of Agriculture and Conservation because of conflict of interest; Resigned from position of Ethics Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in order to expose corruption among members of own party	Selected 36-year incumbent Senator as running mate
<b>Family Affairs</b>	May have removed State Public Safety Commissioner as part of effort to protect sister in messy divorce and child custody battle	Often says, 'I am my brother's keeper'; Brother lives in a hut in Nairobi on \$12 per year
<b>Union affiliation</b>	Union member, married to Union member	Endorsed by a union
<b>Iraq and Troop Support</b>	Formerly (pre-surge) critical of apparent lack of long-term strategy for Iraq; Visited wounded U.S. soldiers in Germany; visited AK National Guard soldiers deployed to Kuwait and Iraq; Son deploying to Iraq on 9/11/08 as Army infantryman	Gave an anti-Iraq war speech to a crowd of anti-Iraq war demonstrators; almost visited wounded troops in Germany, but decided to go shopping in Berlin instead

<b>Bipartisan/'ma verick' credentials</b>	Married to a non-Republican; Exposed corruption within own party; Campaigned for Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell against corrupt GOP congressman Don Young; Called out Sen Ted Stevens (R-AK) to 'come clean' about financial dealings that are under fed investigation	Talks about bipartisanship
<b>Legislative Record</b>	Passed a landmark ethics reform bill; Used veto to cut budgetary spending; Prevented 'bridge to nowhere' that would have cost taxpayers \$400 million dollars.	Voted 'present' over 100 times as IL state senator
<b>How they dealt with corrupt individuals in home city/state</b>	Exposed legal violations and conflicts of interest of Alaska Republican leaders; Campaigned against corrupt GOP Representative; Ran against and defeated corrupt incumbent governor in GOP primary	Launched political career in home of unrepentant domestic terrorist Bill Ayers (and still refers to him as a part of 'mainstream Democratic Chicago'); Purchased home with help of convicted felon Tony Rezko
<b>Guns</b>	Lifetime member of NRA and avid hunter; video can be found on YouTube of Palin firing an M4 at a military firing range	Worked to pass legislation in Illinois that would prevent all law-abiding citizens from owning firearms
<b>Earmarks</b>	Opposed 'Bridge to Nowhere' project; Said Alaska should avoid relying on federal money for projects; Campaigned against porker Don Young (R-AK) in 2008 primary	Secured federal earmarks for wife's employer and for <a href="#">campaign bundlers</a>
<b>Abortion</b>	Pro life; gave birth to 5th child knowing that he would have Down's syndrome	Pro-choice; only IL state sen. to speak against the Born Alive Infant's Protection Act, which required medical care to be given to live infants who survived abortions
<b>Energy</b>	Believes energy independence is a matter of national security; For drilling in ANWR, which is in her state	Says Americans should 'get tune-ups' and 'check tire pressure'; Says 'we can't expect the world to be okay with' our use of heating and air conditioning
<b>Environment</b>	Chair of Alaska Conservation Commission (2003-4); Announced plans to create sub-cabinet group of advisors to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in AK	Talks about the environment a lot
<b>Athletic prowess</b>	Runs marathons	Has reporters tailing him to the gym

Sarah Palin has friends that are not Marxists, Felons, Terrorists or Racists and did not rely on Affirmative Action for either Education or Employment.

I reckon the choice is clear on November 4.

'We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.'

'Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media for they will steal your honor.' - Bobby McBride, Crew Chief, 128th Assault Helicopter Company, RVN 1969-1970

'For those that have Fought for it, Freedom has a Taste that the protected will never know'

'Do What You Can, With What You Have, Where You Are' -Teddy Roosevelt