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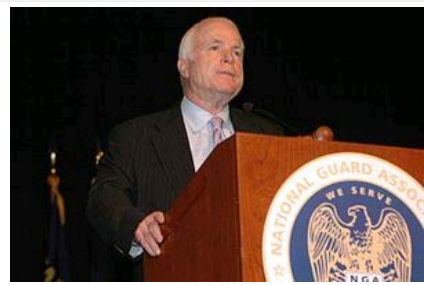
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## The Isolationist Charge: The Last Refuge Of The Scoundrel

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Samuel Johnson said patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel. Today the epithet "isolationist" is the last refuge of the warmonger.



Sen. John McCain may be Washington's most enthusiastic hawk — supporter of war in the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, jokester about war with Iran, and advocate of confrontation with Russia during that nation's war with Georgia. If there is blood to be shed, he wants the U.S. involved.

But the Republican presidential candidates are not with him. Several have looked into the fiscal abyss that awaits America and are saying "stop." On ABC's "This Week" McCain complained that the GOP contenders questioned Barack Obama's foolish and illegal war in Libya: "This is isolationism."

McCain's ignorance is striking. He claimed that U.S. intervention [stopped a slaughter in the city of Benghazi](#), even though Libya's Moammar Qadhafi had not committed mass killings in the other cities

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