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Gore-Obama 2008



The Dream Team

Vision
Integrity
Leadership

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Our Principles

➤ **Democrats must win the White House in 2008.**

The fate of our economy, health care, justice system, moral leadership, and the planet itself is in jeopardy.

➤ **Democrats must not believe victory is inevitable.**

Justice and morality is no guarantee. Overestimating your own candidate's capabilities or underestimating your opponent's capabilities costs elections.

➤ **We need the largest possible margin of victory.**

Large margins translate across the country into more Democratic wins at every level of government.

➤ **We must have the strongest possible TEAM.**

The wrong team can lose, even with one great member. We all have our favorite candidates but must focus on overall victory.

➤ **We must have a TEAM that can show:**

1. *Non-polarizing support across the Democratic Party.*
2. *Support from Independent & Moderate Republican voters.*
3. *Creation of new waves of politically active Americans.*
4. *A respected, engaging message with vision and integrity.*
5. *A history of making correct decisions.*
6. *Respected experience.*
7. *Serious fundraising ability against the Republican machine.*

We know your favorite candidate is respected and has many of these qualities, but nationwide only two candidates have them all: Al Gore and Barack Obama.

Recognizing that fact and acting on it early is the key to a sweeping nationwide Democratic victory in 2008.

A Small Portion of the Case for Obama

A Charismatic and Engaging Candidate

Obama electrifies a crowd wherever he goes and will draw new people to the voting booth. Presidential contests are, in large part, referendums on the perceived character of the candidates. Many voters, including a large percentage of so-called "swing voters," rely on visceral or emotional criteria every bit as much as intellectual criteria (which Obama already has plenty of). And it's not just about getting elected. The more talented and charismatic a president is, the better his or her chances are of actually accomplishing something meaningful in office.

Sound Judgment on Iraq

In late 2002, in the lead up to the invasion of Iraq, it seemed like everyone went collectively nuts. The press, including most liberal pundits, was accepting everything the administration was saying at face value. They were failing to ask obvious questions and vilifying those who did. Amidst this hysteria, Obama, got up in front of a crowd in Chicago and said:

"Now let me be clear: I suffer no illusions about Saddam Hussein. He is a brutal man. A ruthless man. A man who butchers his own people to secure his own power. The world, and the Iraqi people, would be better off without him. But I also know that Saddam poses no imminent and direct threat to the United States, or to his neighbors and that in concert with the international community he can be contained until, in the way of all petty dictators, he falls away into the dustbin of history.

I know that even a successful war against Iraq will require a U.S. occupation of undetermined length, at undetermined cost, with undetermined consequences. I know that an invasion of Iraq without a clear rationale and without strong international support will only fan the flames of the Middle East, and encourage the worst, rather than best, impulses of the Arab world, and strengthen the recruitment arm of al-Qaeda."

What he said then was not only incredibly astute, it was politically courageous. It's easy to forget how few politicians were willing to say anything like this in public back then.

A Small Portion of the Case for Gore

A Leader with a Vision and a Moral Compass

Al Gore has always been ahead of the curve and issues like reforming government, war and peace. The climate crisis may be a popular topic today, but Gore was pounding on this issue long before Washington began to wake. Democratic politicians wave their environmental banners but they all are following Gore.

A proven winner

Despite the election fiascos and scandals in 2000, Gore still proved that he can win the popular vote in the presidential election. With millions of former Bush supporters experiencing buyer's remorse and outraged at the fiscal irresponsibility of the Republicans have brought, now is the time to sell the moderate Democratic message.

A statesman with experience to be President

Eight years in the House, elected to two terms as Senator, and eight years as Vice President. No other Democrat has credentials like Gore and the American people know it. His international reputation and respect has continued to grow despite not being in office and he has working relationships with international leaders.

The Truth About Energy Use at Gore's Home

Gore was repeatedly attacked for his home's energy use and lack of solar panels. The truth is that the zoning rules barred all rooftop solar panels. Zoning did not differentiate between gasoline powered generators and solar panels and all electrical generators were required to be on the ground level. The town promised to make changes but asked for time. Gore did not want to portray the town leaders in a bad light so he refrained from defending himself. Solar panels will be installed.

Carbon offsetting reduces net carbon emissions, thereby achieving a net reduction of greenhouse gases. Proxies are used who reduce their emissions or increase absorption of greenhouse gases. Tree planting is currently the most common method for increasing absorption.

YOU Are the Solution

"Vigilant adherence to the rule of law strengthens our democracy and strengthens America. It ensures that those who govern us operate within our constitutional structure, which means that our democratic institutions play their indispensable role in shaping policy and determining the direction of our nation. It means that the people of this nation ultimately determine its course and not executive officials operating in secret without constraint."

Former Vice President Al Gore
Martin Luther King Day, 2006

"The true test of the American ideal is whether we're able to recognize our failings and then rise together to meet the challenges of our time. Whether we allow ourselves to be shaped by events and history, or whether we act to shape them. Whether chance of birth or circumstance decides life's big winners and losers, or whether we build a community where, at the very least, everyone has a chance to work hard, get ahead, and reach their dreams."

Illinois Senator Barack Obama
June 4, 2005



About Us

We are the nationwide grassroots movement dedicated to bringing together the "Dream Team" of Former Vice President Al Gore and Illinois Senator Barack Obama for the 2008 Presidential Election.

Among potential candidates, these two leaders represent the best values and vision of all the American people. Our goal is to enable these leaders to join forces as early as possible by helping them identify supporters and volunteers.

Join us today at www.go-08.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Why Gore-Obama 2008?

Can you think of a stronger Democratic ticket for 2008 that can also bring in Independent and moderate Republican voters? Seriously, can you? Several of the possible candidate combinations are good, but Gore-Obama is great. Good combinations can lose elections, great combinations do not.

Gore has avoided a “Sherman Statement” but has not announced his candidacy. Will Al Gore actually run in 2008?

We believe that he can be convinced to. Remember that for the 2000 election he did not announce until mid-June 1999. More importantly, Gore does not face the same fundraising pressures that the announced candidates do in order to establish name recognition and get their message out. Gore’s current environmental activities give him a continuous high profile in the media without the need for fundraising.

What does Gore have that the announced candidates lack?

Above and beyond his experience in Congress, Gore has eight years experience in the White House – no other Democrat can touch this. He has the proven ability to get over 50 million votes for president - Democrats should not take the 2008 election for granted.

Gore has broad international respect from foreign leaders and their constituents. This is a critical factor in creating productive working relationships to address serious international issues where leaders do not want to alienate their own electorates.

Obama said “You don’t run for Vice President”. How does that change your efforts for a Gore-Obama ticket in 2008?

It doesn’t hurt Gore-Obama 2008 efforts at all. In fact, it actually helps us. Moreover, we would be disappointed if Senator Obama stated he wanted to run for Vice President. The Vice President should capably demonstrate they can assume the role of President and the best way to do so is by running for President. As Senator Obama continues to strengthen the case for his presidency, he simultaneously strengthens his position as the best Vice Presidential choice for Gore.

What do Al Gore and Barack Obama have that the other potential candidate combinations do not?

There are many factors. Both are highly respected, not only within the Democratic Party, but by Independent and moderate Republican swing voters – a critical factor for victory in 2008. In addition only Gore and Obama have generated large new waves of energized and politically aware American voters. They are the only two who individually meet the multi-point criteria (page 2)

How are you different from “Draft Gore” movements?

Obviously, we are inextricably linked to “Draft Gore” movements. But we also believe the best way for the Democrats to take back the White House in 2008 is to run with the strongest possible team. As Americans we vote for two leaders and should have a say in the selection of both.

Assuming Al Gore was the Democratic candidate for President in 2008, would Senator Obama accept the offer of a Vice Presidential slot?

Yes, we are sure that he would. Senator Obama cares deeply about our country and wants to serve the people. He knows, as do the other candidates, that being Vice President is a powerful position for shaping policy. However, his current focus must be on making the case for his own presidency and we would not expect him to consider responding to such a suggestion until after Al Gore is established in the race.

Assuming Gore was the Democratic candidate in 2008, would he offer Senator Obama the Vice Presidential slot?

Yes, we believe that he would because of the widespread support for Senator Obama. American is a democracy and we elect our leaders. There is no reason whatsoever that we should not have a voice in both the Presidential and Vice Presidential selection. A presidential candidate may be great but a bad choice for a running mate can harm a race.

Vote by vote, precinct by precinct, door by door, election by election, we will take this country back for the people who built it.
Gov. Howard Dean, Chair, Democratic National Committee