

US elections 2020: First TV debate Trump/Biden



Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and President Trump argued against each other in a tense debate on Sept. 29.

 [Washington Post](#)

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- I. **Listen without watching the video: put the debate topics into the right order**
(use the grid below and write the correct letter):
- II. **Watch the video to check your answers.**

to tout: to praise, to to acclaim, to promote

income tax: tax on wages, salaries

previous: preceding

to address: to give attention to , to discuss

- A. Trump touted* */id/* his recent Supreme Court nominee, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, while Biden said the nomination should wait.
- B. Tensions were high as the two candidates interrupted */id/* and insulted */id/* one another.
- C. Trump was also asked */t/* about a report that states he paid \$750 in federal income taxes* in 2016 and 2017 as well as no income taxes 10 of the previous* 15 years.
- D. They clashed */t/* on their approach to managing coronavirus and whether states should reopen their economies in the face of it.
- E. Each was asked why they are the candidate to address* racial tension and policing.
- F. President Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden debated */id/* each other for the first time on Sep. 29.
- G. Trump was given the opportunity to directly denounce white supremacy and did not.

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Role playing the TV debate: (slightly adapted with the words in italics)

DT: Don't ever use the word 'smart' with me, don't ever use that word.

JB: Oh, give me a break!

DT: Because you know what? There's nothing smart about you Joe.

DT: The Supreme Court Justice, the radical left...

JB: Will you shut up, man!

DT: You were a Senator.

JB: You're the worst president America has ever had, come on. I'm not here to call out* *your* lies; everybody knows *you're* a liar.

DT: People know what to do. They can social distance, they can wash their hands, they can wear masks; They can do whatever they want but they got to open these states up.

JB: *Your* own CDC* director says we could lose as many as another 200,000 people between now and the end of the year and he said « If we just wear a mask we can save half those numbers ».

DT: Should've never happened from China, but what happened is we closed it down and now we're reopening, and we're doing record business.

JB: You can't fix the economy until you fix the Covid crisis.

DT: We have a phenomenal nominee, respected by all, top, top academic, good in every way. Good in every way.

JB: Just not appropriate to do this before this election. If *you* win this election and the Senate is Republican or Democrat, then *you* go forward. If not, we should wait until February.

Anchorman: Are you willing to tell the American people tonight whether or not you will support either ending filibuster* or packing the court*?

JB: Whatever position I take in in that, that'll become the issue. The issue is the American people should speak.

Anchorman: Is it true that you paid \$750 in federal income taxes each of those two years?

DT: I paid millions of dollars in taxes, millions of dollars of income tax. I paid \$27 million one year.

Anchorman: In 2017?

DT: Millions of dollars.

Anchorman: You paid millions of dollars?

DT: Millions of dollars, yes, and you'll get to see it.

JB: This man is a savior of African Americans? This man cares at all? This man's done virtually nothing. This is not 1950. All these dog whistles and racism don't work anymore.

DT: The Crime Bill ,1994, where you called them « superpredators », African Americans, and they've never forgotten it. Are you in favor of law and order?

JB: Law and order with justice where people get treated fairly. I'm totally opposed to defending the police officers.

* CDC: Centers for Disease control and prevention.

* to call out: to criticize

* to filibuster: faire de l'obstruction parlementaire, bloquer, retarder.

* court-packing: expanding the court, adding more judges.

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Watch this 3-minute video to discover former candidates and presidents debating on TV. The first one took place in 1970 with JFK!



ABC News

As Joe Biden and President Donald Trump prepare for a high-stakes presidential debate, ABC takes a look back at the top **make-or-break** moments from past contests.

make or break: ça passe ou ça casse; quitte ou double.

make-or-break moments: des moments décisifs.



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