

Biden and Obama: Taking Action

Biden believes in action over slogans, in record over rhetoric. Obama has taken serious actions on important issues that don't attract headlines, and has done so with bi-partisan legislation.

The Obama-Lugar bill helps poor nations with nuclear weapons (e.g. in the former USSR) secure and dismantle their stockpiles, and helps our allies detect and stop illegal weapons shipments.

The Obama-Coburn bill made every dime of federal spending viewable by Americans online (at www.USAspending.gov), ensuring funding accountability and transparency.

Obama fixed the Illinois death penalty system (which had numerous false convictions) and passed a bill, unanimously, that had support of both law enforcement and civil rights advocates.

Dodd and Obama: Defending our Rights

Dodd is committed to restoring our constitution. Obama was a constitutional law professor for 10 years at Univ. of Chicago (a top 5 school) and was called "the best student I ever had" by Laurence Tribe (the most cited constitutional scholar in the US).

Dodd and Obama fought together against Republican attempts to disenfranchise voters through "voting reform" legislation.

Dodd clearly led the fight on telecom immunity to protect our civil liberties. Obama was the first to support Dodd's call to action, and was the only other candidate who on the day of the vote committed to returning to Washington if a full filibuster was needed.

Richardson and Obama: Practical Policies

Richardson and Obama both have been strong and consistent in their views and have not been swayed by popular opinion. They have stood together against the conventional wisdom on issues such as immigration policy.

Richardson and Obama have the two boldest energy plans in terms of their conservation targets and approaches, as described by the League of Conservation Voters, who rated Obama 96%.

Richardson and Obama have both committed to invest heavily in science and technology innovation and education to keep Americans competitive in today's global economy.

Kucinich and Obama: Progressive Vision

Kucinich and Obama were the only two candidates to speak forcefully against the war in Iraq in 2002, when George W. Bush had a 70% approval rating. (Obama was running for the senate then.)

Kucinich has presented a single-payer health care plan, the only truly universal one among the candidates. Obama believes single-payer is the best approach, and would be his choice if starting from scratch. His goal is to achieve single-payer in several steps.

Kucinich and Obama have the two highest ratings on the environment from the League of Conservation Voters.

Kucinich and Obama have fought for workers rights and human rights. They support only trade deals that include both. Obama fought for workers on the streets of Chicago; he worked to bring aid to Darfur and to the forgotten chaos in the Congo.