

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE AFL-CIO

MORE THAN 50 MILLION PEOPLE RELY ON SOCIAL SECURITY.



Something that John McCain called an
“**absolute
disgrace.**”

McCain called the system that has allowed millions of seniors to retire with dignity an “absolute disgrace.” Yet he received \$23,157 last year in Social Security checks. (McCain at a Denver town hall meeting, 7/7/08; Associated Press, 7/17/08)

McCain wants to privatize Social Security. He says he is “totally in favor” of personal savings account schemes and will consider raising the retirement age. (*Wall Street Journal*, 3/3/08)

**Barack Obama
will protect our
retirement.**



He strongly opposes risky privatization schemes, will eliminate income taxes for seniors making less than \$50,000 a year and will work to strengthen Medicare. (Obama campaign website, accessed 8/4/08; *Quad-City Times*, 9/21/07)

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