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Arts Positions of the 2008 Presidential Candidates

	Sen. Barack Obama Democratic Nominee	Sen. John McCain Republican Nominee
Campaign has met with Americans for the Arts Action Fund to discuss policy issues.	Yes Meeting held 4/1/08	Yes Meeting held 4/1/08
Campaign has published policy proposals on the arts and/or arts education.	Yes Read policy proposal , 2/28/08	No
Candidate has made statement on federal support of the arts.	Yes View Pennsylvania speech , 4/2/08	No
Candidate has made statement on federal support of arts education.	Yes View Texas speech , 2/28/08	Yes Read statement , 10/3/08
National party platform includes statement on the arts and/or arts education.	Yes Read platform (p.49), 8/25/08	No
Candidate has pro-arts Congressional record.	Yes Co-sponsored S. 548 , Artist-Museum Partnership Act	No Voted to cut funding or terminate the National Endowment for the Arts (see listing of votes*)

*Roll call votes on [7/12/00](#), [8/5/99](#), [9/15/98](#), [9/18/97](#), [9/17/97](#), [7/25/94](#), [9/15/93](#), [9/15/93](#), and [9/14/93](#)

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