

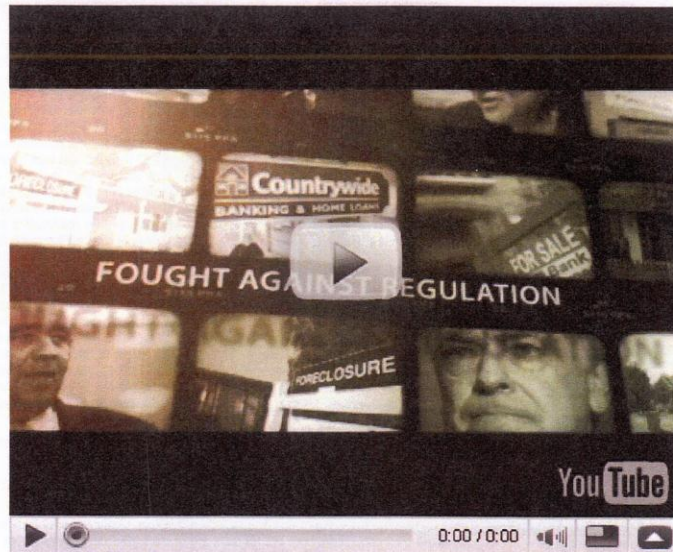
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LA CROSSE, WI — The McCain campaign and their allies at the RNC are putting money behind their latest attacks questioning Barack Obama's association with unrepentant 60's terrorist William Ayers and other individuals from his past. The spots continue the GOP attempt to sow seeds of doubt about Obama.



The campaign ad, "Ambition," attacks Obama's "blind ambition" in associating with Bill Ayers "when convenient" and argues that his judgment in that case is indicative of how he will deal with the economy. It is set to air nationally.

Meanwhile, the RNC spot casts Obama as a shady Chicago politician and takes aim at his relationship

And noting Obama's recent slied in the polls, she said, "But before we can get to the White House, we have to get through the primary right here in this state. And Barack Obama, as wonderful as we know he is, started out as the underdog in this race, and as far as I'm concerned, he will always be the underdog until the day he is sitting in the Oval Office. So that means we can't take anything for granted. Not a thing. Everybody has to vote."

Later, the family visited Barack Obama's maternal grandparents' home in tiny Kempton, Indiana, where they greeted about 20 or so locals behind the old, white home that sat in the middle of a sprawling cornfield. Perhaps hoping for a word-of-mouth campaign, the candidate really worked the small crowd as press watched from a distance, unable to see or hear much.

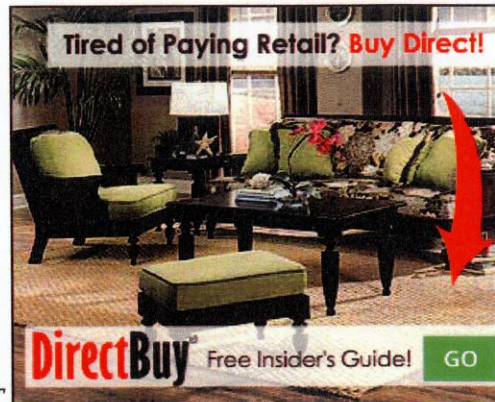
To cap off his day of small-time events, Barack Obama dropped by Great Skates skating rink in Lafayette. The candidate shook hands and mingled with the locals as '70s and 80's music blared from the speakers. Twice during the Village People's "YMCA," Barack Obama spelled the letters out with his arms over his head as one is inclined to do, and while his daughters Sasha and Malia dared to skate as the cameras documented their every fall, a wise Barack and Michelle Obama instead walked the rink donned in street shoes with their girls.

Obama took the microphone for just a few minutes after spending nearly an hour inside and noted, "I need all of you to go out there and talk to your friends and your neighbors and tell them that this is an extraordinary time and an extraordinary election and that the people of Indiana are gonna be able to make a decision about the future of our country. You can't let that chance pass by."

Tomorrow the candidate will drop by another family picnic in Fort Wayne and canvass an Indiana neighborhood before speaking at the state party's Jefferson Jackson Dinner.

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