

What Should be Done with Joe Biden?

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Issue: Although he predicted it would not happen, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said it would be “wise” for President Obama to take Vice President Joe Biden off the Democratic presidential ticket and replace him with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. “I think it might be wise to do that but it’s not going to happen obviously, for a whole variety of reasons,” McCain said in an interview on Fox News. McCain had some harsh words ready for Biden, saying that the vice president “continues to say things that are unacceptable in American politics,” and specifically referenced Biden’s remarks in Danville, Virginia, where Biden said to the crowd, “look at their budget, and what they are proposing.

Romney wants to let - He said in the first hundred days, he’s going to let the big banks once again write their own rules. Unchain Wall Street. They’re going to put y’all back in chains.” McCain said the Vice President “crossed the line” this time and should be held accountable for that sort of remark. President Barack Obama is defending Biden against criticism of his remarks that Republican repeal of Wall Street regulations would put voters “back in chains.” In an interview with People magazine, Obama said Biden’s remarks meant consumers would be worse off if Republicans succeeded in doing away with new restraints on financial institutions. “In no sense was he trying to connote something other than that,” Obama said. Hundreds of black people were in the audience when Biden added, “They’re going to put y’all back in chains.” In Iowa for a bus tour, Obama said the reaction to Biden’s remarks was a function of politics, but he did not blame his vice president. “The truth is that during the course of these campaigns, folks like to get obsessed with how something was phrased even if everybody personally understands that’s not how it was meant,” Obama told the magazine. “That’s sort of the nature of modern campaigns and modern coverage of campaigns. But I tell you, when I’m traveling around Iowa, that’s not what’s on people’s minds.”

Question: Do you think Vice President Biden is more of a liability or an asset for the Obama campaign?

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Prisoners are chained. Dogs are chained. I'm sure other things too. Why does it have to mean slavery?



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When I heard his speech, slavery never even crossed my mind. He was talking about banks. I like Biden

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Every time Biden opens his mouth, it's something wrong. Hillary Clinton probably would be more of a vic



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This is a non-controversy. I don't know why it's being so hyped. And looking at all of these voter ID laws

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