

The Moral Economy Economic Policy Scorecard

Questions to Ask About the Candidate's Economic Policy*	Your Ranking (10 is highest)	
	McCain	Obama
Does the candidate clearly understand the economic realities facing American families?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate present a clear understanding of why American families are struggling economically? (Diagnosis is the first step to cure)	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate offer a convincing and integrated plan for how to create an economy that supports the American Dream of widespread opportunity, strong families, healthy communities, and a clean environment—a moral economy?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate have specific ideas for how to increase the wages and health and retirement benefits of large numbers of Americans?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate have a clear picture of how to give all workers lifelong training, portable skills, and upward mobility? (These are key to security and opportunity in today's economy)	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate support meaningful investment in the good, clean, and green jobs of the future? (This is critical for environmental reasons and to move the U.S. to the forefront of the wave of economic innovation required to address climate change.)	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate support giving workers a real choice to join a union so that low-wage jobs become middle class, more workers have access to good training and career advancement, and more businesses compete based on skills, quality, and productivity?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate support Smart Trade policies that would create good jobs here and abroad?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does the candidate support an economic stimulus plan that would kick-start the creation of a New Deal for a New Economy?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
Would the candidate assemble an economic team committed to achieving a moral economy?	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10
OVERALL CANDIDATE RATING OUT OF 100		

* The questions above are derived from Keystone Research Center's analysis of the current economy and of the policies necessary to restore more broadly shared prosperity. For more detail on the current economy, see *The State of Working Pennsylvania 2008*; on the latter, see also *Building a Moral Economy*, a draft text for a presidential candidate address on the economy from which KRC encourages both candidates to borrow as they campaign in Pennsylvania. Both sources can be found online at www.keystoneresearch.org