
A photograph of John McCain, a Republican presidential candidate, smiling and pointing towards the camera. He is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a striped tie.

“I’m totally in favor of personal savings accounts. As part of Social Security reform, I believe that private savings accounts are a part of it, along the lines that President Bush proposed.”
(Wall Street Journal, 3/3/2008)

**Republican
John McCain
says:**

A photograph of Barack Obama, a Democrat presidential candidate, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt, and is gesturing with his right hand.

“Privatizing Social Security was a bad idea when George Bush proposed it, and it’s a bad idea today. It would take the one rock-solid, guaranteed part of your retirement income and gamble it on the stock market.”
(Los Angeles Times, May 19, 2008)

**Democrat
Barack Obama
says:**

Republicans like John McCain want to gamble with your Social Security.

It’s pretty clear what Republican presidential candidate John McCain would do to your Social Security. He’d gamble with it.

He supports putting Social Security contributions into private accounts, invested by Wall Street investment banks, the same Wall Street banks that are going bankrupt and failing because of risky investments.

If John McCain lost part of his Social Security because it was poorly invested by a Wall Street bank that later went bankrupt, well, he’d be ok. He’s worth over \$100 million.

Would you? Isn’t it better to have someone like Democrat Barack Obama looking out for ordinary retired and working Americans?

By the way, John McCain cashes his Social Security checks despite calling the program “a disgrace.” (*AP, July 17, 2008*). Last year he collected \$23,157, just about the maximum. He’s been receiving benefits for seven years.

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