

# appendix: 2008 presidential campaign positions on issues in bioethics

Many issues in bioethics are of high voter interest, and hence garner significant attention by presidential and other campaigns. This appendix highlights issues being addressed in the 2008 presidential campaign by Democratic candidate Barack Obama and Republican candidate John McCain. The material included reflects only official statements from speeches, campaign materials, and party platforms—we did not attempt to conduct any sort of policy analysis. Links to the source material and expanded statements are provided wherever possible. The party platform positions can be found on either the [Democratic National Committee's website](#) or the [Republican party platform website](#).

The resource box for each chapter has an icon directing you to this appendix if there is a relevant position on the topic. It is our intent to update this appendix periodically online, and to revise it for mid-term and other elections. The topics in this Briefing Book that currently have campaign or party positions are:

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Issue	Sen. Barack Obama	<a href="#">DNC Platform 2008</a>	Sen. John McCain	<a href="#">GOP Platform 2008</a>
<a href="#">Abortion</a>	<p>Sen. Obama will make preserving women's rights under Roe v. Wade a priority as President. He opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right....The Democratic Party also strongly supports access to comprehensive affordable family planning services and age-appropriate sex education which empower people to make informed choices and live healthy lives. We also recognize that such health care and education help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and thereby also reduce the need for abortions.</p>	<p>Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision that must be overturned, and as president [McCain] will nominate judges who understand that courts should not be in the business of legislating from the bench.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>At its core, abortion is a fundamental assault on the sanctity of innocent human life. Women deserve better than abortion. Every effort should be made to work with women considering abortion to enable and empower them to choose life.</p>
<a href="#">Cloning</a> (see also Stem Cells)	<p>"While I oppose human cloning, I also oppose federal restrictions on therapeutic stem cell research."</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Chicago Medical Society questionnaire, May 2004</a></p>		<p>Sen. McCain strongly opposes human cloning and voted to ban the practice, and any related experimentation, under federal law.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We call for a ban on human cloning and a ban on the creation of or experimentation on human embryos for research purposes.</p>
<a href="#">Conflicts of Interest</a>	<p>Sen. Obama will create a centralized Internet database of lobbying reports, ethics records, and campaign finance filings in a searchable, sortable and downloadable format.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will use the most current technology available to improve the quality of government decision-making and make government less beholden to special interest groups and lobbyists.</p>	<p>Sen. McCain fought for an independent ethics office in Congress to help restore the public's faith in the integrity of the legislative branch.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>To prevent conflicts of interest, a Truth in Testimony mandate should require all committee witnesses to detail the amount of federal funding they and their employer currently receive and, in the case of associations, how much federal money their members would receive from the proposed legislation.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Conscience Clauses, Health Care Providers, and Parents</a></p>	<p>Sen. Obama co-signed with 27 other senators a letter sent to Secretary Leavitt protesting a draft of a proposed HHS rule. The “provider conscience regulation,” which does not require Congressional approval, could allow health care providers and institutions to refuse abortions or contraceptive prescriptions without making a referral to a clinician or facility that would provide these services.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">letter to Secretary Leavitt</a></p>			<p>No health care professional—doctor, nurse, or pharmacist—or organization should ever be required to perform, provide for, or refer for a health care service against their conscience for any reason. This is especially true of the religious organizations which deliver a major portion of America’s health care, a service rooted in the charity of faith communities....Because the family is our basic unit of society, we fully support parental rights to consent to medical treatment for their children including mental health treatment, drug treatment, alcohol treatment, and treatment involving pregnancy, contraceptives and abortion.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Disaster Planning</a> (see also <i>Influenza Pandemic and Public Health</i>)</p>	<p>Like the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FEMA Director will have a fixed term of office to insulate him or her from politics. The FEMA Director will report directly to President Obama, serve a six-year term and will have professional emergency management experience.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will fix governmental agencies like the Federal Emergency Management Agency, ensure that they are staffed with professionals, and create integrated communication and response plans. We will reform the Small Business Administration bureaucracy, and develop a real National Response Plan.... We will develop a National Catastrophic Insurance Fund to offer an affordable insurance mechanism for high-risk catastrophes that no single private insurer can cover by itself for fear of bankruptcy. This will allow states and territories to deal comprehensively with the economic dislocation of natural disasters.</p>	<p>Federal law should provide sufficient liability protections to encourage companies to act as a 'force multiplier' for the government during disaster response and recovery efforts.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>State and local cooperation is crucial, as are private relief efforts, but Washington must take the lead in forging a partnership with America's best run businesses to ensure that FEMA's Emergency Operations Centers run as well as any Fortune 500 Company. We must make it easier for both businesses and non-profits to act as force-multipliers in relief situations. We believe it is critical to support those impacted by natural disasters and to complete the rebuilding of devastated areas, including the Gulf Coast.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Environment and Health</a> (see also Nature)</p>	<p>Sen. Obama will restore the force of the Clean Air Act... reinvigorate the drinking water standards that have been weakened under the Bush administration and update them to address new threats...continue his fight, begun as a community organizer, to protect our children from health hazards and developmental disabilities caused by environmental toxins, such as lead, mercury, particulate matter, and industrial land waste. Obama will fight to clean brown fields, restore abandoned industrial riverfront sites, and give communities the tools they need to eat healthy foods and expand livable, walkable neighborhoods.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will reinvigorate the Environmental Protection Agency so that we can work with communities to reduce air and water pollution and protect our children from environmental toxins, and never sacrifice science to politics....We will restore the “polluter pays” principle to fund the cleanup of the most polluted sites, so that those who cause environmental problems pay to fix them.</p>		<p>Those who live on and work the land are our finest environmental stewards. They understand, better than most, the need for safe water, clean air, and conservation of open space. We oppose attempts to hamper agricultural production with heavy-handed mandates, including any expansion of the Clean Water Act to regulate ditches, culverts, converted cropland, and farm and stock ponds....Government at all levels should protect private property rights by cooperating with landowners efforts and providing incentives to protect fragile environments, endangered species, and maintain the natural beauty of America.</p>
<p><a href="#">Family Caregiving</a></p>	<p>Sen. Obama will work to give seniors choices about their care, consistent with their needs, and not biased towards institutional care. He will work to reform the financing of long term care to protect seniors and families. He will work to improve the quality of elder care, including by training more nurses and health care workers.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will expand the Family and Medical Leave Act to reach millions more workers than are currently covered, and we will enable workers to take leave to care for an elderly parent, address domestic violence and sexual assault, or attend a parent-teacher conference.</p>		<p>The financial burdens and emotional challenges of ensuring adequate care for elderly family members affect every American, especially with today’s aging population. We must develop new ways to support individuals, not just institutions, so that older Americans can have a real choice whether to stay in their homes.</p>

Issue	Sen. Barack Obama	<a href="#">DNC Platform 2008</a>	Sen. John McCain	<a href="#">GOP Platform 2008</a>
<a href="#">Genetic Testing and Screening</a>	<p>“Modern genetics has raised important ethical, legal, and social issues that require careful study. For example, new developments in human genetics allow individuals to be informed about their risks of various diseases; such information can be useful for diagnosing and treating disease, but it can also be misused by employers or insurers to discriminate. For this reason, I have been a long-time supporter of the recently passed Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>		<p>“As genetic research becomes increasingly deployed, the need to ensure privacy of human records will become all the more essential, as will be the rigor to ensure there is no genetic discrimination. The scientific potential and ethical issues associated with genetics are important and complex enough that I will actively seek out the wise counsel of experts about how to ensure that we are best serving the needs of the American people.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>	

Issue	Sen. Barack Obama	<a href="#">DNC Platform 2008</a>	Sen. John McCain	<a href="#">GOP Platform 2008</a>
<p><a href="#">Health Care Costs and Medical Technology</a></p>	<p>“These are difficult problems, and science and technology can solve only some of them. The effectiveness of medical care can be improved, and its costs can be reduced, by greater emphasis on best practices, electronic medical records, hospital safety, preventive strategies, and improved public health surveillance. The increased investments I support for medical research at the NIH may yield discoveries that reduce the cost of drug development, and we may produce new methods to prevent diseases that are costly to treat. But efforts to control costs also should make greater use of the tools for prevention and clinical management that already exist; enlist more effective participation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as the NIH; and encourage investments in healthcare and health research by the private and not-for-profit sectors.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>	<p>As Americans struggle with increasing health care costs, we believe a strengthened, uniquely American system should provide the highest-quality, most cost-effective care. This should be advanced by aggressive efforts to cut costs and eliminate waste from our health system, which will save the typical family up to \$2,500 per year. These efforts include driving adoption of state-of-the-art health information technology systems, privacy-protected electronic medical records, reimbursement incentives, and an independent organization that reviews drugs, devices, and procedures to ensure that people get the right care at the right time.</p>	<p>Sen. McCain will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allow re-importation of drugs and faster introduction of generic drugs</li> <li>▪ Emphasize prevention, early intervention, healthy habits, new treatment models, new public health infrastructure, and us information technology to reduce chronic disease costs</li> <li>▪ Promote greater access through walk-in clinics in retail outlets</li> <li>▪ Promote the rapid deployment of 21<sup>st</sup> century information systems and technology that allows doctors to practice across state lines</li> <li>▪ Reform payment systems in Medicaid and Medicare to compensate providers for diagnosis, prevention and care coordination</li> <li>▪ Promote the availability of smoking cessation programs</li> <li>▪ Encourage states to lower costs</li> <li>▪ Pass medical liability reform</li> <li>▪ Require transparency regarding medical outcomes, quality of care, costs and prices.</li> </ul> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>While government requires corporations to budget for future pension and health care costs, our government ignores those requirements. No family or private sector business could keep its books the way Washington keeps ours....We <i>will not</i> raise taxes instead of reducing health care costs....Chronic diseases—in many cases, preventable conditions—are driving health care costs, consuming three of every four health care dollars. We can reduce demand for medical care by fostering personal responsibility within a culture of wellness, while increasing access to preventive services, including improved nutrition and breakthrough medications that keep people healthy and out of the hospital.</p>

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<a href="#">Health Care Reform</a>	<p>Sen. Obama will provide affordable, comprehensive and portable health coverage for every American; modernize the U.S. health care system to contain spiraling health care costs and improve the quality of patient care; and promote prevention and strengthen public health, to prevent disease and protect against natural and man-made disasters....He will make a National Health Plan featuring guaranteed eligibility; benefits similar to those offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; affordable premiums, co-pays, and deductibles; subsidies for those who do not qualify for Medicaid or SCHIP but still need assistance; reduced paperwork; easy enrollment; portability; and quality standards....He will create a National Health Insurance Exchange to help individuals who wish to purchase a private insurance plan.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>If one thing came through in the platform hearings, it was that Democrats are united around a commitment that every American man, woman, and child be guaranteed affordable, comprehensive healthcare.</p>	<p>Every family will receive a direct refundable tax credit—effectively cash—of \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families to offset the cost of insurance....Sen. McCain will work with governors to develop a best practice model that states can follow—a Guaranteed Access Plan or GAP—that would reflect the best experience of the states to ensure these patients have access to health coverage. One approach would establish a nonprofit corporation that would contract with insurers to cover patients who have been denied insurance and could join with other state plans to enlarge pools and lower overhead costs. There would be reasonable limits on premiums, and assistance would be available for Americans below a certain income level.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>Republicans believe the key to real reform is to give control of the health care system to patients and their health care providers, not bureaucrats in government or business....Republicans support the private practice of medicine and oppose socialized medicine in the form of a government-run universal health care system.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Influenza Pandemic</a> (see also Disaster Planning and Public Health)</p>	<p>“We must provide our public health system across the country with the surge capacity to confront a crisis and improve our ability to cope with infectious diseases. I will invest in new vaccines and technology to detect attacks and to trace them to their origin, so that we can react in a timely fashion. I have pledged to invest \$10 billion per year over the next 5 years in electronic health information systems to not only improve routine health care, but also ensure that these systems will give health officials the crucial information they need to deploy resources and save lives in an emergency. I will help hospitals form collaborative networks to deal with sudden surges in patients and will ensure that the U.S. has adequate supplies of medicines, vaccines, and diagnostic tests and can get these vital products into the hands of those who need them.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>		<p>“First, we must limit the spread of disease to the United States. Second, we must limit the spread of disease within the United States. This must be accomplished at the community level with strategies that have worked in past pandemics and can be adapted to a current crisis. Third, we must mitigate symptoms of the disease and minimize suffering and death with effective treatments and countermeasures. And fourth, we must maintain a functioning economy, public service sector and community.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>	<p>To protect the American people from the threats we face in the century ahead, we must develop and stockpile medicines and vaccines so we can deliver them where urgently needed. Our health care infrastructure must have the surge capacity to handle large numbers of patients in times of crisis, whether it is a repeat of Hurricane Katrina, a flu pandemic, or a bioterror attack on multiple cities. Republicans will ensure that this infrastructure, including the needed communications capacity, is closely integrated into our homeland security needs.</p>

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<a href="#">Intellectual Property and Biomedical Patents</a>	<p>By improving predictability and clarity in our patent system, we will help foster an environment that encourages innovation. Giving the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) the resources to improve patent quality and opening up the patent process to citizen review will reduce the uncertainty and wasteful litigation that is currently a significant drag on innovation. As president, Barack Obama will ensure that our patent laws protect legitimate rights while not stifling innovation and collaboration.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will ensure that our patent laws protect legitimate rights while not stifling innovation and creativity.</p>	<p>For many important technologies, the only effective way to challenge a patent in the United States is through litigation, but litigation on patents is much too expensive. The lack of an affordable, reliable means to ensure that the Government only grants valid patents has led to overly broad, frivolous lawsuits designed to force innovative companies into big settlements.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>The United States leads in this research, as evidenced by our growing biotechnology industry, but foreign competition is increasing. One way government can help preserve the promise of American innovation is to ensure that our intellectual property laws remain robust.</p>
<a href="#">Medical Error</a>	<p>Sen. Obama will require providers to report preventable medical errors and support hospital and physician practice improvement to prevent future occurrences.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>By working with the medical community to improve quality, these reforms [to the health care system] will have the added benefit of reducing the prevalence of lawsuits related to medical errors.</p>	<p>Medicaid and Medicare should not pay for preventable medical errors or mismanagement.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>The simple step of modernizing recordkeeping will mean faster, more accurate treatment, fewer medical errors, and lower costs.</p>
<a href="#">Mental Health in Children and Adolescents</a>	<p>Sen. Obama will support mental health parity so that coverage for serious mental illnesses is provided on the same terms and conditions as other illnesses and diseases.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>We will finally achieve long-overdue mental health and addiction treatment parity.</p>		<p>A culture of wellness needs to include the treatment of mental health conditions. We believe all Americans should have access to affordable, quality health care, including individuals struggling with mental illness. For this reason, we believe it is important that mental health care be treated equally with physical health care.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Nature, Human Nature and Biotechnology</a> (see also Environment and Health)</p>	<p>“believes that we have a responsibility to our children to leave this Earth better than we found it. All Americans have an interest in the protection and proper maintenance of our irreplaceable national treasures. Conservation is also vitally important to providing clean drinking water, cleaning our air and reducing greenhouse gas pollution. Barack Obama believes we need a new vision for conservation that both protects our existing publicly-owned lands while dramatically expanding investments in protecting and restoring forests, grasslands, and wetlands across America for generations to come.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>			<p>The Republican perspective on the environment is in keeping with our longstanding appreciation for nature and gratitude for the bounty the Almighty has bestowed upon the American people. It was Republican President Theodore Roosevelt who said, “The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem, it will avail us little to solve all others.” We agree. Whether through family vacations, hunting or fishing trips, backpacking excursions, or weekend hikes, Americans of all backgrounds share a commitment to protecting the environment and the opportunities it offers. In addition, the public should have access to public lands for recreational activities such as hunting, hiking, and fishing.</p>
<p><a href="#">Personalized Medicine and Genomics</a></p>	<p>“Concerned about the premature introduction of genetic testing into the public domain without appropriate oversight, I introduced the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act of 2007 aimed at ensuring the safety and accuracy of such testing.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>			

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<p><a href="#">Public Health</a> (see also Influenza Pandemic and Disaster Planning)</p>	<p>Sen. Obama will require coverage of preventive services, including cancer screenings, and increase state and local preparedness for terrorist attacks and natural disasters.... He believes that protecting and promoting health and wellness in this nation is a shared responsibility among individuals and families, school systems, employers, the medical and public health workforce, and federal and state and local governments. Each must do their part, as well as collaborate with one another, to create the conditions and opportunities that will allow and encourage Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>Health and wellness is a shared responsibility among individuals and families, school systems, employers, the medical and public health workforce and government at all levels. We will ensure that Americans can benefit from healthy environments that allow them to pursue healthy choices. Additionally, as childhood obesity rates have more than doubled in the last 30 years, we will work to ensure healthy environments in our schools...Achieving our health goals requires strengthening the safety-net programs, safety-net providers, and public health infrastructure to fill in gaps and ensure public safety in times of disease outbreak or disaster.</p>	<p>“We need to create a ‘next generation’ of chronic disease prevention, early intervention, new treatment models and public health infrastructure. We need to use technology to share information on ‘best practices’ in health care so every physician is up-to-date. We need to adopt new treatment programs and financial incentives to adopt ‘health habits’ for those with the most common conditions such as diabetes and obesity that will improve their quality of life and reduce the costs of their treatment.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign speech, April 29, 2008</a></p>	<p>We envision a new Medicaid partnership with the states, improving public health through flexibility and innovation.</p>
<p><a href="#">Quality Improvement Methods in Health Care</a></p>	<p>Participating hospitals and providers that participate in the new public plan will be required to collect and report data to ensure that standards for health care quality, health information technology and administration are being met....Sen. Obama will require hospitals and providers to collect and publicly report measures of health care costs and quality, including data on preventable medical errors, nurse staffing ratios, hospital-acquired infections, and disparities in care, and costs.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>			

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<p><a href="#">Stem Cells</a> (see also Cloning)</p>	<p>“Embryonic stem cells remain the “gold standard,” and studies of all types of stem cells should continue in parallel for the foreseeable future....Rather than restrict the funding of such research, I favor responsible oversight of it, in accord with recent reports from the National Research Council.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Science Debate 2008</a></p>	<p>We need to invest in biomedical research and stem cell research, so that we are at the leading edge of prevention and treatment....We will lift the current Administration’s ban on using federal funding for embryonic stem cells—cells that would have otherwise have been discarded and lost forever—for research that could save lives.</p>	<p>Sen. McCain opposes the intentional creation of human embryos for research purposes....He voted to make it a federal crime “for researchers to use cells or fetal tissue from an embryo created for research purposes.” “McCain will strongly support funding for promising research programs, including amniotic fluid and adult stem cell research and other types of scientific study that do not involve the use of human embryos.</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign website</a></p>	<p>Taxpayer-funded medical research must be based on sound science, with a focus on both prevention and treatment, and in accordance with the humane ethics of the Hippocratic Oath. In that regard, we call for a major expansion of support for the stem-cell research that now shows amazing promise and offers the greatest hope for scores of diseases with adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells without the destruction of embryonic human life.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Torture: The Bioethics Perspective</a></p>	<p>“We'll reject torture—without exception or equivocation; we'll close Guantanamo.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">campaign speech, October 10, 2007</a></p>	<p>We reject torture... We will not ship away prisoners in the dead of night to be tortured in far off countries, or detain without trial or charge prisoners who can and should be brought to justice for their crimes, or maintain a network of secret prisons to jail people beyond the reach of the law. We will respect the time-honored principle of habeas corpus, the seven century-old right of individuals to challenge the terms of their own detention that was recently reaffirmed by our Supreme Court. We will close the detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, the location of so many of the worst constitutional abuses in recent years. With these necessary changes, the attention of the world will be directed where it belongs: on what terrorists have done to us, not on how we treat suspects.</p>	<p>“We will fight the terrorists and at the same time defend the rights that are the foundations of our societies. We cannot torture or treat inhumanely the suspected terrorists that we have captured. We must close the detention facility at Guantanamo and come to a common international understanding on the disposition of dangerous detainees under our control.”</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Financial Times op-ed, March 19, 2008</a></p>	<p>We deplore the [Supreme] Court's arbitrary extension of Americans' habeas corpus rights to enemy combatants held abroad.</p>