



## McCain, Biden Earn Different Treatment in Late Night Appearances

**John McCain showed up for "The Late Show" and Joe Biden showed up for "The Tonight Show" Thursday night -- but the tone of questions from hosts David Letterman and Jay Leno was just a skosh different.**

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The tone of the questions from the kings of late night was just a tad different Thursday night when Joe Biden and John McCain made their respective appearances with Jay Leno and David Letterman.



It turns out the hosts of the "Late Show" and "The Tonight Show" have not been entirely balanced in the way they dole out their political put-downs and wisecracks. A tally kept by the **Center for Media and Public Affairs** showed they've skewered Republicans over Democrats by a margin of seven-to-one in recent weeks.

Thursday night's must-see late night was no outlier.

See if you notice any familiar threads in the hosts' questions:

### **Letterman to McCain:**

"And for your part, when they go down the list, when they chronicle some of these things that are being hollered out from the crowd, regarding Barack Obama -- 'traitor, treason, terrorist' -- and so on and so forth -- and worse, as a matter of fact ... But, Senator, you yourself in previous campaigns have been the victim of some pretty nasty campaign abuse. So do you feel because of that or just because of your humanity you have a responsibility to lift your purpose here?"

"Now, I didn't know that Sarah Palin was governor of Alaska. I never heard of her. I mean, I knew Alaska was a state, and I knew they must have a governor. But I'd never heard of her ... And the question is, if she had been a man, would you also have selected him as a man?"

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### **Leno to Biden:**

"Can I call you Joe? Is that okay?"

"Let me ask you, McCain has been here many times over the last 10 or 15 years, and you know him very well. I saw, last night, odd facial expressions I have never seen before. I'm not being a wise guy. I mean, it seemed different. Did he seem different to you? You've known him a long time."

"This Joe the plumber guy, I don't know ... I think more people are afraid of plumbers than terrorists, actually. ... But it seems awful convenient and all -- I'm a little suspicious, but that's me, you know, worried about taxes. Does it seem real?"

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