

## **The 2008 Election**

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(This article is based upon the Obama birth data that was available in the spring of 2008. Since that time, there has been controversy about his birth origin. Philip Berg (D-Pa.) has filed a suit stating that Obama was born in Kenya. From Central Province Hospital in Mombasa, a certificate states that the birth data is 7:24 pm on 8/4/61. Thus, the birth time used is not certain, although I think that the horoscope utilized is correct).

Before we look at the candidates, note that Mars squares Neptune and Saturn opposes Uranus on Election Day. This suggests a difficult election process. The first aspect suggests voter fraud. The second implies some breakdown in the election process, especially where computers are involved. These aspects likely reflect the efforts of ACORN to fraudulently recruit voters in such numbers that the election apparatus breaks down.

Senator Obama (8/4/1961 at 1:06 pm in Honolulu, rectified to 1:03:12 pm) has the lead. He benefited from progressed Sun trine progressed Jupiter (exact in March) in the spring. This aspect has a time orb of about 9 months applying and 9 months separating, so he is feeling the tailwind of this very beneficial and protective progression. Hillary Clinton faced an uphill battle in the spring primaries in the form of afflictions from Pluto. Pluto represents power, and the power behind the throne turned against her. They apparently have decided that Obama can carry their agenda better than Hillary.

Let us consider some non-planetary factors. Economics plays a large part in voters' minds, as George Bush senior discovered in 1992. The current business situation bodes ill for the Republicans. In addition, a falling stock market prior to the election has been correlated to a victory for the challenger. In addition, the current era is comparable to the 1970s. We have soaring commodity prices, conflict with Iran, a volatile stock market, the winding down of an unpopular war, and a hostile media. This reminds me of the second Nixon administration, which was followed by the election of Jimmy Carter. Comparisons between Carter and Obama have already been made. In addition, Brezinski, Carter's security advisor, is now Obama's foreign policy advisor. Carter was an unknown with little experience who inherited a difficult situation. Obama fits the same mold.

Barack Obama has Jupiter sextile his ascendant on Election Day. His ascendant will be trined by a slowing Uranus all month. This will likely enable him to project his persona to voters in a positive manner. People have confidence in his message. Neptune has been and remains opposite his MC. Neptune can benefit his image, but he will likely have to fend off some issues about honesty and leftist politics. Recall how Reverend Wright damaged his campaign. These questions may revolve around his wife or another female. Adding in the Uranian planets, we see that his progressed Sun was also moving over progressed Apollon. The orb is now separating by more than one degree, but the conjunction still radiates a positive effect. Sun-Apollon is one of the best combinations for success. The Saturn-Uranus opposition on Election Day does not make serious afflictions to his chart.

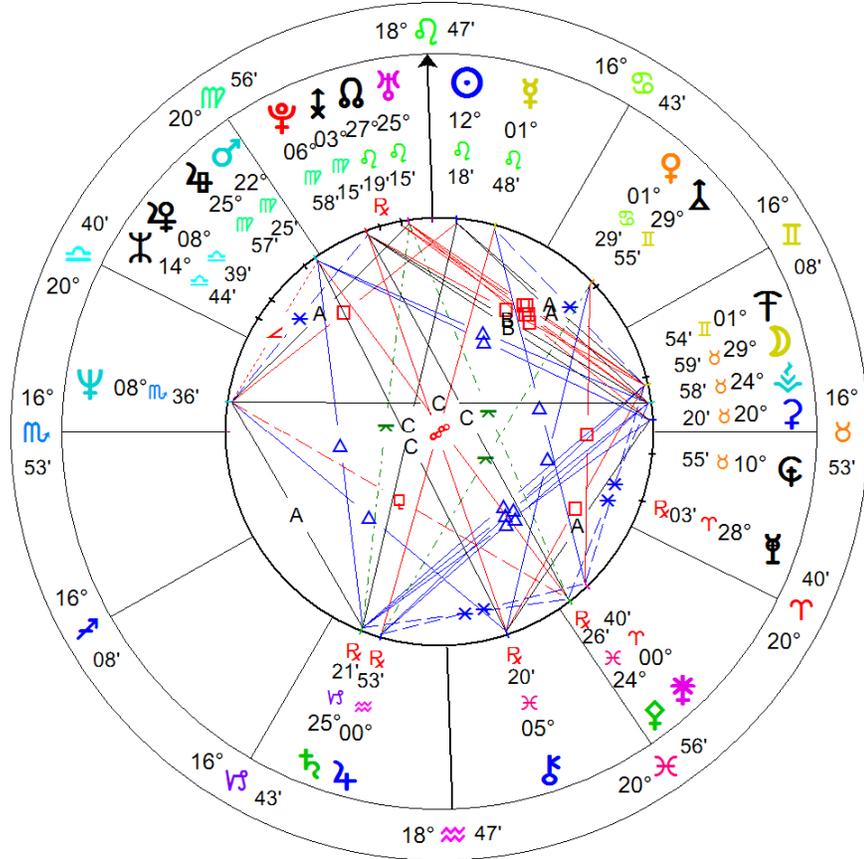
John McCain was reportedly born at 9 am on August 29, 1936 at Coco Solo Air Base in the Panama Canal Zone. However, I rectified the chart time to 8:36 am. The Saturn-Uranus opposition activates his Saturn (16 Virgo)- Uranus (20 Pisces) opposition. It is also on the following natal midpoints: Sun/Mercury, Sun/Node, Venus/Jupiter and Uranus/Pluto. These are not favorable contacts. Charles Jayne and Ed Johndro taught that eclipses dominate and rule periods of time. The last solar eclipse was at 9 Leo 32 on August 1<sup>st</sup>. It is square his natal Uranus at 9 Taurus 30. This eclipse is in the same axis at that of November 2, 1967 at 9 Scorpio 07. On July 29, 1967, he was nearly killed in an explosion on the deck of the carrier Forrestal (we can watch a film of this event on Youtube). On October 26, 1967, McCain was shot down over North Vietnam and captured. If my 8:36 birth time is correct, then his progressed MC at this time was at 10 Leo 53, square natal Uranus at 9 Taurus and square the November 1967 eclipse at 9 Scorpio and approaching his natal Mars at 12 Leo. (In addition, his natal MC becomes 10 Cancer 50, the north helio node of Jupiter, the same connection that is in the natal chart of Bill Clinton. This is a very favorable connection for reputation and relations with the media. For example, he was released from POW captivity on March 14, 1973 prior to the solar eclipse of June 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 Cancer 32. As an ex-POW and the son of an admiral, he received favorable publicity. In addition, his progressed MC was at 16 Leo, trine natal Jupiter at 15 Sag on one side and trine the malefic Hades (15 Aries) of the Uranian system on the other. This degree was eclipsed again in 1982 when he was elected to Congress. On the date of marriage number two, progressed MC was conjunct the natal asteroid Juno within 23 minutes of arc while the progressed ascendant was conjunct the asteroid Ceres within 2 minutes.) Thus, an eclipse in the 9-10 fixed sign axis has not been favorable for the Senator in the past. The eclipses in this axis stimulate his Mars and his fighting spirit, but the natal square to Uranus throws matters out of control.

During November, Saturn transits from 19 to 22 Virgo. McCain has the Sun and 4 natal planets in mutable signs plus 2 Uranian planets and the vertex. Although Saturn is not directly on any natal planets this month, I have heard that there is a Vedic principle that a transiting planet in a sign affects all of the natal planets in that sign whether these exist as a conventional aspect or not. If so, this bodes ill for McCain. Saturn will move over his Venus/Neptune midpoint at 19 Virgo 28 on November 9. This is an indicator of disappointment.

In separate articles in the spring of 2008, the upcoming inauguration horoscope was analyzed. The conclusion was that it reflected a more liberal and democratic administration than a conservative/republican government.

Adding up all of the factors, I must conclude that Barack Obama is favored to be the next president.

**BARACK OBAMA**  
 Natal Chart (23)  
 Aug 4 1961  
 1:03:12 pm AHST +10:00  
 HONOLULU, Hawaii  
 21°N18'25" 157°W51'30"  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node



**JOHN MCCAIN (R-AZ)**  
 Natal Chart (25)  
 Aug 29 1936  
 8:36 am EST +5:00  
 COCO SOLO AIR BASE  
 09°N22' 079°W53'  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Koch  
 True Node

