



JUST THE FACTS!

TITLE: "IN CASE YOU MISSED IT"

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HOST

Welcome back to Just the Facts! the weekly vid-cast from FactCheck.org. I'm Emi Kolawole and we decided to end the week with a re-cap of some of the ads that may have caught you unaware. We found that, when it comes to out-and-out political ad falsehoods, video is far from killing the radio star:

AUDIO: OBAMA-BIDEN CAMPAIGN AD "STEM CELL"

Like this ad about stem-cell research from the Obama campaign:

ANNOUNCER

Stem-cell research could unlock cures for diabetes, cancer and Alzheimer's too. But John McCain has stood in the way – he's opposed stem cell research. Picked a running mate who's against it.

HOST

That's wrong. McCain supports both embryonic and adult stem cell research, but does not support the creation of embryonic stem cells for research purposes. It says so, right his website. McCain has held this position since 2001, when Nancy Reagan helped convince him to support stem cell research initiatives. But the ad is right about one thing: Sarah Palin does not support stem-cell research. But she and McCain have made it clear that his position would prevail if the ticket is elected.

AUDIO: MCCAIN-PALIN RADIO AD "CLEAN COAL"

But the Obama-Biden camp isn't the only side pushing false claims on the radio dial:

ANNOUNCER

For America, coal means energy independence. And clean coal means cleaner air. But Obama-Biden and their liberal allies oppose clean coal.

MCCAIN

Wrong. Obama's energy plan includes funding for clean coal initiatives. On the campaign website it says that "an Obama administration will provide incentives to accelerate private sector investment in commercial scale zero-carbon coal facilities." But the ad goes on, with this quote from Biden:

AUDIO: MCCAIN-PALIN RADIO AD "CLEAN COAL"**ANNOUNCER**

Listen to Joe Biden.

BIDEN

"No coal plants here in America." "We're not supporting clean coal."

HOST

The ad cuts Biden short, here's the full exchange:

VIDEO: BIDEN ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL**BIDEN**

I didn't hear what you said.

WOMAN

Wind and solar are flourishing here in Ohio, so why are you supporting clean coal?

BIDEN

We're not supporting clean coal. Guess what? China's building two every week, two dirty coal plants, and it's polluting the United States. It's causing people to die.

WOMAN

So will you support wind and solar...

BIDEN

Absolutely, before anybody did. The first guy to introduce a global warming bill was me, 22 years ago. The first guy to support solar energy was me, 26 years ago. It came out of Delaware. But guess what? China's going to burn 300 years of bad coal unless we figure out how to clean their coal up. Because it's going to grow in your lungs and there's nothing we can do about it. No coal plants here in America. Build them if they're going to build them over there, make them clean, because they're killing you.

HOST**GRAPHIC: DAVID WADE QUOTE**

Confusing, right? Late, a Biden spokesman tried to explain: “Senator Biden’s point is that China is building coal plants with outdated technology every day, and the United States needs to lead by developing clean coal technologies.”

VIDEO: OBAMA-BIDEN AD “SOLD OUT”

Last, we have these two TV ads from the Obama campaign that falsely accuse John McCain of selling out workers and supporting tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas:

ANNOUNCER

Corning shuts down its plant in Pennsylvania. Hundreds lose their jobs. Then the workers are rehired to disassemble the plant and ship the equipment to China. Washington sold them out with the help of people like John McCain.

HOST

The plant’s closing had nothing to do with any politician’s actions. The Corning plant produced cathode ray tubes for conventional televisions. So if you own a plasma or LCD TV, you’re looking at the reason why Corning workers lost their jobs. TV technology is changing, and cathode-ray TV prices are falling like a stone.

GRAPHIC: CORNING PLANT QUOTE

Corning issued a statement about the ad saying, “The ad’s facts . . . are presented out of context so that the underlining message is misleading. “ But what about the parts that were sent to China? No plant was ever built, and no jobs were created in China. The Chinese company that bought the parts lost funding.

But the Obama-Biden trade attacks have another misleading component, and it sounds something like this:

VIDEO: OBAMA-BIDEN AD “SHAKY ECONOMY”

ANNOUNCER

Bush-McCain Economics: Tax breaks for companies that export jobs...

HOST

U.S. Tax Code allows U.S. multinational corporations to defer taxes on profits made overseas, if the profits stay overseas. But experts agree now, like they did when John Kerry used the misleading claim to attack George W. Bush in 2004, that taxes have little to do with off-shoring, and that changing the tax code will do little to stop jobs from going overseas.

We also have a correction for our special edition episode covering the second presidential debate. During that episode, I said:

VIDEO: EPISODE #41: SPECIAL EDITION: THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

HOST/EP #41:

The president of the non-partisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget told CNN that Obama's major spending proposals would add \$213 billion dollars to the federal budget by 2013. And that McCain's proposals would add \$211 billion.

HOST

But that was wrong. Obama's plan has been projected to add \$286 billion to the federal deficit – not \$213 billion to the federal budget. The \$211 billion projection for McCain's proposals is correct.

And that's it for this episode of Just the Facts! For more on all of the political ads that are simmering under the debate hoopla, be sure to check out our website at www.factcheck.org. I'm Emi Kolawole, thanks for watching and see you next week.