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The undecideds

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As the NY Times [reports](#) this morning, it does seem somewhat incredible that some 4% of US voters still say that they are undecided two days before the election (and a few are apparently ready to flip a coin?!)

If any of those still-undecideds happen upon this website, here's a set of links to articles on the candidates' positions on health and science issues:

Health care policy and global health

JAMA has published statements by [Obama](#) and [McCain](#) describing their respective health care plans.

The New England Journal of Medicine has published many articles on the election, including [discussions](#) of the candidates' health care plans, the challenges facing the next president regarding [reproductive health](#), and more. All of them are available here.

The Lancet evaluates "[Obama vs. McCain on global health](#)."

Mental health and addiction

From PsychCentral: "[McCain and Obama on Mental Health and Psychology Issues](#)."

From Addiction Inbox: An examination of [Obama](#) and [McCain](#)'s policies in regard to drugs and the drug war.

From the National Alliance on Mental Illness: "[Mental Health: The Candidates & Party Platforms](#)."

Science, medical research and bioethics

From Scientific American: "[Obama and McCain on science: Where do they stand?](#)" and "[Science Questions for Would-be Presidents](#)."

Obama's campaign answers questions posed by Nature on science-related policy—very broadly conceived—[here](#) and [here](#). (The

McCain campaign declined to answer the questionnaire). And [here](#) is Nature's subsequent endorsement of Obama.

Sciencedebate 2008 asks the candidates 14 science-related questions.

An open letter by 76 US Nobel laureates also endorsing Barack Obama.

From the Hastings Center: "[Obama and McCain on Bioethics](#)."

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