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## Inside Politics Weekend: Gettin' global

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### Gettin' global

Denver doesn't belong to the Democrats alone this week. A rival presence is afoot. Some two dozen staffers from Sen. **John McCain's** campaign have taken office space near the convention — which is a "A Mile High and an Inch Deep," they say.

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### Mirth worth

OK, everybody lighten up as we slouch toward Armageddon, Dunkin' Donuts or maybe Home Depot. Here's one Obama joke and one McCain joke free of charge, both from a study by **Robert Lichter**, director of the Center for Media and Public Affairs. He's got news about such things.

But first the jokes.

"His tour may strike some as presumptuous. In fact, I joked that Obama would be stopping in Bethlehem to visit the manger where he was born." — The Comedy Channel's **Jon Stewart**.

McCain was asked how he's going to conserve energy. He said by taking three naps a day." — NBC's **Jay Leno**.

Here are the findings from the Center's newly released "2008 Political Humor Study," which analyzed jokes made between Jan. 1 and July 31 on late night NBC, CBS and Comedy Central.

"**Barack Obama** still lags far behind **Hillary Clinton** and **John McCain** as the most joked-about presidential candidate in opening monologues by hosts on the late-night TV talk shows," the study said.

The tally? Mr. Obama garnered 382 jokes, Mr. McCain 549 and Sen. Hillary Clinton 562 jokes, despite her departure from the presidential race on June 7th. Former President Bill Clinton attracted 152 jokes while **President Bush** topped the list with 605 jokes.

### By the numbers

89 percent of Americans deem patriotism a "good" thing.

86 percent say voting is patriotic.

73 percent have displayed an American flag outside their homes.

67 percent say wearing an American flag pin is patriotic.

67 percent say helping America's environment is patriotic.

87 percent think they personally are patriotic.

56 percent say Sen. **Barack Obama** is patriotic.

74 percent say Sen. **John McCain** is patriotic.

79 percent say Democrats are patriotic.

70 percent say Republicans are patriotic.

92 percent say military troops are patriotic.

58 percent say teachers are patriotic.

Source: Greenberg Quinlan Rosner survey of 1,000 adults conducted Aug. 12-14.

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