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Sarah Palin

Barack Obama

		
Age	44	48
Children	5: two sons, three daughters	2: two daughters
Religion/Church attendance	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 Black Value System
Current Job	Governor of Alaska	Junior Senator from Illinois
Previous Public Jobs	Mayor of Wasilla, AK (1996-2002); President of Alaska Conference of Mayors; City Council member (1992-1996)	State Senator (1997-2004); Community Organizer
Executive Experience	Governor for 2 years; Mayor for 10 years	None

Foreign Relations experience	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
Military Affairs experience	Commander in Chief of Alaska National Guard; Son is enlisted Infantryman in U.S. Army	None
Private Sector Experience	Sports reporter; Salmon fisherman	Associate at civil rights law firm
Speaking ability	Beautifully executed initial stump speech in Dayton, OH hockey arena without a teleprompter	An enter...wait--did you say <i>without a teleprompter??</i>

Spouse's name	Todd Mitchell Palin	Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama
Spouse's occupation	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
Reaction to spouse's political success	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
Coollest thing about Spouse	Tesoro Iron Dog Snowmobile race champion (longest snowmobile race in the world); 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.	Sister of Oregon State University head basketball coach Craig Robinson
In Current Office Because..	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
Theme:	Change and Clean Government	Hope and Change; "Bringing Change from Outside Washington"
What they've done to live that theme:	Replaced entire Board of Agriculture and Conservation because of conflict of interest;	Selected 36-year incumbent Senator as running mate

	Resigned from position of Ethics Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in order to expose corruption among members of own party	
Family Affairs	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
Union affiliation	Union member, married to Union member	Endorsed by a union
Iraq and Troop Support	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;	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

	Son deploying to Iraq on 9/11/08 as Army infantryman	
Bipartisan/"maverick" credentials	<p>Married to a non-Republican;</p> <p>Exposed corruption within own party;</p> <p>Campaigned for Lt Gov. Sean Parnell against corrupt GOP congressman Don Young;</p> <p>Called out Sen Ted Stevens (R-AK) to "come clean" about financial dealings that are under fed investigation</p>	Talks about bipartisanship
Legislative Record	<p>Passed a landmark ethics reform bill;</p> <p>Used veto to cut budgetary spending;</p>	Voted "present" over 100 times as IL state senator

	Prevented "bridge to nowhere" that would have cost taxpayers \$400 million dollars.	
How they dealt with corrupt individuals in home city/state	Exposed legal violations and conflicts of interest of Alaska Republican leaders;	Launched political career in home of unrepentant domestic terrorist Bill Ayers
Earmarks	<p>Opposed "Bridge to Nowhere" project;</p> <p>Said Alaska should avoid relying on federal money for projects;</p> <p>Campaigned against porker Don Young (R-AK) in 2008 primary</p>	Secured federal earmarks for wife's employer and for campaign bundlers
Abortion	<p>Pro life;</p> <p>gave birth to 5th child knowing that he would have Down's syndrome</p>	<p>Pro-choice;</p> <p>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</p>
Energy	Believes energy independence is a matter of national security;	Says Americans should "get tune-ups" and "check

	For drilling in ANWR, which is in her state	tire pressure"; Says "we can't expect the world to be okay with" our use of heating and air conditioning
Environment	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
Athletic prowess	Runs marathons	Has reporters tailing him to the gym