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<p>Obama voted against funding the troops.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama voted to fund the troops 10 times. Both McCain & Obama have voted against funding when attached to larger bills they opposed. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>McCain invented the BlackBerry.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: The BlackBerry was developed by Research In Motion, a Canadian company. (wired.com)</p>	<p>Palin "vetoed millions in earmarks."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Governors can't veto earmarks; this year alone, Palin pushed for \$197 million in earmarks. (MSNBC, Wash. Post, TPM)</p>	<p>Obama will tax electricity.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama supports taxing dirty fuel like coal to pay for clean energy like wind and solar. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama "pals around with terrorists."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama was 8 when radical Bill Ayers planted bombs to protest Vietnam. Now a professor, he & Obama volunteer for the same charity. (CNN FactChecker)</p>
<p>Obama opposes all free trade.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama supports free-trade agreements that include significant protections for workers and the environment. (liecount.com)</p>	<p>Biden supported McCain on Iraq until this election.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Biden & McCain agreed in 2004 on the need for more troops, but from then on, Biden has strongly differed with McCain on Iraq. (TPM)</p>	<p>Obama will raise your taxes.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama's tax plan lowers taxes for 95% of middle class families. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama called Sarah Palin "a pig."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: It was McCain's attempt to repackaging himself as a candidate of change, that Obama was chiding when he said, "you can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig." (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama supports "infanticide."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama will protect any baby "born alive," even if from an induced abortion - but not bills that use this as a cover to undermine Roe v Wade. (factcheck.org)</p>
<p>McCain tried to reform Fannie Mae.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: McCain only supported *a report* on Fannie/Freddie corruption. Meanwhile, his staff lobbied for deregulation of both. (New York Times, DKos)</p>	<p>US companies pay the world's 2nd highest corporate taxes.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Over 160 countries have higher corporate taxes. (liecount.com)</p>	<p>"I have always told 100% absolute truth."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: um, no. See lies 1-23. (politico.com)</p>	<p>McCain 'suspended' his campaign.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: During his campaign 'suspension', McCain aired attack ads, raised \$, and kept all his campaign offices open. (CNN FactChecker)</p>	
<p>Obama wants to bomb Pakistan.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama sees Pakistan as key ally, but is willing to strike Al Qaeda leadership even if within Pakistan's borders. (New Republic)</p>	<p>Obama snubbed wounded troops.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama has visited wounded troops many times. He cancelled one visit in Germany, so it wouldn't be misconstrued as political. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama will increase spending by \$1 trillion.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: ... Obama's proposed \$990 billion in new spending will be near exactly offset by his \$989 billion in spending cuts. (Washington Post)</p>	<p>McCain "never asked for a single earmark."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: McCain has hauled in pork for Arizona -- most recently a \$10 million academic center to honor Justice Rehnquist. (politifact.com)</p>	<p>Offshore drilling will reduce the cost of gas.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Offshore drilling will not reduce the price of gas until 2030, and then only by a few cents. (politifact.com, doe.gov)</p>
<p>Obama will "hand the health care system over to the federal government."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama's plan expands federal coverage, but will allow people to keep their current plans or choose from private ones. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama thinks troops in Afghanistan are "just" killing civilians.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama called for more troops on the ground exactly so "we're *not* just air-raiding villages and killing civilians." (Huffington Post, Washington Post)</p>	<p>Obama voted to raise taxes 94 times.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama has voted consistently to reduce taxes for the middle class, while supporting tax increases ONLY on the very wealthy. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama wants to teach sex ed to kindergartners.</p> <p>ACTUALLY: The bill Obama voted for in the Illinois Legislature helps protect children from sexual predators. (factcheck.org)</p>	<p>Obama thinks Iran "doesn't pose a serious threat."</p> <p>ACTUALLY: Obama said Iran doesn't pose a serious threat *in comparison to the Soviet Union.* (factcheck.org)</p>

All sources, with links, at pinocchiopolitics.org.

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- > Ever since the ladies on The View dropped the L-word on McCain, his nose has been growing in the public's mind.
- > Now you can follow along yourself, by playing McLiar BINGO at your next Presidential Debate party.
- > Whenever McCain repeats a LIE in one of the boxes, mark it off.
- > 5 LIES in a row, you win!
- > If these LIES tick you off, speak out. "Pinocchio Posses" are showing up at McCain-Palin events, wearing Pinocchio noses, and leading "Lie-Ins." Start your own now at pinocchiopolitics.org.

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WITH THIS STARTER KIT YOU CAN JOIN THE PINOCCHIO POSSE

Help hold McCain/Palin accountable for their LIES by wearing your Pinocchio nose and hosting Pinocchio Posse events using this starter kit, which includes a nose, chants, "Lie-In" ideas, and 3 signs. (The McLiar Bingo board works great as a leaflet.)

John McCain and Sarah Palin have launched a barrage of negative attacks that many recognize as gross distortions or outright LIES. The "Pinocchio Politics" label is dogging the McCain campaign, developing as an internet phenomena akin to the "Flip-Flopper" tag for John Kerry in 2004. This time the label fits. Put on your nose and help make it stick.

More information, including advance info about McCain & Palin's schedule, sample press release, ideas for how to put on a "Lie-In," and more, can all be found at:

Nose-up!

Buy your Pinocchio nose at any of these three on-line retailers :

buycostumes.com


anytimecostumes.com

eddiestrickshop.com

Most ship same day, if you order before 2pm.

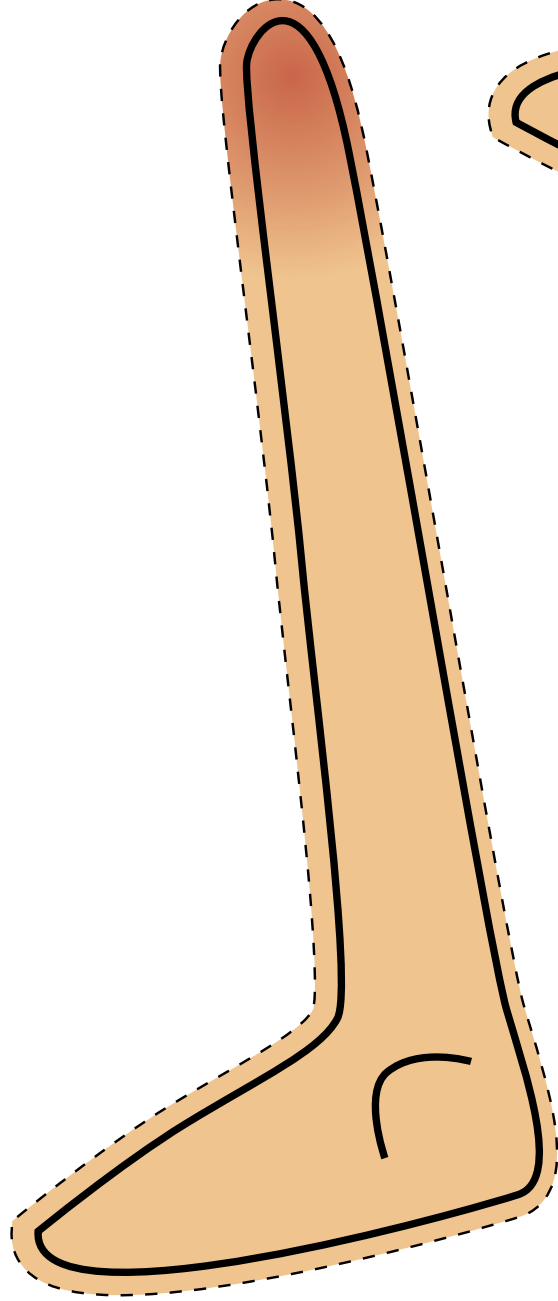
Order a bunch for your Pinocchio Posse.

Or make your own with the handy cut-here, fold-there kit on the next page.

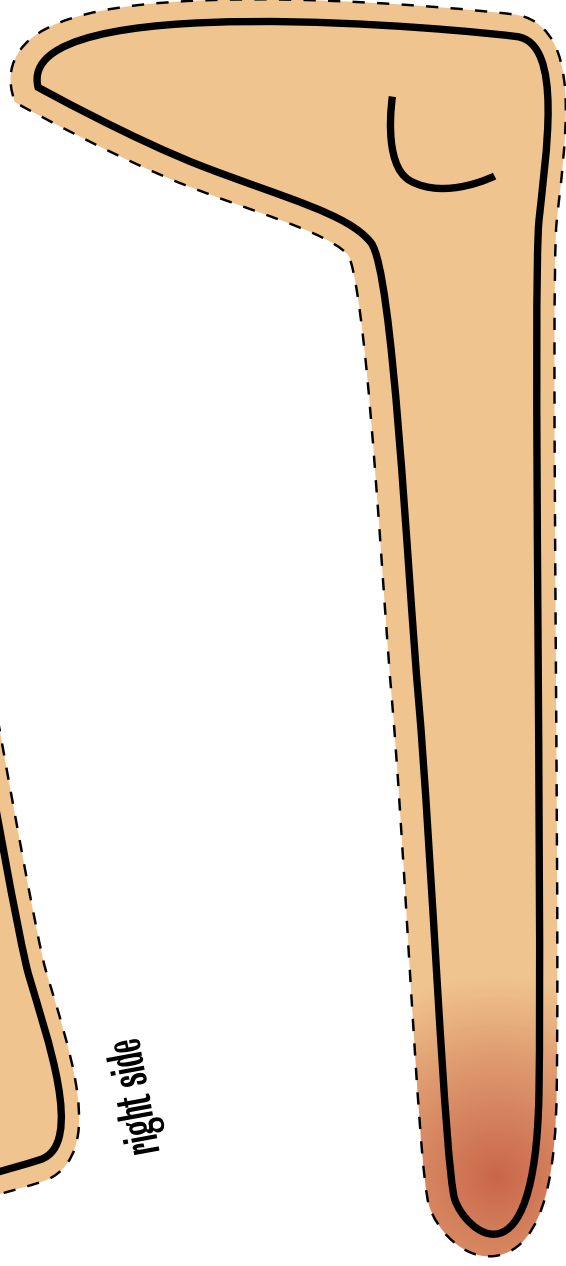
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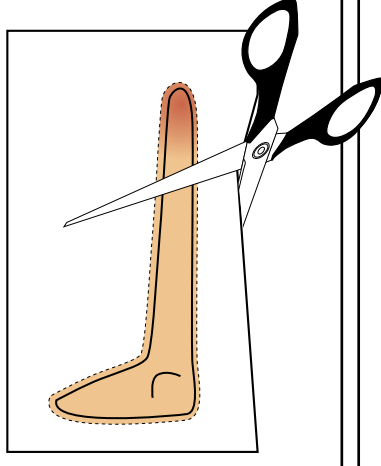


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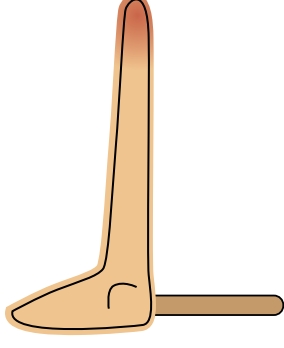


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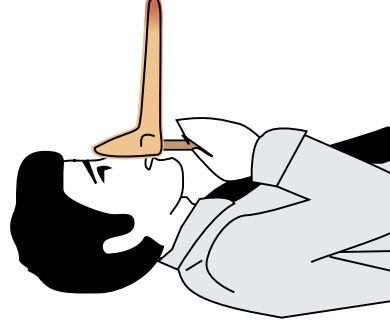
1 cut out both sides



2 tape 2 sides together around a popsicle stick or pencil



3 mock your politician



CHANTS!!



“John McCain’s Pinocchio – with every lie his nose does grow!”

“Hey Hey Ho Ho, John McCain’s Pinocchio!”

Beginning slow, and speeding up: “Liar, Liar, Liar, Liar” crescendoing to “Johh-hhnnnnn McCain”

“How many times will Palin lie?” then count up to 36 – the number of times she’s repeated her lie about the Bridge to Nowhere

Add your own!

TALKING POINTS!!



John McCain’s Pinocchio Politics are unprecedented – his lies are worse than anything Bush or Rove produced in 2004.

McCain/Palin’s lies are dangerous – recent campaign ads have distorted the financial crisis, lied on energy independence, and misled on Iraq.

The McCain/Palin Campaign is desperate – they’ll say whatever it takes, and we can expect more Pinocchio Politics until November.

John McCain knows he’s lying –even Fox News and Karl Rove have called out McCain’s lies- his lies are a calculated, deliberate policy to distort the truth.

McCain was against lying before he was for it –McCain resorted to Pinocchio Politics after he realized the Republicans could not win the election on the issues.

There is a grassroots backlash to McCain’s Pinocchio Politics –people everywhere recognized McCain’s campaign of deception as a calculated political strategy, and our action today is just one instance of a national groundswell of people challenging McCain/Palin over their lies.

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“LIE-IN” SCRIPT



THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

List of lies

Noses – as many as possible, but not everyone needs a nose

Signs

Slide Whistle

The Pinocchio Posse stands in a photogenic semi-circle, with the open end to the street/wherever media is. Arrange yourselves to create a ‘stage’ at the center of the circle. Posse members immediately around the ‘stage’ should hold the signs also available online.

One by one, each member of the posse proceeds to the center of the circle, and loudly repeats one of the 20+ lies listed on the Pinocchio Politics site.

Immediately after saying the lie, a member of the posse with the slide whistle plays a quick falling-rising noise.

Then, everyone else visibly and loudly laughs (slapping knees, belly-grabs, etc. – feel free to yell some jeers or epithets too). The liar should take a few seconds to mug for the camera as people laugh at them. (The person in the center can ham it up trying to keep a straight face, or be more ironic)

The liar in the center takes a few seconds to mug for the audience, they give a ‘fed-up’ gesture, and leave the stage area. The next liar steps to the plate, and the process repeats.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Liar can do a quick Nixon imitation – putting up the “peace sign” and saying “I am not a liar!”

Assign a ‘noser’ that takes the noses and places them on the liar each time someone says their lie.

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