



JUST THE FACTS!

TITLE: "FACTCHECK'S EIGHT MOST NOTABLE PRIMARY MISLEADS"

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HOST

Welcome back to Just the Facts, the weekly vid-cast from FactCheck.org, I'm Emi Kolawole, and this week we're going to take a look back -- reflect, if you will -- on the eight primary claims that we judge to be the most notable attempts to spin the voters. So we start with No. 8:

GRAPHIC: OBAMA MAILER

HOST

This mailer from the Obama campaign claimed "1 million jobs have been lost because of NAFTA." In fact, most economic studies concluded that the trade deal had a small effect and may have even produced a net job gain. No. 7:

GRAPHIC: OBAMA AD

HOST

This Obama ad claims:

ANNOUNCER

On healthcare, even Bill Clinton's own labor secretary says Obama covers more people than Hillary, and does more to cut costs,

HOST

That one's false. Robert Reich never said Obama's plan would do more to cut costs. No. 6:

VIDEO: MCCAIN SPEECH

HOST

Here's John McCain on reviving the economy:

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

The great goal is to get the American economy running at full strength again – creating the opportunities Americans expect and the jobs Americans need. And one very direct way to achieve that is by taking the savings from earmark, program review, and other budget reforms, which is on the order of \$100 billion annually.

HOST

But budget experts say that cutting earmarks wouldn't lead to big savings. And, when we asked the McCain campaign, they said their candidate's planned savings would have nothing to do with eliminating earmarks and that he would, in fact, cut the discretionary budget. No. 5:

VIDEO: HILLARY CLINTON PRESS CONFERENCE

SEN. HILLARY CLINTON

I remember landing under sniper fire...

HOST

But there was no sniper fire when Hillary landed in Bosnia – She says so in her own book. No. 4 is a two-fer, here's part 1:

VIDEO: GIULIANI DEBATE FOOTAGE

FMR. MAYOR RUDY GIULIANI

When I was mayor of New York City, I encouraged adoptions. Adoptions went up 65 to 70 percent.

HOST

Actually, adoptions were only up 17 percent under Giuliani, and they were falling when he left office. And now for the dramatic conclusion of No. 4:

AUDIO: GIULIANI RADIO AD

FMR. MAYOR RUDY GIULIANI

My chances of surviving prostate cancer in England, only 44% under socialized medicine.

HOST

The actual five-year survival rate is 74.4 percent. Giuliani's bogus figure came from a conservative magazine author who – the real experts said – didn't know what he was talking about. Now No. 3:

VIDEO: MCCAIN/CLINTON GAS TAX HOLIDAY

SEN. HILLARY CLINTON

“...gas tax holiday...”

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

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HOST

Yes, the gas tax holiday. Both Senators Clinton and McCain offered one, but economists agreed neither plan was likely to lower the price of gasoline. No. 2:

VIDEO: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE AD

QUESTIONER

President Bush’s talked about our staying in Iraq for 50 Years

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

Maybe a hundred.

HOST

This Democratic Party ad uses dramatic images of war and violence, and edits out McCain’s crucial qualification:

VIDEO: MCCAIN TOWN HALL

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

...As long as Americans are not being injured, or harmed, or wounded or killed.

HOST

It leaves out any mention that McCain was referring to a peaceful presence like that in Japan or Korea. And now for No. 1:

GRAPHIC: FALSE E-MAILS

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Aunt Edna’s false and misleading e-mails top our list! These include a false e-mail that claims Senator Obama is a Muslim, one that says he won’t recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and a more recent one that contains a bunch of false or twisted quotes supposedly from his books. All are falsehoods. Like this one: “I found a solace in nursing a pervasive sense of grievance and animosity against my mother's race.” That quote supposedly comes from Obama’s book *Dreams from my Father*, and, what do you know, I happen to have right here! And that quote’s not anywhere in there.

So keep an eye out for repeats of and variations on these misleads in the general election. And for more details on all of these claims be sure to check out our website at www.factcheck.org. I'm Emi Kolawole, thanks for watching and see you next week.