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## THE TRUTH ABOUT BARACK OBAMA AND WILLIAM AYERS

Smear groups and now a desperate McCain campaign are trying to connect Barack to William Ayers using age-old guilt by association techniques. Here's the truth: the smear associating Barack to Ayers is "phony," "tenuous," — even "exaggerated at best if not outright false."

William Ayers is a professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, with whom Barack served on the board of an education-reform organization in the mid-1990's. According to the Associated Press, they are not close: "No evidence shows they were "pals" or even close when they worked on community boards years ago ..."

Smear groups and the McCain campaign are trying to connect Obama to acts Ayers committed 40 years ago — when Barack was just eight years old. Here's what the New York Times reported on the connection:

But the two men do not appear to have been close. Nor has Mr. Obama ever expressed sympathy for the radical views and actions of Mr. Ayers, whom he has called "somebody who engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago, when I was 8."

Barack has publicly denounced Ayers' radical actions from the 1960's:

Senator Obama strongly condemns the violent actions of the Weathermen group, as he does all acts of violence. But he was an eight-year-old child when Ayers and the Weathermen were active, and any attempt to connect Obama with events of almost forty years ago is ridiculous.

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