

## McCain gives comedians more ammo



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John McCain, left, and Barack Obama, right

### **Late-night TV hosts take aim at senator's age, forgetfulness; but Obama also a favorite target**

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WASHINGTON—Presumptive Republican presidential candidate John McCain's forgetfulness has become the foil for wisecracking late-night TV hosts.

McCain has lost track of the number of homes his family owns, an admission that could also cause him pain in a campaign playing out in the middle of America's home foreclosure crisis.

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The Washington-based Center for Media and Public Affairs 2008 Political Humour Study, reports Obama has been the subject of 169 jokes from late-night hosts David Letterman, Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien this year, far fewer than McCain, who was the butt of 322 jokes.

But that gap narrows when Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert are added.

The top targets for the quintet:

George W. Bush: 605 jokes.

Hillary Clinton: 562

John McCain: 549

Barack Obama: 382

(Former New York governor) Eliot Spitzer: 240.

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