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<p>ANNCR: “Barack Obama never held a single senate hearing on Afghanistan.”</p>	<p>McCain Has Not Attended A Hearing On Afghanistan In Two Years. According to ABC News, “It turns out that presumptive Republican nominee Sen. John McCain has attended even fewer Afghanistan-related Senate hearings over the past two years than Obama's one. Which is a nice way of saying, McCain, R-Ariz., the top Republican on the Senate Armed Service Committee, has attended zero of his committee's six hearings on Afghanistan over the last two years.” [ABC News, 7/17/08]</p> <p>Sen. Biden: “The Foreign Relations Committee Has Addressed Most Afghanistan Issues At The Full Committee Level.” According to a letter written by Senator Joe Biden, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, “Senator Obama has notified me of your interest in holding a hearing on NATO's mission in Afghanistan at the Subcommittee level during the brief period of session between the end of Congressional summer recess and expected adjournment in late September. I thank you for your interest in this vital issue. As you are aware, under my Chairmanship the Foreign Relations Committee has addressed most Afghanistan issues at the Full Committee level. I believe that this is the best way of ensuring the most comprehensive examination of the complex issues involved, and of ensuring the highest-level Administration participation.” [Biden Senate Office Release, 7/17/08]</p>
<p>ANNCR: “He hasn’t been to Iraq in years.”</p>	<p>McCain Hasn’t Visited Afghanistan In Years. McCain visited Afghanistan on December 15, 2006 as part of a Congressional Delegation. McCain did not visit Afghanistan on a subsequent trip to the Middle East in March of 2008, when he visited Iraq, Israel and Jordan. [Associated Press, 12/16/06, 3/21/08]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May And June, Troop Deaths In Afghanistan Exceeded Those In Iraq. According to CNN, for the months of May and June 2008, U.S. and coalition forces have experienced more troop deaths in Afghanistan than Iraq. [CNN, 7/16/08] • January 2002: McCain: “Next Up, Baghdad!” According to the Associated Press, “America needs to attack Iraq after Afghanistan and topple Saddam Hussein, senior U.S. senators visiting this aircraft carrier said on Wednesday. ‘Next up Baghdad!’ Senator John McCain yelled out while visiting the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier’s flight bridge to watch warplanes launch toward Afghanistan ... ‘I think Iraq is going to have to be considered’ as a target after Afghanistan, McCain told The Associated Press” [Associated Press, 1/9/02] • McCain: “Nobody In Afghanistan Threatens The United States Of America.” During an appearance on Fox News Network’s “Hannity & Colmes,” McCain said, “Think we should have had a larger peacekeeping force. But <u>nobody in Afghanistan threatens the United States of America and nobody is running terrorist training camps to orchestrate attacks on the United States of America.</u>” [Fox News, “Hannity & Colmes,” 4/10/03, emphasis

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ANNCR: “He voted against funding our troops.”	<p><u>McCain Has Voted Against The Interest Of U.S. Troops</u></p> <p>McCain Failed To Vote For \$18 Billion For The Wars In Iraq And Afghanistan And A Pay Raise for Troops. In 2008, McCain failed to vote for passage of a bill that would authorize \$696.4 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2008, including \$189.5 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would authorize \$142.8 billion for operations and maintenance; \$119.7 billion for military personnel; \$23.7 billion for military construction and family housing; and \$23.1 billion for the Defense Health Program. It would authorize a 3.5 percent pay increase for military personnel. It also would allow the president to waive certain liability provisions as they apply to Iraq. The bill passed 91-3. [HR 4986, Vote #1, 1/22/08]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Condemning Attacks On The Honor And Integrity Of Service Men And Women. In 2007, McCain voted against an amendment that would express the sense of the Senate to reaffirm strong support for those in the U.S. armed forces and strongly condemn attacks on the honor, integrity and patriotism of any individual who is serving or has served honorably. The amendment failed 50-47. [HR 1585, Vote #343, 9/20/07]</p> <p>McCain Proposed A Non-Binding Downtime Requirement Between Deployments. In 2007, McCain proposed and voted for an amendment that would require the Department of Defense to develop a troop deployment policy that would provide troops time between deployments that is equal to or longer than the length of their previous deployment and would guarantee that members of the reserve would not be deployed within three years of their last deployment. The policy could be waived if the secretary of Defense determined it is necessary for the national security of the United States. The amendment failed 55-44. [HR 1585, Vote #342, 9/19/07]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Mandating Minimum Intervals Between Deployments for Troops. In 2007, McCain voted against an amendment that would mandate minimum intervals between deployments for troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would require active duty forces to be guaranteed as much time at home as they served while deployed. National Guard and reservists would be guaranteed three years at home between deployments. A “nay” was a vote in support of the president’s position. The motion failed 56-44. [CQ Floor Votes; HR 1585, Vote #341, 9/19/07]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Limiting Deployment Of Soldiers In The Army And National Guard. In 2007, McCain voted against an amendment that would limit the length of troop deployments in Iraq, with certain exceptions, beginning 120 days after enactment. It would limit the deployment of soldiers in the Army and Army National Guard to 12 consecutive months. Active duty and reserve Marines would be limited to deployments of seven consecutive months. It also would allow the president to waive the provision in times of national emergency. The amendment failed 52-45. [HR 1585, Vote #243, 7/11/07]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Requiring Mandatory Downtime Between Tours Of Duty In Iraq. Senator McCain voted against requiring mandatory minimum downtime between tours of duty for troops serving in Iraq. The bill would provide</p>

active duty forces to be given as much time home as they were deployed. National Guard and reservists would be guaranteed three times the amount home as they served. Cloture motion failed 56-41. [HR 1585, [Vote #241](#), 7/11/07]

McCain Voted Against Funding for Body Armor: In 2003, McCain voted to table an amendment by Senator Mary Landrieu to the fiscal year 2003 supplemental appropriations bill for the Iraq war. Her amendment would have added more than \$1 billion to the bill for the procurement of “National Guard and Reserve Equipment.” According to Landrieu, the amendment targeted “shortfalls identified by the National Guard and Reserve in their Unfunded Requirement lists,” including the “shortage of helmets, tents, bullet-proof inserts, and tactical vests.” Later in 2003, McCain voted to table an amendment by Senator Chris Dodd to an emergency supplemental war funding bill. The amendment would have added \$322 million for small arms protection inserts (SAPI) body armor and battlefield cleanup. [Media Matters, [9/21/06](#); McCain Military Issues Research Memo, 1/06/08]

McCain Voted To Slash \$2 Billion From U.S. Troops. McCain voted to cut \$2 billion in crucial funding for Pennsylvania soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, including funding for military pay and benefits, operations and maintenance, Iraqi security force training programs and even medical care. Senator Harry Reid argued that the Santorum-backed amendment would “rob Peter to pay Paul.” Amendment agreed to 59-39. [HR 4939, [Vote #94](#), 4/26/06; Reid Statement, 4/26/06]

McCain Voted Against Increasing Funding For Adjustment Counseling. In 2005, McCain voted against an amendment to provide an additional \$10 million for the Readjustment Counseling Service, offset with a \$10 million reduction in the HealthVet account. The amendment passed 48-50. [HR 2528, [Vote #242](#), 9/22/05]

McCain Voted Against A \$360 Million Increase In Armored Tactical Wheeled Vehicles For Troops In Iraq. In 2005, McCain voted against an amendment that that included a \$360,800,000 for the procurement of armored Tactical Wheeled Vehicles for units deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to increase by \$5,000,00 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, for industrial preparedness for the implementation of a ballistics engineering research center. The amendment failed 56-43. [HR 2863, [Vote #248](#), 10/5/05]

McCain Voted Against A Small Tax Increase For The Wealthy To Pay For Operations In Iraq. In 2004, McCain voted against an amendment that would provide that the top income tax rate be increased from 35 percent to 36 percent starting in 2005 until 2010. It would provide that the funds made available by the increase be used to pay for security and stabilization operations in Iraq. The amendment failed 44-53. [S 2400, [Vote #130](#), 6/17/04]

McCain Voted Against Prohibiting Redeployment Of Involuntary National Guardsmen In Iraq. In 2003, McCain voted to table an amendment that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the involuntary deployment overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom of members of the National Guard and Reserves who have been involuntarily deployed for six months or more during the past six years. The motion to table passed 82-15, [Vote #397](#), 10/17/03]

McCain Voted Against Compensating National Guardsmen Who Are Employed By the Government. In 2003, McCain voted against an amendment that would require that federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to

	<p>perform certain services as a member of the uniformed service or the National Guard, be reimbursed for the difference between their salary and the pay and allowances they receive while on duty. [S 1689, Vote #390, 10/17/03]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Expanding Retirement Benefits For Members Of The National Guard. In 2003, McCain voted against lowering the retirement age from 60 to 55 for members of the National Guard and Reserves. Amendment failed 47-49. [S 1689, Vote #381, 10/15/03]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Awarding The Iraqi Liberation Medal To Those Who Serve In Connection With Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2003, McCain voted against an amendment that would authorize the Defense Department to award the Iraqi Liberation Medal to any person who serves in any capacity in the armed forces in Southwest Asia in connection with 'Operation Iraqi Freedom. The amendment failed 47-48. [S 1689, Vote #378, 10/14/03]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against Providing Troops In Harm's Way With Necessary Safety Equipment. In 2003, McCain voted to table an amendment that provided \$322 million to the bill's spending on battlefield clearance and safety equipment for U.S. troops in Iraq. The money would be offset by a reduction in Iraqi reconstruction funds. Motion to table amendment passed 49-37. [S 1689, Vote #376, 10/2/03]</p> <p>McCain Voted Against \$1 Billion In Equipment For National Guard & Reserves. In 2003, McCain voted to kill an amendment that would appropriate approximately \$1 billion for equipment for the National Guard and Reserves. At that time, the defense budget provided only \$1.9 billion for procurement of equipment for the National Guard, which is less than the cost of a single submarine. The motion to table passed 52-47. [S 762, Vote #116, 4/2/03]</p>
<p>ANNCR: "Positions that helped him win his nomination... Now Obama is changing to help himself become President."</p>	<p><u>McCain Has Changed His Policies To Be In Line With Bush</u></p> <p>McCain: "There Was A Recent Study That Showed That I Voted With The President Over 90 Percent Of The Time." During an appearance on FOX's "Your World with Neil Cavuto," McCain said, "The president and I agree on most issues. There was a recent study that showed that I voted with the president over 90 percent of the time, higher than a lot of my even Republican colleagues." [Fox News, "Your World with Neil Cavuto," 5/22/03]</p> <p><u>Off-Shore Drilling</u></p> <p>McCain Voted Against Off-Shore Drilling. In 2005, McCain voted for an amendment that would strike language instructing the Interior Department to conduct a comprehensive inventory of Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas resources. The amendment failed 44-52. [H.R. 6, Vote #143, 6/21/2005]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush: "Congress Should Also Authorize Environmentally Responsible Oil Exploration Offshore." While speaking in Indiana, President Bush said, "Listen, breaking our reliance on oil and gas is not going to happen overnight. Congress should also authorize environmentally responsible oil exploration offshore and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. American consumers and businesses are looking to Washington for action on this

issue. And Congress needs to pass a bill that encourages the development of more energy that makes us less dependent on foreign sources of oil, and they need to do it now.” [President Bush’s Remarks in New Albany, Indiana, 11/13/07]

- **McCain: “There Are Areas Off Our Coasts That Should Be Open To Exploration And Exploitation.”** During a media availability in Arlington, Virginia, John McCain said, “I also believe that lifting the moratoria from off-shore drilling or oil and natural gas exploration is something that we should place as a very high priority... I certainly think that there are areas off our coasts that should be open to exploration and exploitation. And I hope we can take the first step by lifting the moratoria in order to do so.” [McCain Media Availability in Arlington via CQ Transcriptions, Virginia, 6/16/08]

Bush Tax Cuts

McCain: “I Would Clearly Support Not Extending Those Tax Cuts In Order To Help Address The, The Deficit.” During an appearance on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” John McCain said, “I voted against the tax cuts because of the disproportionate amount that went to the wealthiest Americans. I would clearly support not extending those tax cuts in order to help address the deficit. But the middle-income tax credits, the families, the child tax credits, the marriage tax credits, all of those I would keep.” [NBC, “Meet the Press,” 4/11/04]

- **Bush: “We Need To Make the Tax Cuts Permanent.”** While speaking about the state of the economy, President Bush said, “one thing’s for certain, is we need to make the tax cuts permanent.” [President’s Speech on the Economy at the EEOB, [2/19/04](#)]
- **McCain: “I’ll Make the Bush Tax Cuts Permanent.”** While appearing on *Meet the Press*, McCain said, “I’ll make the Bush tax cuts permanent... I’ve said 500 times that I want the tax cuts to be made permanent.” [NBC, “Meet the Press,” 1/27/08]

Mandatory Carbon Dioxide Caps

Last Year, John McCain Introduced A Law “Mandating Emissions Reductions.” In 2007, John McCain and Joe Lieberman introduced a bill entitled the “Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act of 2007.” The bill, S. 280, included a section named “Mandating Emissions Reductions.” [S. 280, introduced on [1/12/07](#)]

- **Bush: “I Decided To Not Have Mandatory Caps On CO2.”** While speaking in the White House, President Bush said, “Circumstances have changed since the campaign. We’re now in an energy crisis. And that’s why I decided to not have mandatory caps on CO2, because in order to meet those caps, our Nation would have had to have had a lot of natural gas immediately flow into the system, which is impossible.” [President Bush News Conference , 3/29/01]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCain: “I Would Not At This Time Make Those -- Impose A Mandatory Cap At This Time.” While discussing his energy plan in Arlington, Virginia, John McCain was asked if he would follow the European Union in setting mandatory emissions caps. McCain said, “I would not at this time make those -- impose a mandatory cap at this time.” [McCain Media Availability in Arlington via CQ Transcriptions, Virginia, 6/16/08]
ANNCR: “John McCain has always supported our troops and the surge that’s working.”	<p><u>McCain Argued Against Troop Increases In Iraq And Agreed With Bush Administration Strategy</u></p> <p>2005: McCain Said The U.S. Had Enough Troops On The Ground In Iraq. During an appearance on <i>Meet the Press</i>, Tim Russert asked McCain, “Do you believe we have enough American troops on the ground right now?” McCain answered, “I think we have in numbers probably enough.” [NBC, “Meet the Press,” 2/20/05]</p> <p>2005: McCain Said The U.S. “May Have Enough Troops” In Iraq. While discussing the war in Iraq during an interview on CNN’s “Late Edition,” Wolf Blitzer asked McCain, “Does the U.S. have the manpower in place now to get the job done?” McCain said, “I think they may have enough now, but we made terrible and tragic mistakes early on by not having more people then, and we’re paying a very heavy price for it.” [CNN, “Late Edition,” 5/29/05]</p> <p>McCain: “Whether We Need Additional Troops, Or Not, I Don’t Know.” During an appearance of <i>Face the Nation</i>, Bob Schieffer asked McCain, “Are we going to have to send more people in there? Are there enough people in there right now?” McCain responded by saying, “Whether we need additional troops or not, I don’t know. But I do know this: that a lot of our soldiers are getting very tired, and a lot of our reservists have been on active duty for a very extended period of time.” [CBS, “Face the Nation,” 6/29/03]</p> <p>McCain: “Moving Rapidly And Leaving Pockets Of Resistance Behind I Think Is An Appropriate Strategy.” While appearing on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Tim Russert asked, “In the Persian Gulf War, as I mentioned to General Myers, we had 600,000 troops on the ground. Here we have 250,000, more coming. Was there an inadequate force sent initially?” To which McCain responded, “First of all, the Iraqi military was measurably weaker than it was in 1991 because they never reconstituted themselves after the Persian Gulf War. Second of all, again, when I saw those bombs hit the first night and heard initial reports that we might have taken out Saddam Hussein, I was happy and I think every American was, and then we found out well, maybe we didn’t. <u>But I believe that the blitzkrieg, if you want to call it, or Patton-like maneuver of moving rapidly and leaving pockets of resistance behind I think is an appropriate strategy.</u>” [NBC, “Meet the Press,” 3/30/03; emphasis added]</p> <p>McCain Said I Have “No Qualms About Our Strategic Plans.” Just prior to the invasion of Iraq John McCain said, “I have no qualms about our strategic plans. I thought we were very successful in Afghanistan.” [Hartford Courant, 3/5/03]</p>
ANNCR: “McCain: Country First.”	<p>McCain Said The War In Iraq Would Be “One of The Best Things That’s Happened To America.” While discussing the war in Iraq during an appearance on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” McCain said, “We’re going to be all right. We’re going to prevail and we will win and it’ll be one of the best things that’s happened to America and the world in a long time ‘cause it’ll reverberate throughout the Middle East.” [NBC, “Meet the Press,” 3/30/03]</p>

McCain: “I’m John McCain and I approve this message.”	