

Summary: The Candidates on Trade and Human Rights and the George W. Bush position¹

Issue	Obama	Clinton	Romney	McCain	Huckabee	George W. Bush
Overall view of trade	Trade is good but needs a broad rethink	Trade is good, but we need to review existing agreements, maybe take a timeout	Trade is good	Trade is good	Trade is not creating enough opportunities and is not “fair” for many Americans	<i>Trade can stimulate democratization and economic growth</i>
Labor rights in trade agreements (A, B)	Yes, ILO standards	Yes		No	Talks about “fair trade”	<i>Link in bilaterals, but not WTO</i>
Colombia free trade agreement	No	No	Yes	Yes		<i>Yes</i>
End Cuba embargo (C)	Yes	No	No	No, but add incentives for democracy	No	<i>No</i>
Increase sanctions on Burma	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Trade as tool to promote democracy (A)				League of democracy	US should not export democracy	<i>US should explicitly link trade and democracy</i>
Revisions to China trade (E)	Link trade and labor rights	Link trade and workers rights	Enforce IPR		Link trade, human rights	<i>No explicit link.</i>

Sources: Candidates web sites and **A-** William Shultz, Center for American Progress, “Presidential Candidate Positions on Human Rights; **B-** Iowa Fair Trade Campaign, <http://www.iowafairtrade.org/labor.php>; **C-** on Cuba, <http://www.cfr.org/publication/14758/>; , **D-** on trade and poverty, One Vote 08, at <http://www.onevote08.org/ontherecord/>, **E,** Candidates on China, http://www.cfr.org/publication/14759/candidates_on_us_policy_toward_china.html?breadcrumb=%2Fcampaign2008%2Findex all last searched 15 January, 2007.

¹ On Hillary Clinton, see <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601070&sid=atUKcP4eSEvY&refer=politics> and [://www.cfr.org/bios/8211/hillary_rodham_clinton.html](http://www.cfr.org/bios/8211/hillary_rodham_clinton.html). Romney http://mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Trade_Policy_Advisory_Group . On McCain, http://www.ontheissues.org/John_McCain.htm#Free_Trade; and <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/0B8E4DB8-5B0C-459F-97EA-D7B542A78235.htm>. On Huckabee see <http://www.mikehuckabee.com/?FuseAction=Issues.Home>