

McCain, Obama discuss views on public service

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Republican presidential candidate, Sen., John McCain, R-Ariz., left, greets Democratic presidential candidate, Sen., Barack Obama, D-Ill., before Obama begins and after McCain finished participation in a forum on national service at Columbia University., Thursday night, Sept. 11, 2008.

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NEW YORK—Republican John McCain declined to disavow last September 11 the tough criticism by his campaign of his Democratic opponent's experience as a community organizer, saying politics is "tough business" even as he praised Barack Obama's service.

At a live, televised forum on public service timed to coincide with the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks, McCain said he respected Obama's decision after law school to forgo a lucrative career path and become a community organizer in downtown Chicago.

"I respect people who serve their community," McCain said. "And Senator Obama's record there is outstanding."

He also paid tribute to Obama for inspiring "millions of Americans who otherwise wouldn't have been involved in the political process" (while giving himself credit for attracting voter turnout with "my record of service and my vision for the future.")

At the same time, McCain said the negativity that has infused the presidential race—on hiatus for one day in honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary—

could have been avoided had Obama accepted his proposal for the two to tour the country together doing town-hall meetings, a format in which McCain shines best.

"I think the tone of this whole campaign would have been very different," the GOP nominee said during the Service Nation Presidential Candidates Forum, held at Columbia University.

McCain was followed to the stage by his Democratic opponent, Barack Obama, and they shook hands and hugged quickly before McCain departed.

The event amounted to back-to-back live interviews of the two candidates — the forum was broadcast live on some cable networks — by Judy Woodruff of PBS' *NewsHour* and Richard Sten-

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