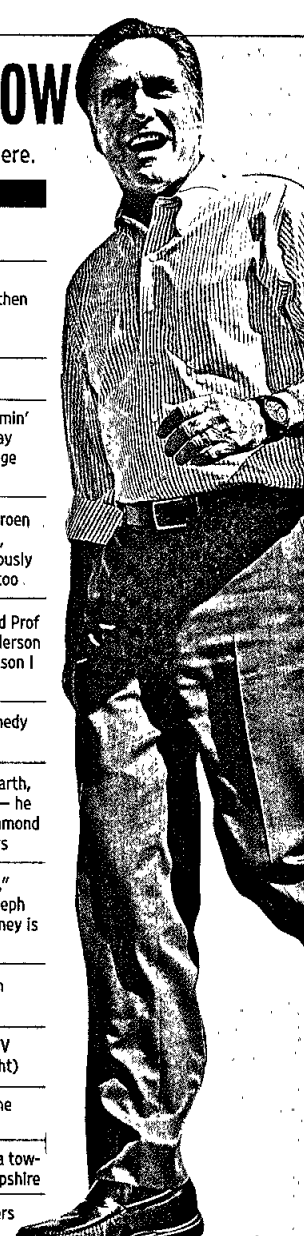


OBAMA VS ROMNEY: DIFFERENCES YOU DIDN'T KNOW

Why does neither US presidential candidate like coffee? Which one likes the movie Casablanca? Answers are all here.



BARACK OBAMA	TOPICS	MITT ROMNEY
Do The Right Thing	Movie to which he took his future wife on their first date	The Sound of Music
Writing pretentious love letters. "I haven't read <i>The Waste Land</i> for a year... but I will hazard these statements," he wrote to one girlfriend, Alex McNear	Youthful idea of romantic behaviour	Drawing a 12ft-high heart on a beach in France, writing "I LOVE ANN" inside it, then sending the resulting photograph to his future wife
Renegade	Secret Service codename	Javelin
Obama's memoir <i>Dreams From My Father</i> includes references to a "sorry-ass motherf**ker", a "stupid motherf**ker", a "punk-ass motherf**ker" etc	Worst recorded use of bad language	"Bloomin'" ("Can you believe those bloomin' Democrats?") His Harvard classmates say that they've never heard him use language any stronger
In 2008, the pilot of the MD-81 campaign plane carrying then-Senator Obama radioed an emergency call after losing control of the aircraft's up-and-down movements	Closest brush with death	In 1968, a Mercedes crashed into the Citroen Romney was driving along a French road, killing a passenger. French police erroneously pronounced Romney dead at the scene, too
Obama wrote, at the age of 8: "I walk to the school with my mom, then go home by myself. Someday I want to be president. I love to visit all the places in Indonesia."	Early anecdote suggesting that he was destined for great things	"Do you know Romney?" a student asked Prof Douglas Anderson, Romney's friend. Anderson said he didn't. "Romney is the finest person I have ever known!" the student said
Left (like Clinton, George HW Bush, Ford, Truman and Hoover)	Handedness	Right (like Carter, Nixon, Johnson, Kennedy and George W Bush)
Ralph Ellison's <i>Invisible Man</i> , Julian Barnes's <i>The Sense of an Ending</i> , seen in his reading pile at White House, <i>Moby-Dick</i> and the Harry Potter books — claims to have read them all	Preferred reading material	The Bible, L Ron Hubbard's <i>Battlefield Earth</i> , Jared Diamond's <i>Guns, Germs and Steel</i> — he has been quoting for 5 years, though Diamond accuses him of misrepresenting his views
Unknown. But his preference for Black Forest Berry Honest Tea became a campaign issue. "Only celebrities like Obama ... demand bottles of an organic brew," a McCain spokesman said	Reason for not drinking coffee	"Hot drinks are not for the body or belly," according to a revelation received by Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism. Romney is said to be fond of caffeine-free Coke.
\$162,074 on income of \$789,674, an effective rate of 20.5%	Taxes paid for the year 2011	\$1.9million on income of \$13.7million, an effective rate of 14.1%
1.85m	Height	1.88m. (Of 13 prez polls since the first TV debate, the taller candidate has won eight)
Spurns mayonnaise	Healthy-eating trick	Eats only the tops of muffins, because, he argues, the butter sinks downwards.
A six-bedroom mansion in Hyde Park, Chicago	Homes owned	Beachfront house in La Jolla, California, a townhouse in Belmont, another in New Hampshire
Limits his choices to blue and grey suits to forestall decision fatigue (see above)	Clothing philosophy	Smart to the point that campaign advisers reportedly worry it's a problem.