OKAY, THE COOKIES WERE STUPID AND SILLY, BUT PLAGIARIZING YOUR FOREIGN POLICY TOO?

John McCain's campaign seems to have a serial problem with plagiarism. First there was the Passion Fruit Mousse and then there were the Oatmeal Butterscotch Cookies. Now, apparently, McCain's stooped to stealing his foreign policy plans from others. And of all sources, he's stealing from Wikipedia!

> A Wikipedia editor notices some similarities between Sen. John McCain's speech today on the crisis in Georgia and the Wikipedia article on the country Georgia. They appear similar enough that most people would consider parts of McCain's speech to be derived directly from Wikipedia.
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> **First instance**:
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> > one of the first countries in the world to adopt Christianity as an official religion (Wikipedia)
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> vs.
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> > one of the world's first nations to adopt Christianity as an official religion (McCain)

So here's the pathetic thing. The first two times McCain got caught plagiarizing, at least it was a fairly reputable source. Rachael Ray? Hershey's? Both reasonably respectable sources of recipes.

But Wikipedia? For a foreign policy speech?

Back when I taught college, I would always reserve a special kind of failing grade for those who stole from Wikipedia. After all, it would take someone both lazy and stupid to steal from Wikipedia, right?