



Questions in Context:

The 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Debates

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Overview

In past presidential elections, the Winston Group has analyzed the primary and general election debates to build a picture of how the topics covered interact with what voters have said — through surveys and exit polls — are their greatest concerns and the issues that are the most important for them in choosing for whom they will vote.

The following report continues our analysis for the Democratic primary debates in anticipation of the general election this fall. In the previous debate, before the South Carolina primary and Super Tuesday, questions about foreign policy or national security were the most-represented, followed closely by questions about other candidates and their policies and/or prospects. Across all the debates so far, questions about social issues (a broad category including guns, abortion, and race relations, as well as general division and polarization in the country) have taken priority, with foreign policy and, somewhat more recently, candidate electability also emerging as priority topics in the debates thus far.

This report will continue our analysis, with information from the previous ten debates and the newest information from the CNN March 15 debate, featuring Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden only and moved to Washington, DC without an audience amid coronavirus concerns. How well are the debates addressing the concerns and questions of voters? How much have question priorities shifted across debates? And, how will the debate be different featuring only two candidates on stage?

As a final note: as of this writing, there was not yet any updated information on how long either of the candidates spoke at the CNN March 15 debate. Therefore, this report omits the “Candidate Speaking Times” section.

Debate Topics

The chart on the next page shows the distribution of questions by topic area. For the purposes of comparability, we re-use the same topic categories from our debate reports for the 2016 Republican primary and general election debates. The exception is the “Impeachment” category, which is a new addition for the present Democratic primaries. We have also expanded the “Energy/Environment” category to include questions on climate change.

New for this debate is also the “Coronavirus” category. As there were questions pertaining to the coronavirus in the prior debate (CBS February 25) not initially counted as such, we have revised our tallies for that debate. The table for the total questions across all debates reflects this update from the last report.

Most of the topics are self explanatory, but for a few, definitions may be helpful. The “electability” topic area includes questions addressed directly to a candidate about his/her ability to attract a large portion of the electorate (for example, asking a candidate about his/her standing in the polls or statements he/she made that have raised questions), while the “other candidates” topic area refers to questions that directly ask one candidate about another candidate’s past, policies, or prospects. The “For Fun” topic area includes lighthearted questions aimed at letting viewers see more of a candidate’s personality. “Social Security/Retirement” consists of questions that address that topic as a separate individual retirement benefit issue — other entitlements questions fall under “Spending/National Debt.”

Questions asked multiple times of different candidates are not counted more than once.

CNN March 15

General Topic Area	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions
Coronavirus	8	26.7%
Economy	2	6.7%
Education	1	3.3%
Electability	5	16.7%
Energy/Environment/Climate Change	3	10.0%
For Fun	0	0.0%
Foreign Policy/National Security	4	13.3%
Health care	0	0.0%
Immigration	4	13.3%
Impeachment	0	0.0%
Judicial System	0	0.0%
Other Candidates	2	6.7%
Presidential Priorities	0	0.0%
Social Issues	1	3.3%
Social Security/Retirement	0	0.0%
Spending/National Debt	0	0.0%
Total	30	

Total - All Debates

General Topic Area	NBC/MSNBC/Telemundo June 26		NBC/MSNBC/Telemundo June 27		CNN July 30		CNN July 31		ABC/Univision Sept 12		CNN/New York Times Oct 15		MSNBC/WaPo Nov 20	
	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs
Coronavirus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Economy	5	14.3%	2	6.5%	1	2.9%	4	13.8%	2	5.4%	8	17.0%	1	2.7%
Education	0	0.0%	2	6.5%	3	8.8%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Electability	2	5.7%	1	3.2%	3	8.8%	2	6.9%	1	2.7%	5	10.6%	3	8.1%
Energy/Environment/Climate Change	4	11.4%	4	12.9%	2	5.9%	3	10.3%	3	8.1%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%
For fun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	0	0.0%
Foreign Policy/National Security	6	17.1%	3	9.7%	4	11.8%	2	6.9%	5	13.5%	6	12.8%	6	16.2%
Health care	4	11.4%	5	16.1%	4	11.8%	7	24.1%	2	5.4%	4	8.5%	2	5.4%
Immigration	3	8.6%	3	9.7%	4	11.8%	4	13.8%	6	16.2%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%
Impeachment	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	21.3%	4	10.8%
Judicial System	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	0	0.0%
Other Candidates	2	5.7%	2	6.5%	6	17.7%	1	3.5%	2	5.4%	3	6.4%	3	8.1%
Presidential Priorities	1	2.9%	3	9.7%	0	0.0%	2	6.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	5.4%
Social Issues	7	20.0%	5	16.1%	7	20.6%	4	13.8%	15	40.5%	9	19.2%	13	35.1%
Social Security/Retirement	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Spending/National Debt	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.7%
Total	35		31		34		29		37		47		37	

Total - All Debates, continued

General Topic Area	Politico/ PBS Newshour Dec 19		CNN/Des Moines Register Jan 14		ABC/Apple News Feb 7		NBC/ MSNBC/ Telemundo Feb 19		CBS Feb 25		CNN March 15		Total - All Debates	
	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs
Coronavirus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	6.5%	8	26.7%	10	2.2%
Economy	2	6.3%	5	12.2%	1	3.1%	3	9.4%	1	3.2%	2	6.7%	37	8.3%
Education	2	6.3%	4	9.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	1	3.3%	14	3.1%
Electability	2	6.3%	10	24.4%	4	12.5%	9	28.1%	4	12.9%	5	16.7%	51	11.4%
Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change	3	9.4%	4	9.8%	2	6.3%	8	25.0%	0	0.0%	3	10.0%	37	8.3%
For fun	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.7%
Foreign Policy/ National Security	8	25.0%	6	14.6%	3	9.4%	0	0.0%	8	25.8%	4	13.3%	61	13.6%
Health care	1	3.1%	4	9.8%	0	0.0%	3	9.4%	2	6.5%	0	0.0%	38	8.5%
Immigration	3	9.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	4	13.3%	29	6.5%
Impeach-ment	1	3.1%	4	9.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	4.2%
Judicial System	2	6.3%	0	0.0%	2	6.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	1.3%
Other Candidates	0	0.0%	2	4.9%	10	31.3%	6	18.8%	7	22.6%	2	6.7%	46	10.3%
Presidential Priorities	1	3.1%	1	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	2.2%
Social Issues	6	18.8%	0	0.0%	10	31.3%	2	6.3%	4	12.9%	1	3.3%	83	18.5%
Social Security/ Retirement	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Spending/ National Debt	0	0.0%	1	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	4	0.9%
Total	32		41		32		32		31		30		448	

Topic Subcategories

Because of the potentially broad nature of some of the question categories, some additional clarification may be helpful.

The Economy

The economy, which now comprises about 9% of all questions asked, has generally included questions on trade/tariffs, income inequality (including poverty), and jobs/automation, including others. Questions about taxes include questions about taxes on the middle class, taxes on small business owners, and raising the top tax rate on the wealthy.

Reflecting the questions at March 15 debate, one subcategory been added to “economy,” as shown in the chart below: Economic consequences of coronavirus.

Economy Subtopics	# of Qs	Total - All Debates	
		% of Qs (<i>subtopic</i>)	% of Qs (<i>overall</i>)
Trade/tariffs	12	32.4%	2.7%
Income Inequality/Poverty	6	16.2%	1.3%
Jobs/Automation/Displacement	5	13.5%	1.1%
Proposed plans a possible risk to the economy	3	8.1%	0.7%
Breaking up big tech	3	8.1%	0.7%
Taxes	3	8.1%	0.7%
Economic impact of coronavirus	2	5.4%	0.4%
2008 financial crisis	1	2.7%	0.2%
Employee ownership of large companies	1	2.7%	0.2%
Convincing voters of candidate's economic plan	1	2.7%	0.2%
Total	37		

Social Issues

“Social issues,” about a fifth of all questions asked, but includes a variety of subcategories, such as abortion, guns, or race. The opioids subcategory has now been expanded to include other drugs.

Social Issues Subtopics	# of Qs	Total - All Debates	
		% of Qs (<i>subtopic</i>)	% of Qs (<i>overall</i>)
Race/racism (including criminal justice reform)	24	28.9%	5.4%
Guns	24	28.9%	5.4%
Partisan Gridlock/Division in the Country	9	10.8%	2.0%
Opioids/Other drugs	7	8.4%	1.6%
Gender issues (pay gap, paid family leave, MeToo, LGBTQ issues)	7	8.4%	1.6%
Abortion	6	7.2%	1.3%
Affordable Housing	2	2.4%	0.4%
Americans with disabilities	1	1.2%	0.2%
Serving in the military	1	1.2%	0.2%
Social media and disinformation	1	1.2%	0.2%
Voting rights/equal access to ballot box	1	1.2%	0.2%
Total	83		

To Whom Were Questions Directed?

“Number of Questions” refers to questions directed by a moderator at a particular candidate and includes questions that were asked of all candidates - so totals may differ from the charts above.

“Number of Rebuttals” includes any times the moderator addressed a follow-up or rebuttal opportunity to a candidate, or a candidate broke in and gave a rebuttal to another candidate's answer on their own initiative.

“Percentage of Direct Questions” a candidate received comes from only questions directly addressed to a candidate or those addressed to all candidates, while “Percentage of Answers” includes all opportunities a candidate had to speak, including rebuttals, as described above. The “Percentage of Answers” comes out of the total of all answers given — not the total questions asked — so once again, the totals differ.

Candidate	All Previous Debates		CNN March 15					Total - All Debates			
	Direct Qs	Total Answers	Direct Qs	Rebuttals	Total Answers	% of Qs	% of Answers	Total Qs	Total % of Qs	Total Answers	Total % of Answers
Biden	79	156	19	18	37	52.8%	50.0%	98	13.7%	193	15.7%
Sanders	76	148	17	20	37	47.2%	50.0%	93	13.0%	185	15.0%
Warren	68	134	-	-	-	-	-	68	9.5%	134	10.9%
Buttigieg	75	127	-	-	-	-	-	75	10.5%	127	10.3%
Klobuchar	65	106	-	-	-	-	-	65	9.1%	106	8.6%
Harris	34	53	-	-	-	-	-	34	4.8%	53	4.3%
Yang	37	49	-	-	-	-	-	37	5.2%	49	4.0%
Booker	36	48	-	-	-	-	-	36	5.0%	48	3.9%
Steyer	26	48	-	-	-	-	-	26	3.6%	48	3.9%
O'Rourke	28	41	-	-	-	-	-	28	3.9%	41	3.3%
Castro	27	36	-	-	-	-	-	27	3.8%	36	2.9%
Bloom-berg	16	35	-	-	-	-	-	16	2.2%	35	2.9%
Gabbard	23	32	-	-	-	-	-	23	3.2%	32	2.6%
Bennet	12	17	-	-	-	-	-	12	1.7%	17	1.4%
Gillibrand	12	17	-	-	-	-	-	12	1.7%	17	1.4%
Delaney	8	17	-	-	-	-	-	8	1.1%	17	1.4%

Candidate	All Previous Debates		CNN March 15					Total - All Debates			
	Direct Qs	Total Answers	Direct Qs	Rebuttals	Total Answers	% of Qs	% of Answers	Total Qs	Total % of Qs	Total Answers	Total % of Answers
Ryan	10	16	-	-	-	-	-	10	1.4%	16	1.3%
De Blasio	9	16	-	-	-	-	-	9	1.3%	16	1.3%
Hicken-looper	9	16	-	-	-	-	-	9	1.3%	16	1.3%
Inslee	11	13	-	-	-	-	-	11	1.5%	13	1.1%
William-son	9	12	-	-	-	-	-	9	1.3%	12	1.0%
Bullock	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	4	0.6%	12	1.0%
Swalwell	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	0.7%	7	0.6%
Total	679	1156	36	38	74			715		1230	

Conclusion

In the CNN March 15 debate, coronavirus was the clearly dominant concern, accounting for nearly 27% of questions asked, and encompassing questions about the readiness of the healthcare system to confront the virus, messages to everyday Americans, and what the candidates themselves were doing to stay healthy. These were followed by questions on electability (17%), foreign policy/national security (13%), immigration (13%), and energy/environment/climate change (10%).

Across all the debates, social issues continues to be the most asked about topic, despite there being only one social issues question in the present debate, comprising 19% of all questions asked. Foreign policy/national security, at 14%, comes next, followed by electability at 11% and other candidates at 10%. Issues such as health care, the economy, and the environment fall into the next tier, each comprising less than 10% of questions asked across all debates.

As noted in previous reports, it is true that there is always some degree of mismatch when the topics most represented in the debate questions are compared against actual voter concerns (as measured by exit polls and other surveys). The CNN March 15 debate, with its focus on the coronavirus and addressing the crisis, is likely the exception to this general rule.

Appendix - Democrat Primary Debate Questions

Debate Number— Location— Date— Sponsors	Question	Asker	To Whom (or to whom it was directed by moderator)	Question Topic
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You have many plans — free college, free child care, government health care, cancellation of student debt, new taxes, new regulations, the breakup of major corporations. But this comes at a time when 71 percent of Americans say the economy is doing well, including 60 percent of Democrats. What do you say to those who worry this kind of significant change could be risky to the economy?	Savannah Guthrie	Elizabeth Warren	Economy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Klobuchar, you've called programs like free college something you might do if you were, quote, "a magic genie." To be blunt, are the government programs and benefits that some of your rivals are offering giving your voters, people, a false sense of what's actually achievable?	Savannah Guthrie	Amy Klobuchar	Other candidates
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman O'Rourke, what we've just been discussing and talking about is how much fundamental change to the economy is desirable and how much is actually doable. In that vein, some Democrats want a marginal individual tax rate of 70 percent on the very highest earners, those making more than \$10 million a year. Would you support that? And if not, what would your top individual rate be?	Savannah Guthrie	Beto O'Rourke	Economy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Booker, there is a debate in this party right now about the role of corporations, as you know. Senator Warren in particular put out a plan to break up tech companies like Facebook, Amazon, and Google. You've said we should not, quote, "be running around pointing at companies and breaking them up without any kind of process." Why do you disagree? ...	Savannah Guthrie	Cory Booker; Elizabeth Warren	Economy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Democrats have been talking about the pay gap for decades. What would you do to ensure that women are paid fairly in this country?	Lester Holt	Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You're the mayor of the biggest city in the United States, but it's also one of the cities in the country with the greatest gap between the wealthy and the poor. How would you address income inequality?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Bill De Blasio, John Delaney, Jay Inslee	Economy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	So, Congressman Ryan, President Trump, and you just referred to him, promise of manufacturing jobs were all coming back to places like your home state of Ohio. Can you make that same promise?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Tim Ryan, Elizabeth Warren	Economy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Many people watching at home have health insurance coverage through their employer. Who here would abolish their private health insurance in favor of a government-run plan?	Lester Holt	All candidates	Health care

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1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You're one of the Democrats who wants to keep private insurance in addition to a government health care plan. Why is an incremental approach in your view better than a sweeping overhaul?	Lester Holt	Amy Klobuchar	Health care
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Warren, you signed on to Bernie Sanders' Medicare-for-all plan. It would put essentially everybody on Medicare and then eliminate private plans that offer similar coverage. Is that the plan or path that you would pursue as president?	Lester Holt	Elizabeth Warren	Health care
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman O'Rourke, when you ran for Senate, you also praised a bill that would replace private insurance. This year, you're saying you're no longer sure. Can you explain why?	Lester Holt	Beto O'Rourke; Tulsi Gabbard, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar	Health care
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Secretary Castro, this one is for you. All of you on stage support a woman's right to an abortion. You all support some version of a government health care option. Would your plan cover abortion, Mr. Secretary?	Lester Holt	Julian Castro, Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Booker, I want to kind of come back on a discussion we were having about health and the opioid crisis. You represent a state where 14 of the 20 largest pharmaceutical companies are based. Should pharmaceutical companies that manufacture these drugs be held criminally liable for what they do?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Cory Booker, Beto O'Rourke	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We want to turn to an issue that has been in the news, especially this week. There are undocumented children being held alone in detention, even as close as Homestead, Florida, right here, less than 30 miles from where we are tonight. Fathers and mothers and children are dying while trying to enter the United States of American. We saw that image today that broke our hearts, and they had names. Oscar Martinez and his 23-month-old daughter, Valeria, died trying to cross the river to ask for asylum in this country. Last month, more than 130,000 migrants were apprehended at the southern border. Secretary Castro, if you were president today, how, what would you specifically do?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Julian Castro, Cory Booker, Bill De Blasio, Beto O'Rourke	Immigration
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Let's talk about what Secretary Castro just said. He wants to no longer have it be a crime to illegally cross the border. Do you support that? Do you think it should be a civil offense only? And if so, do you worry about potentially incentivizing people to come here?	Savannah Guthrie	Amy Klobuchar, Tim Ryan	Immigration
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Booker -- a lot of people -- they asked the question, if you're president on day one, what will you do with the fact that you will have families here? There's been a lot of talk about what you'll do in the first 100 days about legislation. What will you actually do with these families? How will you care for them? Will they be detained or will they not be?	Savannah Guthrie	Cory Booker, Jay Inslee	Immigration

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1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We're going to -- we're going to talk about Iran right now, because we're working against the clock. Tankers have been attacked. A U.S. drone has been shot down. There have been disturbing threats issued by both the U.S. and Iranian leadership. I'd like if you can, just for a moment, to put aside how you think we may have gotten here, but what I want to know is, how do you dial it back? So a show of hands. Who as president would sign on to the 2015 nuclear deal as it was originally negotiated? That's every -- well, Senator Booker, why not?	Lester Holt	All candidates, Cory Booker	Foreign policy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	All right, Senator Klobuchar, I'd like to ask you to answer that question, because you've said -- you've said you would negotiate yourself back into the Iranian agreement. Can you argue that that nuclear pact as it was ratified was a good deal?	Lester Holt	Amy Klobuchar	Foreign policy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congresswoman Gabbard, Congresswoman Gabbard, you've said you would sign back on to the 2015 deal. Would you -- would you insist, though, that it address Iran's support for Hezbollah?	Lester Holt	Tulsi Gabbard	Foreign policy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Warren, we're going to get to the gun question here. In Parkland, Florida, it's just north of here in Broward County. As you know, it has created a lot of teenage activism on the gun issue. It has inspired a lot of you to come out with more robust plans to deal with guns, including assault weapons ban, but even if you're able to implement that, what do you do about the hundreds of millions of guns already out there? And does the federal government have to play a role in dealing with it?	Chuck Todd	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Booker, you have a federal government buyback program in your plan. How is that going to work?	Chuck Todd	Cory Booker	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	As parents are so afraid as their kids go off to school that their kids will be caught up in something like this, next to nothing has changed in federal law that might affect the prevalence of school shootings. Is this a problem that is going to continue to get worse over our lifetimes? Or is there something that you would do as president that you really think would turn it around?	Rachel Maddow	Julian Castro, Tim Ryan	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman O'Rourke, you're a Texan who's campaigned -- you campaigned all over the state in 2018 in the most conservative parts there. What do you tell a gun owner who may agree with you on everything else, OK, but says, you know what, the Democrats, if I vote for them in there, they're going to take my gun away, and even though I agree with you on all these other issues -- how do you have that conversation?	Chuck Todd	Beto O'Rourke, Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Mitch McConnell says that his most consequential achievement as Senate majority leader was preventing President Obama from filling a Supreme Court seat. Having served with Republicans on the Judiciary Committee, do you believe they would confirm your court nominees?	Rachel Maddow	Cory Booker, Bill De Blasio, Elizabeth Warren, John Delaney	Judicial system

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1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You have staked your candidacy on the issue of climate change. It is first, second, and third priority for you. You've said it's all the issues. Let's get specific. We're here in Miami, which is already experiencing serious flooding on sunny days as a result of sea level rise. Parts of Miami Beach and the Keys could be underwater in our lifetimes. Does your plan save Miami?	Rachel Maddow	Jay Inslee	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman O'Rourke, you also put out a big climate change plan from your campaign. You want some big changes in a pretty short period of time, including switching to renewable energy, pushing to replace gas-powered cars in favor of electric ones. What's your message to a voter who supports the overall goal of what you're trying to do, but suddenly feels as if government's telling them how to live and ordering them how to live? What is that balance like?	Chuck Todd	Beto O'Rourke	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Thirty seconds, Secretary Castro, does -- who pays for the mitigation to -- to climate, whether it's building sea walls, for people that are perhaps living in places that they shouldn't be living? Is this a federal government issue that needs to do that? Do they have to move these people? What do you do about that, where maybe they're building a place someplace that isn't safe? Who pays to build that house? And how much should the government be bailing them out?	Chuck Todd	Julian Castro	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman Ryan, I got a full question for you here, which is simply this. There are -- a lot of the climate plans include pricing carbon, taxing carbon in some way. This type of proposal has been tried in a few places, whether it's Washington state where voters voted it down, you've had the Yellow Vest Movement, we had in Australia one party get rejected out of fear of the cost of climate change sort of being put on the backs of the consumer. If pricing carbon is just politically impossible, how do we pay for climate mitigation?	Chuck Todd	Tim Ryan	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congresswoman Gabbard, we're going to move here. One of the first things you did after launching your campaign was to issue an apology to the LGBT community about your past stances and statements on gay rights. After the Trump administration's rollbacks of civil rights protections for many in that community, why should voters in that community or voters that care about this issue in general trust you now?	Chuck Todd	Tulsi Gabbard	Electability
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Klobuchar, let me put this to you. On the issue of civil rights, for decades -- on the civil rights and demographics, honestly, and politics, for decades, the Democratic Party has counted on African-American voter turnout as step one to winning elections on a national level. Democrats are counting on the Latino community now and in the future in the same way. What have you done for black and Latino voters that should enthruse them about going to the polls for you if you're your party's nominee?	Rachel Maddow	Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro	Electability
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Does the United States have a responsibility to protect in the case of genocide or crimes against humanity? Do we have a responsibility to intervene to protect people threatened by their governments even when atrocities do not affect American core interests?	Viewer	Beto O'Rourke	Foreign policy

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1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Today the Taliban claimed responsibility for killing two American service members in Afghanistan. Leaders as disparate as President Obama and President Trump have both said that they want to end U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, but it isn't over for America. Why isn't it over? Why can't presidents of very different parties and very different temperaments get us out of there? And how could you?	Rachel Maddow	Tim Ryan, Tulsi Gabbard	Foreign policy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	What is our -- what is the biggest threat -- what is -- who is the geopolitical threat to the United States?	Chuck Todd	All candidates	Foreign policy
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman O'Rourke, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report outlines multiple instances of potential criminal behavior by President Trump. House Speaker Pelosi has publicly and privately resisted any move toward impeachment in the House. If the House chooses not to impeach, as president, would you do anything to address the potential crimes that were outlined in Mr. Mueller's report?	Chuck Todd	O'Rourke	Presidential priorities
1A — Miami, FL — June 26, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman Delaney, because of the accountability issues that Congressman O'Rourke was just describing there and the real political landscape in which Nancy Pelosi is saying that impeachment will not be pursued in the House, it raises the prospect -- and the Mueller Report raises the prospect that President Trump could be prosecuted for some of those potential crimes down the line. No U.S. president has ever been prosecuted for crimes after leaving office. Do you believe that President Trump could or should be the first?	Rachel Maddow	John Delaney	Other candidates
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You've called for big, new government benefits, like universal health care and free college. In a recent interview, you said you suspected that Americans would be, quote, "delighted" to pay more taxes for things like that. My question to you is, will taxes go up for the middle class in a Sanders administration? And if so, how do you sell that to voters?	Savannah Guthrie	Bernie Sanders	Economy
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Vice President Biden, Senator Sanders, as you know, has been calling for a revolution. Recently in remarks to a group of wealthy donors, as you were speaking about problem of income inequality in this country, you said we shouldn't, quote, "demonize the rich." You said, "Nobody has to be punished. No one's standard of living would change. Nothing would fundamentally change." What did you mean by that?	Savannah Guthrie	Joe Biden	Economy
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	There's is a lot of talk in this primary about new government benefits, such as student loan cancellation, free college, health care, and more. Do you think that Democrats have a responsibility to explain how they will pay for every proposal they make along those lines?	Savannah Guthrie	Kamala Harris	Spending
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Governor Hickenlooper, let me get you in on this. You've warned that Democrats will lose in 2020 if they "embrace socialism," as you put it. You were booed at the California Democratic convention when you said that. Only one candidate on this stage, Senator Sanders, identifies himself as a democratic socialist. What are the policies or positions of your opponents that you think are veering towards "socialism"?	Savannah Guthrie	John Hickenlooper; Bernie Sanders, Kirsten Gillibrand	Other candidates

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1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Bennet, you have said, quote, “It’s possible to write policy proposals that have no basis in reality. You might as well call them candy. Were you referring to any candidate or proposal in particular when you said that?”	Savannah Guthrie	Michael Bennet	Other candidates
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Many of your colleagues onstage support free college. You do not. Why not?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Pete Buttigieg	Education
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mr. Yang, your — your signature policy is to give every adult in the United States \$1,000 a month, no questions asked. ... I think that’s like \$3.2 trillion a year. How would do you that?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Andrew Yang	Presidential priorities
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman Swalwell, I want to talk a little bit about what Mr. Yang is talking about, and you just actually mentioned, that many Americans are worried about things like self-driving cars, robots, drones, artificial intelligence will cost them their jobs. What would you do to help people get the skills they need to adapt to this new world?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Eric Swalwell; Joe Biden, Kamala Harris	Education
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We asked a question about health care last night that spurred a lot of discussion, as you know. We’re going to do it again now. Many people watching at home have health insurance through their employer. Who here would abolish their private health insurance in favor of a government-run plan?	Lester Holt	All candidates; Kristen Gillibrand, Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden	Health care
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Sanders, you have basically — you basically want to scrap the private health insurance system as we know it and replace it with a government-run plan. None of the states that have tried something like that, California, Vermont, New York has struggled with it, have been successful. If politicians can’t make it in those states, how would you implement it on a national level? How does this work?	Lester Holt	Bernie Sanders	Health care
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We’ve been talking a lot about access to health insurance. But for many Americans, their most pressing concern is the high cost of health care. How would you lower the cost of prescription drugs?	Lester Holt	Marianne Williamson	Health care
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Bennet, a question for you. You want to keep the system that we have in place with Obamacare and build on it. You mentioned that a moment ago. Is that enough to get us to universal coverage?	Lester Holt	Michael Bennet; Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris	Health care
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	A lot of you have been talking tonight about these government health care plans that you have proposed in one form or another. This is a show of hands question, and hold them up for a moment so people can see. Raise your hand if your government plan would provide coverage for undocumented immigrants.	Savannah Guthrie	All candidates; Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden	Health care

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1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	On January 20th, 2021, if you are president, what specifically would you do with the thousands of people who try to reach the United States every day and want a better life through asylum?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Kamala Harris, John Hickenlooper, Marianne Williamson, Kirsten Gillibrand	Immigration
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We had a very spirited debate on this stage last night on the topic of decriminalization of the border. If you'd be so kind, raise your hand if you think it should be a civil offense rather than a crime to cross the border without documentation? Can we keep the hands up so we could see them?	Jose Diaz-Balart	All candidates; Joe Biden	Immigration
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	The Obama-Biden administration deported more than 3 million Americans. My question to you is, if an individual is living in the United States of America without documents, and that is his only offense, should that person be deported?	Jose Diaz-Balart	Joe Biden, Eric Swalwell, Kamala Harris	Immigration
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Last night, we asked the candidates on this stage to name the greatest geopolitical threat facing the U.S. Four of them mentioned China. U.S. businesses say China steals our intellectual property and party leaders on both sides accuse China of manipulating their currency to keep the cost of goods artificially low. I want to ask this to Senator Bennet, to start off with. How would you stand up to China?	Lester Holt	Michael Bennet, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg	Foreign policy
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	In the last five years, civil rights activists in our country have led a national debate over race and the criminal justice system. Your community of South Bend, Indiana, has recently been in uproar over an officer-involved shooting. The police force in South Bend is now 6 percent black in a city that is 26 percent black. Why has that not improved over your two terms as mayor?	Rachel Maddow	Pete Buttigieg	Social Issues
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Sanders, Senator Sanders, I'm going to go to you on this. You said on the day you launched your campaign that voters should focus on what people stand for, not a candidate's race or age or sexual orientation. Many Democrats are very excited by the diversity of this field on this stage and on last night's stage and the perspective that diversity brings to this contest and to these issues. ... Are you telling Democratic voters that diversity shouldn't matter when they make this decision?	Chuck Todd	Bernie Sanders, Kristen Gillibrand	Electability
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	On the issue of partisan gridlock, President Obama promised in 2012 that after his reelection, Republicans would want to work with Democrats, fever would break. That did not happen. Now Vice President Biden is saying the same thing, that if he is elected in 2020, both parties will want to work together. Should voters believe that somehow if there is a Democratic president in 2021 that gridlock is going to magically disappear? ... Vice President Biden, 30 seconds. What — it does sound as if you haven't seen what's been happening in the United States Senate over the last 12 years. It didn't happen. Why?	Chuck Todd	Michael Bennet; Joe Biden	Social issues

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1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Roe v. Wade has been the law of the land since 1973. Now that there is a conservative majority on the Supreme Court, several Republican-controlled states have passed laws to severely restrict or even ban abortion. One of those laws could very well make it to the Supreme Court during your presidency, if you're elected president. What is your plan if Roe is struck down in the court while you're president?	Rachel Maddow	Bernie Sanders	Social issues
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Harris, I'm addressing you first on this. You live in a state that has been hit by drought, wildfires, flooding. Climate change is a major concern for voters in your state, that's pretty obvious, obviously this state as well. ... Last night voters heard many of the candidates weigh in on their proposals. Explain specifically what yours is.	Chuck Todd	Kamala Harris	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Buttigieg, in your climate plan, if you are elected president, in your first term, how is this going to help farmers impacted by climate change in the Midwest?	Chuck Todd	Pete Buttigieg	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Governor, you have said that oil and gas companies should be a part of the solution on climate change. Lots of your colleagues onstage tonight have talked about moving away from fossil fuels entirely. Can oil and gas companies be real partners in this fight?	Rachel Maddow	John Hickenlooper	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	On the issue of how you do this, Democrats are arguing robustly among themselves about what's the best way to tackle climate change. But if we're honest, many Republicans, including the president, are still not sure if they believe it is even a serious problem. So are there significant ways you can cut carbon emissions if you have to do it with no support from Congress?	Rachel Maddow	Joe Biden	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	President Obama in his first year wanted to address both health care and climate. And he could only get one signature issue accomplished; it was, obviously, health care. He didn't get to do climate change. You may only get one shot, and your first issue that you're going to push, you get one shot that it may be the only thing you get passed, what is that first issue for your presidency.	Chuck Todd	All candidates	Presidential priorities
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Congressman Swalwell, among this field of candidates, you have a unique position on gun reform. You're proposing that the government should buy back every assault weapon in America and it should be mandatory. How do you envision that working, especially in states where gun rights are a strong flash point?	Rachel Maddow	Eric Swalwell	Social issues
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Sanders, a Vermont newspaper recently released portions of an interview you gave in 2013 in which you said: "My own view on guns is, everything being equal, states should make those decisions." ... Has your thinking changed since then? Do you now think there is a federal role to play?	Rachel Maddow	Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden	Social issues

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1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Many fear the current administration has inflicted irrevocable harm on our governing institutions and norms and the process on our reputation abroad. The question is, what do you see as important early steps in reversing the damage done?	Viewer	Michael Bennet	Presidential priorities
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You're likely going to have to reset a relationship between America and another country or entity if you become president because of some — perhaps because of some relationship that you just mentioned about President Trump. What is the first relationship you would like to reset as president?	Chuck Todd	All candidates	Foreign policy
1B — Miami, FL — June 27, 2019 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	You made your decades of experience in foreign policy a pillar of your campaign, but when the time came to say yes or no on one of the most consequential foreign policy decisions of the last century, you voted for the Iraq War. You have since said you regret that vote. But why should voters trust your judgment when it comes to making a decision about taking the country to war the next time?	Rachel Maddow	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Foreign policy
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	You support Medicare for all, which would eventually take private health insurance away from more than 150 million Americans, in exchange for government-sponsored health care for everyone. Congressman Delaney just referred to it as bad policy. And previously, he has called the idea "political suicide that will just get President Trump re-elected." What do you say to Congressman Delaney?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders; John Delaney, Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	At the last debate, you said you're, quote, "with Bernie on Medicare for all." Now, Senator Sanders has said that people in the middle class will pay more in taxes to help pay for Medicare for all, though that will be offset by the elimination of insurance premiums and other costs. Are you also, quote, "with Bernie" on Medicare for all when it comes to raising taxes on middle-class Americans to pay for it? ... just a point of clarification in 15 extra seconds, would you raise taxes on the middle class to pay for Medicare for All, offset, obviously, by the elimination of insurance premiums, yes or no?	Jake Tapper	Elizabeth Warren; Steve Bullock	Health care
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	I want to bring in Mayor Buttigieg. On the topic of whether or not the middle class should pay higher taxes in exchange for guaranteed health care and the elimination of insurance premiums, how do you respond, Mayor? ... Just 15 seconds on the clarification. You are willing to raise taxes on middle-class Americans in order to have universal coverage with the disappearance of insurance premiums, yes or no?	Jake Tapper	Pete Buttigieg, Beto O'Rourke, Steve Bullock	Health care
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Warren at the beginning of the night said that Democrats cannot bring -- cannot win the White House with small ideas and spinelessness. In the last debate, she said the politicians who are not supporting Medicare for All simply lack the will to fight for it. You do not support Medicare for All. Is Senator Warren correct? Do you just not lack the will to fight for it?	Jake Tapper	Amy Klobuchar, John Delaney; Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, John Hickenlooper, Marianne Williamson, Tim Ryan	Health care

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2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	If Medicare for all is enacted, there are more than 600,000 union members here in Michigan who would be forced to give up their private healthcare plans. Now, I understand that it would provide universal coverage -- but, can you guarantee those union members that the benefits under Medicare for all will be as good as the benefits that they're representatives -- their union reps fought hard to negotiate?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders; Tim Ryan, John Delaney	Health care
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	There is widespread agreement on this stage on the need for immigration reform, a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including dreamers. But there are some areas of disagreement. Mayor Buttigieg, you're in favor of getting rid of the law that makes it a crime to come across the U.S. border illegally. Why won't that just encourage more illegal immigration?	Dana Bash	Pete Buttigieg, John Hickenlooper, Amy Klobuchar; Beto O'Rourke, Elizabeth Warren	Immigration
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Sanders, you want to provide undocumented immigrants free health care and free college. Why won't this drive even more people to come to the U.S. illegally?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders	Immigration
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Governor Bullock, about two-thirds of Democratic voters and many of your rivals here for the nomination, support giving health insurance to undocumented immigrants. You haven't gone that far. Why not?	Dana Bash	Steve Bullock; Elizabeth Warren	Immigration
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Congressman Ryan, are Senator Sanders' proposals going to incentivize undocumented immigrants to come into this country illegally?	Dana Bash	Tim Ryan, Marianne Williamson, Bernie Sanders	Immigration
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	There were three large-scale shootings this past week in America, at a park in Brooklyn, on the streets on Philadelphia and one that left three dead and 12 injured at a food festival in Gilroy, California. Governor - excuse me, Mayor Buttigieg, other than offering words of comfort, what're you specially going to do to stop this epidemic of gun violence?	Don Lemon	Pete Buttigieg, John Hickenlooper, Amy Klobuchar; Pete Buttigieg	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Governor Bullock, how can Democrats trust you to be the leader on this fight for gun safety when you only changed your position to call for an assault weapons ban last summer?	Don Lemon	Steve Bullock, Beto O'Rourke	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Sanders, you said this in 2013, just months after the Sandy Hook massacre, and I quote here: "If you pass the strongest gun control legislation tomorrow, I don't think it will have a profound effect on the tragedies we have seen." Do you still agree with that statement today?	Don Lemon	Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg, Steve Bullock, Marianne Williamson	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Governor Hickenlooper, you ran a Facebook ad that warned "socialism is not the answer." The ad also said, "don't let extremes give Trump four more years," are you saying that Senator Sanders is too extreme to beat President Trump?	Jake Tapper	John Hickenlooper; Bernie Sanders, Tim Ryan, Beto O'Rourke, Steve Bullock	Other candidates

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2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Warren, you make it a point to say that you're a capitalist. Is that your way of convincing voters that you might be a safer choice than Senator Sanders?	Jake Tapper	Elizabeth Warren, John Delaney; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	At the beginning of the night, you said you're going to hear a lot of promises on the stage. And previously you have said, when asked about your primary opponents, quote, "A lot of people are making promises, and I'm not going to make promises just to get elected." Who on this stage is making promises just to get elected?	Jake Tapper	Amy Klobuchar, Beto O'Rourke	Other candidates
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	You say the Green New Deal is about as realistic as Trump saying Mexico is going to pay for the wall. But scientists say we need essentially to eliminate fossil fuel pollution by 2050 to avoid the most catastrophic consequences. Why isn't this sweeping plan to fight the climate crisis realistic?	Dana Bash	John Delaney; Elizabeth Warren, John Hickenlooper	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Congressman Ryan, we are here in Michigan, where there are about 180,000 workers in auto manufacturing. Your state of Ohio has around 96,000 workers in that industry. Senator Sanders is co-sponsoring a bill that would eliminate new gas-powered car sales by 2040. Given the number of auto manufacturing workers in your state, how concerned are you about Senator Sanders' plan?	Dana Bash	Tim Ryan, Steve Bullock, Beto O'Rourke, Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	I want to ask you about something that CNN heard from a Michigan Democratic primary voter, but we're reaching out and getting their questions. Kimber from Birmingham, Michigan has this question, "what is your plan to address infrastructure, including the water issue so another Flint, Michigan does not happen again?"	Dana Bash	Amy Klobuchar, Marianne Williamson	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Congressman O'Rourke, President Trump is pursuing a reelection strategy based in part, on racial division. How do you convince primary voters that you'd be the best nominee to take on President Trump and heal the racial divide in America?	Don Lemon	Beto O'Rourke, John Hickenlooper	Electability
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Last week the FBI Director Christopher Wray said that the majority of domestic terrorism cases this year have been motivated by white supremacy. In fact, the alleged shooter in this weekend's attack in Gilroy, California referenced a well-known white supremacist book on social media. How are you going to combat the rise of white supremacy?	Don Lemon	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Mayor Buttigieg, you have been criticized for your handling of racial issues in your home city of South Bend, from diversity in the police force to housing policy. Given your record, how can you convince African-Americans that you should be the Democratic nominee?	Don Lemon	Pete Buttigieg	Electability
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Klobuchar, what do you say to those Trump voters who prioritize the economy over the president's bigotry?	Don Lemon	Amy Klobuchar; Beto O'Rourke	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Ms. Williamson, many of your opponents support a commission to study the issue of reparations for slavery. But you are calling for up to \$500 billion in financial assistance. What makes you qualified to determine how much is owed in reparations?	Don Lemon	Marianne Williamson	Social issues

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2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Sanders -- Senator Sanders, you don't think cash payments are the best way to address this issue, but according to a new Gallup poll, 73 percent of African-Americans are in favor of cash payments to black Americans who are descendants of slaves. How do you respond to them?	Don Lemon	Bernie Sanders	Social issues
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	President Trump's tariffs have boosted the U.S. steel industry but hurt auto manufacturers like those here in Michigan, which could drive up the cost of cars. As president, would you continue President Trump's steel tariffs?	Don Lemon	Tim Ryan, John Delaney, Beto O'Rourke, Steve Bullock; Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders	Economy
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	On Thursday of this week, a GM plant in Michigan will stop production, the latest auto plant to cease operations in the industrial Midwest. This comes as part of the company's modernization plans, which will eventually result in 6,000 hourly workers losing their jobs or being reassigned to other plants. What is your plan for retraining workers whose jobs are at risk?	Don Lemon	Pete Buttigieg	Education
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Your estimated net worth is more than \$65 million. That would make you subject to Senator Warren's proposed wealth tax on the assets of the richest 75,000 homes, households, or so, in the United States. Do you think Senator Warren's wealth tax is a fair way to fund child care and education?	Don Lemon	John Delaney; Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Mayor Buttigieg, you've talked about how you and your husband are paying down six figures of student loan debt. Under Senator Sanders' proposal to cancel all student loan debt, yours would immediately be wiped away. Why wouldn't you support that?	Dana Bash	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders	Education
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	You are proposing to make college free for all qualified students. Should the government pay for children from wealthier families to go to college?	Dana Bash	Mariane Williamson, Amy Klobuchar; Beto O'Rourke	Education
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Sanders, President Trump has argued that the United States cannot continue to be the, quote, "policeman of the world." You said the exact same thing on a debate stage in 2016. If voters are hearing the same message from you and President Trump on the issue of military intervention, how should they expect that you will be any different from him?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders; John Hickenlooper	Foreign policy
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	I want to go to Congressman Ryan and I want to turn to the subject of North Korea, which just hours ago launched two short-range ballistic missiles for the second time in less than a week. Congressman, you've said that you would not meet with North Korea dictator Kim Jong-un unless you were at least close to a deal. Now, Senator Klobuchar says that she would, quote, "always be willing to meet with leaders to discuss policies." Is that view wrong?	Jake Tapper	Tim Ryan; Amy Klobuchar	Foreign policy
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Mayor Buttigieg, you served in Afghanistan where just yesterday two U.S. servicemembers were killed. There are currently about 14,000 U.S. servicemembers in Afghanistan. You've said, quote, "One thing everybody can agree on is that we're getting out of Afghanistan." Will you withdraw all U.S. servicemembers by the end of your first year in office?	Jake Tapper	Pete Buttigieg, Beto O'Rourke; John Hickenlooper	Foreign policy

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2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	Senator Warren, you want to make it U.S. policy that the U.S. will never use a nuclear weapon unless another country uses one first. Now, President Obama reportedly considered that policy, but ultimately decided against it. Why should the U.S. tie its own hands with that policy?	Jake Tapper	Elizabeth Warren; Steve Bullock	Foreign policy
2A — Detroit, MI — July 30, 2019 — CNN	So Mayor Buttigieg, you just qualified. You're 37, the youngest candidate in this field. Standing next to you is the oldest candidate, Bernie Sanders, at age 77. Should voters take into consideration age when choosing a presidential candidate?	Don Lemon	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders	Electability
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Harris, this week you released a new health care plan which would preserve private insurance and take 10 years to phase in. Vice President Biden's campaign calls your plan, quote, "a have-it-every-which-way approach" and says it's just part of a confusing pattern of equivocating about your health care stance. What do you say to that?	Dana Bash	Kamala Harris; Joe Biden, Bill de Blasio	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Vice President Biden, you just heard Mayor de Blasio. He said in the past that Democrats who wanted to keep the private insurance industry are defending a health care system that is not working. What's your response?	Dana Bash	Joe Biden	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Gillibrand, you support Medicare for All. How do you feel about Senator Harris continuing to call her health proposal Medicare for All, when it includes a far more significant role for private insurance than the bill you co-sponsored?	Dana Bash	Kirsten Gillibrand; Kamala Harris, Joe Biden	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Booker, let me bring you in here. You say you support Medicare for All. You also say you are not going to pull private health insurance from more than 150 million Americans in exchange for a government plan, but that's what Medicare for All would do. So how do you square that?	Dana Bash	Cory Booker, Tulsi Gabbard; Kamala Harris, Joe Biden	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	I want to bring in Senator Bennet. Last night, on this stage, one of your democratic rivals suggested that running on Medicare for All would get Donald Trump reelected.	Jake Tapper	Michael Bennet, Julian Castro	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Thank you, Secretary Castro. Senator Harris, Senator Bennet had suggested that you support banning employer based health insurance. Is that true?	Jake Tapper	Kamala Harris; Michael Bennet	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Governor Inslee, I want to bring you in. You recently signed a public option into law, which allows Washington State residents to purchase a state backed plan if they want to. But this may only save families in Washington State as little as 5 percent off premiums. Is 5 percent really the kind of relief that the American people need?	Jake Tapper	Jay Inslee, Andrew Yang, Bill de Blasio; Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris	Health care
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Secretary Castro, you think it should no longer be a crime to cross the U.S. border illegally. President Obama's homeland security secretary, Jeh Johnson, whom you served with, says that is a public declaration that the border is, quote, "effectively open to all." How is he wrong?	Don Lemon	Julian Castro, Michael Bennet, Kamala Harris; Kirsten Gillibrand	Immigration

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2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Vice President Biden, in the first two years of the Obama administration, nearly 800,000 immigrants were deported, far more than during President Trump's first two years. Would the higher deportation rates resume if you were president?	Don Lemon	Joe Biden; Julian Castro, Tulsi Gabbard, Andrew Yang	Immigration
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Booker you have a plan that would, quote, "virtually eliminate immigration detention." Does that mean that the roughly 55,000 migrants currently in detention would be released into the United States?	Don Lemon	Cory Booker; Joe Biden, Jay Inslee, Bill de Blasio	Immigration
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Congresswoman Gabbard, you are a co-sponsor of the College for All Act which would make public colleges and universities free for all Americans. One of the authors of that plan, Senator Sanders, believes college should be tuition-free for undocumented immigrants as well. Do you?	Don Lemon	Tulsi Gabbard; Bill de Blasio, Cory Booker, Joe Biden, Kirsten Gillibrand	Immigration
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mr. Vice President, Senator Booker called your new criminal justice reform plan, quote, "an inadequate solution to what is a raging crisis in our country," unquote. Why is Senator Booker wrong?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden; Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Jay Inslee	Social issues
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mayor de Blasio? Mayor de Blasio, why is that police officer still on the force, the one who killed Eric Garner? Please respond.	Jake Tapper	Bill de Blasio; Joe Biden, Andrew Yang, Kirsten Gillibrand	Social issues
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Harris, you have also been quite critical of Vice President Biden's policies on race, specifically on the issues of busing in the 1970s, having benefitted from busing when you were a young child. Vice President Biden says that your current position on busing, you're opposed to federally mandated busing, that that position is the same as his position. Is he right?	Jake Tapper	Kamala Harris; Joe Biden, Tulsi Gabbard	Social issues
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Bennet, a question for you. Why are you the best candidate to heal the racial divide that exists in this country today, which has been stoked by the president's racist rhetoric?	Don Lemon	Michael Bennet, Jay Inslee, Andrew Yang	Electability
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Secretary Castro, after the president's racist tweets attacking Baltimore and Congressman Elijah Cummings, the mayor of Baltimore slammed the tweets and said to the president -- and I quote here -- "Help us. Send the resources that we need to rebuild America." So what would you do for Baltimore and other cities that need help?	Don Lemon	Julian Castro, Kirsten Gillibrand	Presidential priorities
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	The United Nations says the world needs to cut all carbon emissions by 2050 or risk facing disastrous consequences. Governor Inslee, many of your fellow democratic candidates say that climate change is the biggest existential threat facing the country. You, though, are calling it the number one priority in your campaign. What do you know that the others don't?	Dana Bash	Jay Inslee, Joe Biden, Andrew Yang, Kamala Harris	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change

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2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	You're a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal, which includes the guarantee of a job with medical leave, paid vacations, and retirement security for everyone in America. Explain how that's realistic.	Dana Bash	Kirsten Gillibrand, Tulsi Gabbard, Cory Booker	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mayor de Blasio, your administration has come under fire after hundreds of children living in New York City public housing tested positive for elevated levels of lead. As you know, we're not far from Flint, Michigan, where residents are still dealing with the consequences of having lead in their drinking water. How can you assure the people of Flint and across the nation that you are the right person to handle such a problem?	Dana Bash	Bill de Blasio; Julian Castro	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Vice President Biden, last night on this stage, Senator Elizabeth Warren said, quote, "We're not going to solve the urgent problems that we face with small ideas and spinelessness. We're going to solve them by being the Democratic Party of big, structural change." What do you say to progressives who worry that your proposals are not ambitious enough to energize the progressive wing of your party, which you will need to beat Donald Trump?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden, Kirsten Gillibrand	Electability
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mr. Yang, in poll after poll democratic voters are saying that having a nominee who can beat President Trump is more important to them than having a nominee who agrees with them on major issues. And right now, according to polls, they say the candidate who has the best chance of doing that, of beating President Trump is Vice President Biden. Why are they wrong?	Jake Tapper	Andrew Yang, Tulsi Gabbard, Cory Booker, Kamala Harris	Other candidates
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Wage growth is up. Stocks are rising. Unemployment is near historic lows, including for Latinos and African-Americans. You have all outlined plans, but you in particular, that could end up raising taxes. How can you guarantee that won't hurt the economy?	Jake Tapper	Julian Castro	Economy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Many saw the Trans-Pacific Partnership issue as something that would be a critical tool to deal with the rise of China. You were against it. How would you ensure that the United States is able to remain competitive against China on the world stage?	Dana Bash	Tulsi Gabbard	Economy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Vice President Biden, would you rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which, of course, President Trump withdrew from?	Dana Bash	Joe Biden, Bill de Blasio	Economy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator, CNN reached out to Michigan Democratic primary voters for their most pressing question. Farris from Flint, Michigan, has this question: "Here in Detroit, our economy has seen firsthand how technology and automation can displace workers and create uncertainty around human job security. How would you balance these disruptions created by technology with the beneficial impact of technology on our economy?"	Dana Bash	Michael Bennet	Economy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mr. Yang, Mr. Yang, women on average earn 80 cents, about 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. Senator Harris wants to fine companies that don't close their gender pay gaps. As an entrepreneur, do you think a stiff fine will change how companies pay their female employees?	Dana Bash	Andrew Yang, Kamala Harris, Kirsten Gillibrand, Joe Biden, Jay Inslee	Social issues

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2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Booker, there are about 14,000 U.S. services members in Afghanistan right now. If elected, will they still be in Afghanistan by the end of your first year in office?	Jake Tapper	Cory Booker, Tulsi Gabbard	Foreign policy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Mr. Yang, Iran has now breached the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal after President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the deal, and that puts Iran closer to building a nuclear weapon, the ability to do so, at the very least. You've said if Iran violates the agreement, the U.S. would need to respond, quote, "very strongly." So how would a President Yang respond right now?	Jake Tapper	Andrew Yang, Jay Inslee; Joe Biden, Tulsi Gabbard	Foreign policy
2B — Detroit, MI — July 31, 2019 — CNN	Senator Harris, you have criticized President Trump for interfering with the Justice Department, and just last month you said if you were elected president, your Justice Department would, quote, "have no choice and should go forward with obstruction of justice charges against former President Trump." Why is it OK for you to advocate for the Justice Department to prosecute somebody, but President Trump, not him?	Don Lemon	Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Bill de Blasio, Michael Bennet	Presidential priorities
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	And, Vice President Biden, the differences between you and the senators on either side of you tonight strike at the heart of this primary debate. Both senators Warren and Sanders want to replace Obamacare with Medicare-for-all. You want to build on Obamacare, not scrap it. They propose spending far more than you to combat climate change and tackle student loan debt. And they would raise more in taxes than you to pay for their programs. Are Sens. Warren and Sanders pushing too far beyond where Democrats want to go and where the country needs to go?	George Stephanopoulos	Joe Biden	Other candidates
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Sen. Warren, let me take that to you, particularly on what Sen. Biden was saying there about health care. He has actually praised Bernie Sanders for being candid about his health care plan, that senator — says that Sanders has been candid about the fact that middle class taxes are going to go up and most of private insurance is going to be eliminated. Will you make that same admission? ... Direct question. You said middle-class families are going to pay less. But will middle-class taxes go up to pay for the program? I know you believe that the deductibles and the premiums will go down. Will middle-class taxes go up? Will private insurance be eliminated?	George Stephanopoulos	Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Health care
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Klobuchar, you said in your opening statement you don't — you want to represent the people stuck in the middle of the extremes. Who represents the extreme on this stage?	George Stephanopoulos	Amy Klobuchar; Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg	Other candidates
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Harris, you started out co-sponsoring Senator Sanders's bill, you now say you're uncomfortable with it. Why?	George Stephanopoulos	Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke, Julian Castro, Andrew Yang	Health care

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Since we're here at an HBCU, I'd like to start with young black voters. Several recent polls indicate their number-one concern is racism. This campus, this state, and this nation are still raw from that racially motivated attack on Latinos in El Paso. Now, we know that the racial divide started long before President Trump and President Obama, but each of you on this stage has said that President Trump has made that divide worse. Congressman O'Rourke, coming to you first, why are you the most qualified candidate to address this divide?	Linsey Davis	Beto O'Rourke, Julian Castro	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Booker, you have said, quote, "The real question isn't who is or isn't a racist. It's who is going to do something about it." Senator, what do you plan to do about it?	Linsey Davis	Cory Booker	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Mayor Buttigieg, you've been struggling with issues around race in your own community. You've also said that anyone who votes to re-elect President Trump is, at best, looking the other way on racism. Does that sort of talk alienate voters and potentially deepen divisions in our country?	Linsey Davis	Pete Buttigieg	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Also a concern for people of color is criminal justice reform. Senator Harris, you released your plan for that just this week. And it does contradict some of your prior positions. Among them, you used to oppose the legalization of marijuana; now you don't. You used to oppose outside investigations of police shootings; now you don't. You've said that you changed on these and other things because you were, quote, "swimming against the current, and thankfully the currents have changed." But when you had the power, why didn't you try to effect change then?	Linsey Davis	Kamala Harris	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Klobuchar, during your eight years as a prosecutor in Minnesota, there were dozens of incidents where black men were killed by police. Critics say that too often you sided with police in these cases. The ACLU's legal director in Minnesota has said that you showed no interest in racial justice. Do you wish now that you had done more?	Linsey Davis	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	You all believe that the war on drugs has put too many Americans behind bars. Vice President Biden, you have a plan to release many nonviolent drug offenders from prison. Senator Booker says that your plan is not ambitious enough. Your response?	Linsey Davis	Joe Biden; Cory Booker	Social issues

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to turn to the deadly mass shootings here in this country. And of course we are all mindful tonight of where we stand. We are here in Texas tonight, where 29 people have lost their lives in just the last month alone, El Paso, which we've discussed; in Odessa. And I know there are survivors from El Paso right here in the hall tonight. Vice President Biden, I do want to direct this to you, because we all remember Sandy Hook. Twenty-six people died in that school, 20 of them children. Those first graders would be in eighth grade today. At the time, there was a groundswell in this country to get something done. President Obama asked you to lead the push for gun control. You have often pointed to your ability to reach across the aisle to get things done, but four months after Sandy Hook, a measure to require expanded background checks died on the Senate floor. If you couldn't get it done after Sandy Hook, why should voters give you another chance?	David Muir	Joe Biden	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Harris, you have said that you would take executive action on guns within your first 100 days ... including banning imports of AR-15 assault weapons. President Obama, after Sandy Hook, more than 23 executive actions, and yet here we all are today. In recent days former Vice President Biden has said about executive orders, "Some really talented people are seeking the nomination. They said 'I'm going to issue an executive order.'" Biden saying, "There's no constitutional authority to issue that executive order when they say 'I'm going to eliminate assault weapons,'" saying, "you can't do it by executive order any more than Trump can do things when he says he can do it by executive order." Does the vice president have a point there?	David Muir	Kamala Harris; Joe Biden	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I'm going to — I'm going to work down the row here. But I do want to come to Congressman O'Rourke, because I know this is personal to you. El Paso is your hometown. Some on this stage have suggested a voluntary buy-back for guns in this country. You've gone further. You've said, quote, "Americans who own AR-15s and AK-47s will have to sell them to the government, all of them." You know that critics call this confiscation. Are you proposing taking away their guns? And how would this work?	David Muir	Beto O'Rourke	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to bring in Senator Klobuchar on this, because you've often talked about your uncle and the proud hunters back home in Minnesota. So I wanted to get your response to Congressman O'Rourke tonight. Where do you stand on mandatory gun buybacks?	David Muir	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to turn to Senator Booker, because you have said just this week about guns and about the candidates on this stage, that the differences do matter. Those were your words. You have argued, if you need a license to drive a car in this country, you should have a license to buy a gun. Gun-owners would not only have to pass a background check, they would have to obtain a federal license to buy a gun. This would require, as you know, Congress to pass legislation. If Democrats can't get universal background checks, how would you get this done? And can you name one Republican colleague of yours in the Senate right now who would be onboard with this idea? .. Senator Booker, thank you. A quick follow-up, though, because Americans watching tonight know the reality of Congress in Washington. I asked do you have a Republican colleague in the Senate who would be onboard with this idea to get this done?	David Muir	Cory Booker	Social issues

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Warren, I want to come to you next, because you have actually said in recent days that there are things you can get done with Republicans in the Senate. What can you get done on gun control?	David Muir	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	You bring up eliminating the filibuster, which means you would need simply a simple majority in a Republican Senate to get something done. I want to turn to Senator Sanders on this, because you've said before of this, if Donald Trump supports ending the filibuster, which he's talked about himself, you should be nervous. Would you support ending the filibuster?	David Muir	Bernie Sanders	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	We've been hearing a lot about what's been happening here in Texas. Only a few weeks ago, the deadliest massacre of Latinos, Latinos, in modern U.S. history happened in this state, in El Paso. So the fear among Latinos — and you know this — is very real. So let me start with an issue that is causing a lot of division in this country: immigration. Vice President Biden, as a presidential candidate, in 2008, you supported the border wall, saying, "Unlike most Democrats, I voted for 700 miles of fence." This is what you said. Then you served as vice president in an administration that deported 3 million people, the most ever in U.S. history. Did you do anything to prevent those deportations? I mean, you've been asked this question before and refused to answer, so let me try once again. Are you prepared to say tonight that you and President Obama made a mistake about deportations? Why should Latinos trust you?	Jorge Ramos	Joe Biden	Immigration
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Secretary Castro, would you want to respond to Vice President Biden? And let me put this in context, because your party controlled the White House and Congress in 2009 and didn't pass immigration reform, and this broke a promise made by President Barack Obama to Latinos. So why should voters trust Democrats now? I mean, now it is even more difficult, as you know, because you need Republican votes in the Senate. So are you willing, for instance, to give up DACA or give up a path to citizenship or even agree to build a wall in order to legalize 10.5 million undocumented immigrants?	Jorge Ramos	Julian Castro; Joe Biden	Immigration
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Okay, Senator Warren, hundreds of children have been separated from their parents at the border. And recently, in Mississippi, we saw the largest immigration raid in a decade. You want ICE, the agency in charge of rounding up undocumented immigrants. So how would you deal with the millions of immigrants who arrive legally but overstay their visas? And how would you stop hundreds of thousands of Central Americans who want to migrate to the U.S.?	Jorge Ramos	Elizabeth Warren	Immigration
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Mr. Yang? It is true that in the last few years we have seen the most severe anti-immigrant measures, from putting kids in cages to limiting asylum for people fleeing gangs and domestic violence. But it is also true about 1 million immigrants enter the U.S. legally every year. So, are you willing to raise the number of legal immigrants from 1 million to 2 million per year? And should there be a merit system, as President Trump wants?	Jorge Ramos	Andrew Yang	Immigration

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Pete, eight out of 10 Latinos in Texas fear another mass shooter targeting them. This is according to a new Univision poll. President Trump has called Mexican immigrants rapists and killers, tried to ban Muslims from entering the country separated children from their parents. His supporters have chanted, build a wall and send her back. Do you think that people who support President Trump and his immigration policies are racist?	Jorge Ramos	Pete Buttigieg	Immigration
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	In an interview eight months ago, you were asked to asked what to do with the so-called "over-stayers," people who come with a visa and then stay. And you said, I don't know. Do you have an answer now?	Jorge Ramos	Beto O'Rourke	Immigration
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	The U.S. relationship with China, trade, and President Trump's tariffs. We received more than 100 questions from viewers wanting to know how all of you are going to handle these tariffs. And, Mr. Yang, let me begin with you. Would you repeal the tariffs on your first day in office? And if so, would you risk losing leverage in our trade relationship with China?	George Stephanopoulos	Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro	Economy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Warren, let me bring you in on this conversation. President Obama signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership. In part, it was designed to rein in China, to bring China into some kind of regulation. What do you think he got wrong?	George Stephanopoulos	Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders; Joe Biden, Cory Booker	Economy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Warren, we all know the presidency is much different from the campaign trail. President Obama wanted to bring the troops home. President Trump promised to bring the troops home. And you have said of Afghanistan, let's help them reach a peace settlement. It is time to bring our troops home, in your words, starting right now. Would you keep that promise to bring the troops home starting right now with no deal with the Taliban? ... Senator Warren, a quick follow on that, because top U.S. leaders, military leaders on the ground in Afghanistan told me you can't do it without a deal with the Taliban. You just said you would, you would bring them home. What if they told you that? Would you listen to their advice?	David Muir, George Stephanopoulos	Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg	Foreign policy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to turn to Vice President Biden, because the concerns about any possible vacuum being created in Afghanistan, if you pulled the U.S. troops out, has been heightened by what we've seen in recent days on the ground in Iraq. When you were vice president, President Obama turned to you to bring the troops home from Iraq. You have said on the campaign trail, quote, "I made sure the president turned to me and said, Joe, get our combat troops out of Iraq." There was a major drawdown of U.S. troops, and then ISIS seized by some estimates 40 percent of the territory in Iraq. You then had to send thousands of troops back in. Was it wrong to pull out of Iraq that quickly? And did the move actually help ISIS take hold?	David Muir	Joe Biden	Foreign policy

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to turn to Senator Sanders on this. Because the concern over Afghanistan is very similar to what we saw in Iraq when the troops came out. ISIS filled that vacuum. What do you make of people out there who are worried that if we pull out U.S. troops too quickly from Afghanistan, it will create safe haven all over again, like the plotters of 9/11?	David Muir	Bernie Sanders	Foreign policy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	I want to take this to Mr. Yang. You share the stage, as you know, when when we talk about troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the vice president, who was in the Situation Room, with senators who were on the Senate Armed Services, the Foreign Relations Committees, with an Afghanistan veteran who is on the stage tonight. As you share the stage with these candidates, what makes you the most qualified on this stage to be commander in chief?	David Muir	Andrew Yang	Foreign policy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	You haven't been asked about Latin America in the previous debates, so let's begin. Senator Sanders, one country where many immigrants are arriving from is Venezuela. A recent U.N. fact-finding mission found that thousands have been disappeared, tortured and killed by government forces in Venezuela. You admit that Venezuela does not have free elections, but still you refuse to call Nicolas Maduro a dictator — a dictator. Can you explain why?	Jorge Ramos	Bernie Sanders; Julian Castro	Foreign policy
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Booker, let me ask you about Brazil. After the recent fires in the Amazon, some experts suggested that eating less meat is one way to help the environment. You are a vegan since 2014. That's obviously a personal choice, but President Trump and Brazil's President Bolsonaro are concerned that climate change regulations could affect economic growth.	Jorge Ramos	Cory Booker	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Congressman O'Rourke, Hurricane Harvey hit this town two years ago. And not only is the Amazon burning, Greenland is melting at a record pace. The last five years have been the hottest ever recorded. And we have a viewer's question about this. What meaningful action will you take to reverse the effect of climate change? And can we count on you to follow through if your donors are against it?	Jorge Ramos	Beto O'Rourke; Amy Klobuchar,	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Warren, should American foreign policy be based around the principle of climate change?	Jorge Ramos	Elizabeth Warren; Kamala Harris, Andrew Yang	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Mr. Yang, we'll stay with you. Here in Houston, the school district is facing yet another year of spending cuts. Like schools across the country, the system faces many challenges. One of them, thousands of students are leaving traditional public schools and going to charter schools. You're the most vocal proponent on this stage for charter schools. You have said that Democrats who want to limit them are, quote, "just jumping into bed with teachers unions and doing kids a disservice." Why isn't taxpayer money better spent on fixing traditional public schools? ... Sen. Warren, to use Mr. Yang's term, are you just jumping into bed with teachers unions?	Linsey Davis	Andrew Yang; Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders	Education

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3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Mr. Vice president, I want to come to you and talk to you about inequality in schools and race. In a conversation about how to deal with segregation in schools back in 1975, you told a reporter, "I don't feel responsible for the sins of my father and grandfather, I feel responsible for what the situation is today, for the sins of my own generation, and I'll be damned if I feel responsible to pay for what happened 300 years ago." You said that some 40 years ago. But as you stand here tonight, what responsibility do you think that Americans need to take to repair the legacy of slavery in our country?	Linsey Davis	Joe Biden; Julian Castro	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	Senator Booker, coming to you now. It was 65 years ago this year that the Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public schools. Yet for millions of students of color today, segregation remains a reality.	Linsey Davis	Cory Booker	Social issues
3 — Houston, TX — September 12, 2019 — ABC, Univision	And we are now back now for a final round of questions. One question for each candidate. We're going to go in reverse order from the opening statement. And, candidates, the question is on the quality of resilience. No president can succeed without resilience. Every president confronts crises, defeats, and mistakes. So I want to ask each of you, what's the most significant professional setback you've had to face? How did you recover from it? And what did you learn from it?	George Stephanopoulos	All candidates	Electability
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Since the last debate, House Democrats have officially launched an impeachment inquiry against President Trump, which all the candidates on this stage support. Senator Warren, I want to start with you. You have said that there's already enough evidence for President Trump to be impeached and removed from office. But the question is, with the election only one year away, why shouldn't it be the voters who determine the president's fate?	Anderson Cooper	Elizabeth Warren	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Sanders, do Democrats have any chance but to impeach President Trump? Please respond.	Anderson Cooper	Bernie Sanders	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Vice President Biden, during the Clinton impeachment proceedings, you said, and I quote, "The American people don't think that they've made a mistake by electing Bill Clinton, and we in Congress had better be very careful before we upset their decision." With the country now split, have Democrats been careful enough in pursuing the impeachment of President Trump?	Anderson Cooper	Joe Biden	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Harris, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said that members of Congress have to be, in her words, fair to the president and give him a chance to exonerate himself. You've already said that based on everything you've seen, you would vote to remove him from office. Is that being fair to the president?	Anderson Cooper	Kamala Harris	Impeachment

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Booker, you have said that President Trump's, quote, "moral vandalism" disqualifies him from being president. Can you be fair in an impeachment trial? Please respond.	Anderson Cooper	Cory Booker	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Klobuchar, you have — what do you say to those who fear that impeachment is a distraction from issues that impact people's day-to-day lives, health care, the economy, and could backfire on Democrats?	Anderson Cooper	Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Mayer Buttigieg, you have said that impeachment should be bipartisan. There's been, obviously, very little Republican support to date, yet Democrats are proceeding. Is that a mistake?	Anderson Cooper	Pete Buttigieg, Tulsi Gabbard, Tom Steyer	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Mr. Yang, do you think there's already enough evidence out there to impeach the president? Please respond.	Anderson Cooper	Andrew Yang	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Congressman O'Rourke, on impeachment, please respond.	Anderson Cooper	Beto O'Rourke	Impeachment
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Thank you, Congressman. The impeachment inquiry is centered on President Trump's attempts to get political dirt from Ukraine on Vice President Biden and his son, Hunter. Mr. Vice President, President Trump has falsely accused your son of doing something wrong while serving on a company board in Ukraine. I want to point out there's no evidence of wrongdoing by either one of you. Having said that, on Sunday, you announced that if you're president, no one in your family or associated with you will be involved in any foreign businesses. My question is, if it's not okay for a president's family to be involved in foreign businesses, why was it okay for your son when you were vice president? Vice President Biden? ... Hold on, sorry, just to follow up. Mr. Vice President, as you said, your son, Hunter, today gave an interview, admitted that he made a mistake and showed poor judgement by serving on that board in Ukraine. Did you make a mistake by letting him? You were the point person on Ukraine at the time. You can answer.	Anderson Cooper	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Impeachment

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Warren, we've proposed -- you've proposed some sweeping plans, free public college, free universal childcare, eliminating most Americans' college debt. And you've said how you're going to pay for those plans. But you have not specified how you're going to pay for the most expensive plan, Medicare for all. Will you raise taxes on the middle class to pay for it, yes or no?	Mark Lacey	Elizabeth Warren	Health care
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Warren, to be clear, Senator Sanders acknowledges he's going to raise taxes on the middle class to pay for Medicare for all. You've endorsed his plan. Should you acknowledge it, too?	Mark Lacey	Elizabeth Warren	Health care
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Mayor Buttigieg, you say Senator Warren has been, quote, "evasive" about how she's going to pay for Medicare for all. What's your response?	Mark Lacey	Pete Buttigieg; Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar	Health care
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Let me -- let me bring you in here, Vice President, for your response. Are Senators Warren and Sanders being realistic about the difficulty of enacting their plans?	Mark Lacey	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris	Health care
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	I want to turn now to jobs. According to a recent study, about a quarter of American jobs could be lost to automation in just the next 10 years. Ohio is one of the states likely to be hardest hit. Senator Sanders, you say your federal jobs guarantee is part of the answer to the threat from automation, but tens of millions of Americans could end up losing their jobs. Are you promising that you will have a job for every single one of those Americans?	Erin Burnett	Bernie Sanders	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Sanders, thank you. Mr. Yang, your main solution to job loss from automation is a universal basic income. Why is giving people \$1,000 a month better than Sanders' plan to guaranteeing them a job?	Erin Burnett	Andrew Yang; Cory Booker	Other candidates
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Warren, you wrote that blaming job loss on automation is, quote, "a good story, except it's not really true." So should workers here in Ohio not be worried about losing their jobs to automation? ... Secretary Castro, what's your response to Senator Warren's claim that automation is a good story, except it's not really true?	Erin Burnett	Elizabeth Warren, Julian Castro; Andrew Yang, Elizabeth Warren, Tulsi Gabbard	Economy

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	One of the industries most at risk from a changing economy is the auto industry. General Motors used to be the largest employer in Ohio. Now it's 72nd. Today, thousands of GM workers here in Ohio and across the country are on strike. All of you on the stage have voiced support for these workers. Senator Booker, one of the latest impassers in negotiations involves bringing jobs back from Mexico. As president, how would you convince GM to return production to the United States?	Mark Lacey	Cory Booker, Beto O'Rourke	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Income inequality is growing in the United States at an alarming rate. The top 1 percent now own more of this nation's wealth than the bottom 90 percent combined. Senator Sanders, when you introduced your wealth tax, which would tax the assets of the wealthiest Americans, you said, quoting you, Senator, "Billionaires should not exist." Is the goal of your plan to tax billionaires out of existence?	Erin Burnett	Elizabeth Warren	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Mr. Steyer, you are the lone billionaire on this stage. What's your plan for closing the income gap?	Erin Burnett	Tom Steyer	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Vice President Biden, you have warned against demonizing rich people. Do you believe that Senator Sanders and Senator Warren's wealth tax plans do that?	Erin Burnett	Joe Biden; Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar	Other candidates
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Harris, you want to give working families a tax credit of up to \$6,000 a year to help close the income gap. Is that a better solution than a wealth tax? ... Mr. Yang, your response. Would you impose a wealth tax? ... Congressman O'Rourke, do you think a wealth tax is the best way to address income inequality? Your response.	Erin Burnett	Kamala Harris; Andrew Yang, Beto O'Rourke; Elizabeth Warren, Julian Castro, Cory Booker	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	I want to turn now to foreign policy. President Trump ordered the withdrawal of all American forces from northern Syria, abandoning America's long-time Kurdish allies. As a result, Turkey has now evaded Syria, ISIS detainees have escaped, and the Kurds have announced a new deal with the government in Damascus, a victory for Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, and Russia, and Iran. Vice President Biden, we know you would not have withdrawn troops from northern Syria in this way, but that is already in process. So would you send American troops back into northern Syria to prevent an ISIS resurgence and protect our Kurdish allies? ... Just to clarify, Mr. Vice President, would you want American troops back in northern Syria?	Anderson Cooper	Joe Biden	Foreign policy

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Congresswoman Gabbard, last week you said that American troops should get out of Syria now. You don't agree with how the president handled the withdrawal. What would you have done differently? How would you have pulled out troops without the bloodshed we're seeing now?	Anderson Cooper	Tulsi Gabbard; Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg	Foreign policy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Sanders, is Turkey still a U.S. ally? Should they remain in NATO?	Anderson Cooper	Berne Sanders; Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar	Foreign policy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Harris, given that the U.S. abandoned our Kurdish allies, what would you do as president to convince the rest of the world that we can still be trusted?	Anderson Cooper	Kamala Harris; Julian Castro	Foreign policy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Booker, the American intelligence community says that Russia is trying to capitalize on the power vacuums around the world as we're seeing right now in northern Syria. What specifically would you do as president to check Vladimir Putin's power on the world stage?	Mark Lacey	Cory Booker; Joe Biden	Foreign policy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Congressman O'Rourke, Senate Democrats put out a report last year on Russia's hostile actions around the world. They suggest the next president could fight back by publicly revealing what the U.S. knows about Putin's corruption and work with allies to freeze his bank accounts. Would you take either of those actions, even in the face of possible retaliation?	Mark Lacey	Beto O'Rourke, Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang	Foreign policy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	We want to turn back to domestic issues and the epidemic of gun violence in this country. We're less than 100 miles from Dayton, Ohio, where two months ago a gunman killed nine people using an AR-15-style weapon with a high-capacity magazine. Congressman O'Rourke, in the last debate, you said, quote, "Hell yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47," but when you were asked how you'd enforce a mandatory buyback, you said police wouldn't be going door to door. So how exactly are you going to force people to give up their weapons? You don't even know who has those weapons. ... Congressman, let me follow up. Just to follow up, your expectations aside, your website says you will fine people who don't give up their weapons. That doesn't take those weapons off the street. So to be clear, exactly how are you going to take away weapons from people who do not want to give them up and you don't know where they are?	Anderson Cooper	Beto O'Rourke	Social issues

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Mayor Buttigieg, just yesterday, you referred to mandatory buybacks as confiscation and said that Congressman O'Rourke has been picking a fight to try to stay relevant. Your response on guns?	Anderson Cooper	Pete Buttigieg, Beto O'Rourke, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Warren, you support a voluntary gun buyback of assault-style weapons, as well. Why not a mandatory one?	Anderson Cooper	Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Joe Biden	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Secretary Castro, the vast majority of homicides committed with a gun in this country are from handguns, not assault-style weapons. What's your plan to prevent those deaths?	Anderson Cooper	Julian Castro	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Turning to another key issue here in Ohio and around the country, the opioid epidemic, Senator Klobuchar, CNN reached out to Ohio Democratic voters for their most pressing questions. Brie, a teacher in Proctorville, asks, in rural Ohio, the opioid epidemic has affected our communities and schools. I have many high school students who have lost one or both parents to heroin. Teachers are on the front lines daily, witnessing these tragedies. How will you tackle this problem in general, but specifically what will you offer people in rural communities where rehabilitation is not easily accessed and access to jobs is difficult?	Mark Lacey	Amy Klobuchar, Tom Steyer	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Thank you, Mr. Steyer. Mr. Yang, you want to decriminalize the possession and use of small amounts of opioids, including heroin. How would that solve the crisis?	Mark Lacey	Andrew Yang, Beto O'Rourke	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Thank you, Congressman. Senator Harris, you want to hold the drug manufacturers that fueled the crisis accountable. Are you in favor of sending those drug company executives to jail?	Mark Lacey	Kamala Harris, Julian Castro; Bernie Sanders	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator, we are all very glad you're feeling well as you just said. But there is a question on a lot of people's minds, and I want to address it tonight. You're 78 years old, and you just had a heart attack. How do you reassure Democratic voters that you're up to the stress of the presidency?	Erin Burnett	Bernie Sanders	Electability

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Vice President Biden, if you're elected, you will turn 80 during your first term. Last month, former President Jimmy Carter said he could not have undertaken the duties of the presidency at 80 years old. Why are you so sure that you can? ... Just to be clear, Mr. Vice President, when will you release those records?	Erin Burnett	Joe Biden	Electability
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Warren, like Senator Sanders and Vice President Biden, if you win the presidency, you would be the oldest president ever inaugurated in a first term. You would be 71. Forty percent of Democratic primary voters say they think a candidate under the age of 70 is more likely to defeat President Trump. What do you say to them?	Erin Burnett	Elizabeth Warren	Electability
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Congresswoman Gabbard, you're 38 years old, and you would be the youngest president if elected. Should age matter when choosing a president?	Erin Burnett	Tulsi Gabbard	Electability
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Let's turn to the growing concerns over the power of big tech companies. Mr. Yang, Senator Warren is calling for companies like Facebook, Amazon, and Google to be broken up. Is she right? Does that need to happen? ... Thank you. Senator Warren, is Mr. Yang wrong? Your response, please. ... Senator Booker, how do you respond? Would a President Booker break up big tech companies like Facebook and Amazon?	Mark Lacey	Andrew Yang; Elizabeth Warren, Tom Steyer, Cory Booker	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Congressman O'Rourke, you say you're not sure if it's appropriate for a president to designate which companies should be broken up. So what's the proper level of oversight here?	Mark Lacey	Beto O'Rourke; Bernie Sanders	Economy
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Harris, to you, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg says that splitting up big tech companies will make election interference more likely because the companies won't be able to work together to fight it. Could breaking up these companies make the spread of disinformation worse?	Mark Lacey	Kamala Harris; Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Julian Castro	Social issues
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Turning to women's reproductive rights, Ohio is now one of several states that has banned abortions after as early as six weeks of pregnancy. Many women don't even know they're pregnant at that time. The Ohio law, like many others, is being challenged in the courts and has not yet taken effect. Senator Harris, if states prevail on restricting abortion, what's your plan to stop them?	Erin Burnett	Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, Cory Booker, Tulsi Gabbard	Social issues

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4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	The Supreme Court is currently made up of five Republican-appointed justices and four appointed by Democrats. The court just announced it will hear arguments in a case challenging some abortion rights. Vice President Biden, the Constitution does not specify the number of justices that serve on the Supreme Court. If Roe v. Wade is overturned on your watch and you can't pass legislation in Congress, would you seek to add justices to the Supreme Court to protect women's reproductive rights?	Erin Burnett	Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg, Julian Castro, Elizabeth Warren	Judicial System
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	As some of you have indicated, the differences between all of you on this stage are tiny compared to the differences between you and President Trump. There are, however, fundamental differences between many of you on this stage. Vice President Biden, just on either side of you, Senator Warren is calling for big structural change. Senator Sanders is calling for a political revolution. Will their visions attract the kind of voters that the Democrats need to beat Donald Trump? ... Just to clarify, Vice President, who are you saying is being vague?	Anderson Cooper	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar	Other candidates
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Senator Sanders, why is your approach more likely to beat President Trump?	Anderson Cooper	Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke	Electability
4 — Westerville, OH — October 15, 2019 — CNN, New York Times	Last week, Ellen DeGeneres was criticized after she and former President George W. Bush were seen laughing together at a football game. Ellen defended their friendship, saying, we're all different and I think that we've forgotten that that's OK that we're all different. So in that spirit, we'd like you to tell us about a friendship that you've had that would surprise us and what impact it's had on you and your beliefs.	Anderson Cooper	All candidates	For fun
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Warren, you have said already that you've seen enough to convict the president and remove him from office. You and four of your colleagues on this stage tonight who are also U.S. senators may soon have to take that vote. Will you try to convince your Republican colleagues in the Senate to vote the same way? And if so, how?	Rachel Maddow	Elizabeth Warren	Impeachment
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Klobuchar, you've said that you support the impeachment inquiry but you want to wait for a Senate trial to hear the evidence and make a decision about convicting the president. After the bombshell testimony of Ambassador Sondland today, has that view changed for you?	Rachel Maddow	Amy Klobuchar	Impeachment
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Sanders, I'd like to go to you. Americans are watching these impeachment hearings. At the same time, they're also focused on their more immediate, daily economic and family concerns. How central should the president's conduct uncovered by this impeachment inquiry be to any Democratic nominee's campaign for president? How central would it be to yours?	Rachel Maddow	Bernie Sanders	Impeachment

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5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mayor Buttigieg, let me put the same question to you. How central should the president's conduct uncovered by the impeachment inquiry be to a Democratic nominee's campaign? How central would it be to yours?	Rachel Maddow	Pete Buttigieg	Impeachment
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Vice President Biden, you've suggested in your campaign that if you defeat President Trump, Republicans will start working with Democrats again. But right now, Republicans in Congress, including some of whom you've worked with for decades, are demanding investigations not only of you but also of your son. How would you get those same Republicans to work with you?	Andrea Mitchell	Joe Biden, Kamala Harris	Social Issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Warren, you have cast yourself as a fighter. If you were elected, though, you would be walking into an existing fight, a country that is already very divided over the Trump presidency, among other things. Do you see that divide as permanent? Or do you need to bring the country together if you become president to achieve your goals?	Andrea Mitchell	Elizabeth Warren; Cory Booker	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mayor Buttigieg, you have said, quote, "I will never allow us to get so wrapped up in the fighting that we start to think fighting is the point." The Republican Party never stopped fighting President Obama in his eight years in office. So what would you do that President Obama didn't do to change that?	Andrea Mitchell	Pete Buttigieg	Presidential priorities
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Let's talk about Medicare for all. Senator Warren, you are running on Medicare for all. Democrats have been winning elections even in red states with a very different message on health care: protecting Obamacare. Democrats are divided on this issue. What do you say to voters who are worried that your position on Medicare for all could cost you critical votes in the general election?	Kristen Welker	Elizabeth Warren	Health care
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	I want to ask you the question this way, Senator Sanders. You described your campaign, including your plans for Medicare for all, as a political revolution. ... President Obama explicitly said the country is, quote, "less revolutionary than it is interested in improvement. The average American doesn't think we have to completely tear down the system and remake it," end quote. Is President Obama wrong?	Kristen Welker	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Health care
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Congresswoman Gabbard, you have criticized Hillary Clinton as the, quote, "personification of the rot that has sickened the Democratic Party." What is the rot you see in the Democratic Party?	Ashley Parker	Tulsi Gabbard, Kamala Harris	Other candidates

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5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mr. Steyer, you have denounced the special interests that pour hundreds of millions of dollars into the political process to influence it. But, in fact, you have spent over \$300 million of your own money in support of your political goals. How do you respond to critics who see you as the embodiment of a special interest?	Ashley Parker	Tom Steyer, Amy Klobuchar	Electability
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mr. Yang, I want to bring you in. Mr. Yang, you've made a virtue of your outsider status. You've never served military or in government. What has prepared you to respond to a terrorist attack or a major disaster?	Ashley Parker	Andrew Yang	Electability
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mayor Buttigieg, let's talk about your record as a candidate. You were elected major in a Democratic city receiving just under 11,000 votes. And in your only statewide race, you lost by 25 points. Why should Democrats take the risk of betting on you?	Andrea Mitchell	Pete Buttigieg	Electability
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Klobuchar, you've said this of Mayer Buttigieg, quote, "Of the women on the stage, do I think that we would be standing on that stage if we had the experience he had? No, I don't. Maybe we're held to a different standard." Senator, what did you mean by that?	Andrea Mitchell	Amy Klobuchar, Joe Biden	Other Candidates
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Booker, one of the defining characters of the Trump presidency is that the American people hear from him directly all the time about everything, on Twitter and just about everywhere else. Setting aside your views of his tone, is that unfiltered communication something you as president would continue? Is this one of the norms broken by President Trump that needed to change?	Ashley Parker	Cory Booker	Presidential priorities
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Chants of "Lock Her Up" are still heard at President Trump's rallies today. Now some opponents of the president are turning the same slogan against him. They've chanted "Lock Him Up" at a recent World Series game in Washington and at a Veterans Day event in New York and, Senator Sanders, at at least two of your campaign events recently. Senator, should Democrats discourage this? Or are you OK with it?	Rachel Maddow	Bernie Sanders	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Vice President Biden, let me ask you to pick up on the issue that Senator Sanders just raised about no one being above the law. When President Ford pardoned President Nixon, he said it was to heal the country. Would you support a potential criminal investigation into President Trump after he leaves office, even if you thought it might further inflame the country's divisions?	Rachel Maddow	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Social issues

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5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	We now focus on an issue facing many Americans, childcare and paid family leave. Here in Georgia, the average price of infant daycare can be as much as \$8,500 per child per year. That's more than instate tuition at a four-year public college in Georgia. Mr. Yang, what would you do as president to ease that financial burden?	Ashley Parker	Andrew Yang	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Sticking with this topic, no parent in the United States is federally guaranteed a single day of paid leave when they have a new baby. A number of you on stage tonight have plans to address this. Senator Harris, you're one of the candidates proposing legislation to guarantee up to six months of paid family leave. And Senator Klobuchar, you're one of the candidates proposing up to three months. I want to hear from both of you on this, starting with you, Senator Klobuchar. Why three months?	Ashley Parker	Amy Klobuchar, Kamala Harris	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mr. Steyer, millions of working Americans are finding that housing has become unaffordable, especially in metropolitan areas. It is particularly acute in your home state of California, in places like Los Angeles and San Francisco. Why are you the best person to fix this problem?	Kristen Welker	Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	American farmers are struggling under the effects of President Trump's trade war with China. The Trump administration's payments to farmers to offset those losses already have a price tag that is more than double what was spent on the Obama administration's auto bailout. Mayor Buttigieg, would you continue those farm subsidies? ... Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry to interrupt, but I need you to answer the question. Would you continue those subsidies or not?	Rachel Maddow	Pete Buttigieg	Economy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	The U.N. recently reported that what was once called climate change is now a climate crisis, with drastic results already being felt. Climate is also an issue important to our audience. We received thousands of questions from our viewers, and many of them were about climate. Calista from Minneapolis writes this. Leading the world in resolving the climate crisis will be a multi-decade project, spanning far beyond even a two-term presidency. If you are elected president, how would you ensure that there is secure leadership and bipartisan support to continue this project? Congresswoman Gabbard?	Rachel Maddow	Tulsi Gabbard, Tom Steyer, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Harris, North Korea is now threatening to cancel any future summits if President Trump does not make concessions on nuclear weapons. If you were commander-in-chief, would you make concessions to keep Kim Jong-un in order to keep those talks going?	Andrea Mitchell	Kamala Harris	Foreign Policy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mr. Vice President, President Trump inherited the North Korea problem from past presidents, over decades. What would a President Biden do that President Obama didn't do in eight years.	Andrea Mitchell	Joe Biden	Foreign Policy

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5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Two more U.S. soldiers were killed today in Afghanistan tragically in America's longest war. Senator Sanders, you've long said you wanted to bring the troops back home from Afghanistan. Would you cut a deal with the Taliban to end the war, even if it means the collapse of the Afghan government that America has long supported?	Andrea Mitchell	Bernie Sanders	Foreign Policy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Thank you, Mr. Yang, if you win the 2020 election what would you say in your first call with Russian President Vladimir Putin?	Ashley Parker	Andrew Yang	Foreign Policy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	On the issue of China, Senator Booker, China is now using force against demonstrators in Hong Kong where millions have taken to the streets advocating for democratic reforms. Many of the demonstrators are asking the United States for help. If you were president, would the U.S. help their movement, and how?	Rachel Maddow	Cory Booker	Foreign Policy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Mr. Vice President, the CIA has concluded that the leader of Saudi Arabia directed the murder of the US-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The State Department also says the Saudi government is responsible for executing nonviolent offenders and for torture. President Trump has not punished senior Saudi leaders. Would you?	Andrea Mitchell	Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders	Foreign Policy
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Warren, only about 1 percent of Americans serve in the United States military right now. Should that number be higher?	Rachel Maddow	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	In President Trump's first two years in office, the Pentagon budget ballooned. Mayor Buttigieg, would you cut military spending? Or would you keep it on the same upward trajectory?	Rachel Maddow	Pete Buttigieg	Spending
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Let's move now to the issue of race in America. FBI Director Christopher Wray recently told Congress, quote, "The majority of the domestic terrorism cases that we've investigated are motivated by white supremacist violence." Congresswoman Gabbard, to you. As president, would you direct the federal government to do something about this problem that it is not currently doing?	Kristen Welker	Tulsi Gabbard, Andrew Yang	Social Issues

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5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Vice President Biden, the "Me, Too" movement has forced a cultural reckoning around the issue of sexual violence and harassment against women in America. Are there specific actions that you would take early in your administration to address this problem?	Kristen Welker	Joe Biden	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Harris, this week, you criticized Mayor Pete Buttigieg's outreach to African-American voters. You said, quote, "The Democratic nominee has got to be someone who has the experience of connecting with all of who we are, as the diversity of the American people," end quote. What exactly prompted you to say that, Senator Harris?	Kristen Welker	Kamala Harris, Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren	Other Candidates
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Senator Warren, back to you. You've said that the border wall that President Trump has proposed is, quote, "a monument to hate and division." Would you ask taxpayers to pay to take down any part of the wall on the nation's southern border?	Ashley Parker	Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Joe Biden	Immigration
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Many states, including right here where we are tonight in Georgia, have passed laws that severely limit or outright ban abortion. Right now, Roe v. Wade protects a woman's right to abortion nationwide. But if Roe gets overturned and abortion access disappears in some states, would you intervene as president to try to bring that access back? Senator Klobuchar?	Rachel Maddow	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	Just this weekend, Louisiana re-elected a Democratic governor, John Bel Edwards. He has signed one of the country's toughest laws restricting abortion. Is there room in the Democratic Party for someone like him, someone who can win in a deep red state but who does not support abortion rights? Senator Warren? .. Senator Warren, I'm going to push you on this a little bit for a specific answer to the question. Governor John Bel Edwards in Louisiana is an anti-abortion governor who has signed abortion restrictions in Louisiana. Is there room for him in the Democratic Party with those politics?	Rachel Maddow	Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Cory Booker	Social issues
5 — Atlanta, GA — November 20, 2019 — MSNBC/ Washington Post	And to that point, individual states, as you all know, set their own rules for voting and for elections. Depending on where you live, you may be required to show ID or not. You might have a lot of days for early voting or fewer days or none. You might have a polling place in walking distance or you might have to drive or take a bus to the edge of town. With that in mind, our next question comes from Jenna in Maryland, who asks, what will you do at the executive level to ensure that every American has equal access to the ballot box? Mayor Buttigieg?	Rachel Maddow	Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar, Tulsi Gabbard, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer	Social issues

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	To the candidates -- last night, at this hour, the House of Representatives voted for only the third time in American history to impeach a president. Every one of you was in favor of this action. But unlike 1974 and President Nixon, congressional Democrats have, so far, not convinced a strong majority of Americans to support impeachment of President Trump. Why do you think that is, and what can you say or do differently in the coming weeks to persuade more Americans that this is the right thing to do? I want to ask all of you to respond, but to begin with Vice President Biden.	Judy Woodruff	All candidates	Impeachment
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Let's turn now to an issue that is on the minds of all Americans, and that is the economy. Senator Sanders, today, the House of Representatives voted for a new bipartisan trade agreement among the United States, Canada and Mexico. It was supported by union-friendly leaders like Speaker Nancy Pelosi and big labor groups like the AFL-CIO. They say it is going to be a big job creator. Senator, my question is, will you support this deal? And, if not, why not?	Judy Woodruff	Bernie Sanders; Amy Klobuchar	Economy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	All right, we can pull some of your -- I see some other hands up. I want to move to the next question, and you can bring in, I think, your points with this. This one I'm going to initially address to Vice President Biden, and that is the overall U.S. economy right now looks strong. The unemployment rate is at historic lows. Unemployment among African-Americans is down. The markets are booming. Wages, while not growing as much as many would like, they're still doing about as well as they were in the Obama-Biden era. My question to you, Mr. Vice President, is what is your argument to the voter watching this debate tonight who may not like everything President Trump does but they really like this economy and they don't know why they should make a change.	Judy Woodruff	Joe Biden; Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders	Electability
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Warren, I have a question for you. Every candidate on the stage has proposed tax increases on the wealthy. But you have especially ambitious plans that, apart from health care, would hike taxes an additional \$8 trillion over the decade, the biggest tax increase since World War II. How do you answer top economists who say taxes of this magnitude would stifle growth and investment?	Judy Woodruff	Elizabeth Warren; Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg	Economy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	We're going to talk about climate now. Senator Klobuchar, many scientists say that even if the U.S. reduced its carbon footprint to zero by the year 2050, the damage will have been done, that climate change will have made certain places in the U.S. unlivable. So knowing this, would you support a new federal program to subsidize the relocation of American families and businesses away from places like Miami or Paradise, California, perhaps, Davenport, Iowa, because we know these places are going to be hit time and time again?	Tim Alberta	Amy Klobuchar, Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Vice President Biden, I'd like to ask you. Three consecutive American presidents have enjoyed stints of explosive economic growth due to a boom in oil and natural gas production. As president, would you be willing to sacrifice some of that growth, even knowing potentially that it could displace thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of blue-collar workers in the interest of transitioning to that greener economy?	Tim Alberta	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Warren, a new question to you, Senator Warren. Many of our Western allies rely heavily on nuclear energy because it's efficient, affordable, and virtually carbon-free. And many climate experts believe that it's impossible to realize your goal of net zero emissions by the year 2050 without utilizing nuclear energy. So can you have it both ways on this issue?	Tim Alberta	Elizabeth Warren; Amy Klobuchar, Andrew Yang, Tom Steyer	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Vice President Biden, you've been reassuring voters that things will return to normal once President Trump leaves office, that Republicans will have what you call an epiphany and come to the table to work with a Biden administration. But given everything that you have seen from current Republicans, what evidence is there that things will change?	Amna Nawaz	Joe Biden	Social Issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Mr. Yang, I want to switch topics to you, Mr. Yang, a new question. The Democratic Party relies on black, Hispanic, and Asian voters, but you are the only candidate of color on the stage tonight, and the entire field remains overwhelmingly white. What message do you think this sends to voters of color?	Amna Nawaz	Andrew Yang, Bernie Sanders	Social issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Klobuchar, here in California, people who identify as Hispanic, black, Asian, or multiracial represent a majority of the population, outnumbering white residents. The United States is expected to be majority nonwhite within a generation. What do you say to white Americans who are uncomfortable with the idea of becoming a racial minority, even if you don't share their concerns?	Yamiche Alcindor	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Thank you, Senator. Let's now turn to the issue of foreign policy and the Middle East. Senator Sanders, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently declared that the United States believes Israeli settlements in the West Bank do not violate international law. That broke decades-long U.S. precedent. How would you respond to Israeli expansion of settlements? Would you link that to foreign aid to Israel?	Yamiche Alcindor	Bernie Sanders; Pete Buttigieg	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Warren, President Obama pledged to close the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay but could not. Forty prisoners remain there. Last year, U.S. taxpayers paid \$540 million to keep Guantanamo open. Would you pledge to finally close the detention facility? And if elected, how will you do it?	Yamiche Alcindor	Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	I want to turn to another part of the world, and that's China. Mayor Buttigieg, you have said that you think China presents more of a challenge than do your fellow candidates believe. The U.S. clearly wants China's cooperation on human rights, on climate change, on North Korea, on terrorism. And yet Americans are appalled by China's record on human rights, including the detention of over a million Muslim Uighurs. Should the U.S., is my question, do more than protest and issue sanctions? Should the U.S., for example, boycott the 2022 Beijing Olympics?	Judy Woodruff	Pete Buttigieg	Foreign Policy

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Mr. Steyer, many Americans have been moved in the last months by the protests of the people of Hong Kong. It is Chinese territory, but what could you, would you do as president if the Chinese government moved in militarily?	Judy Woodruff	Tom Steyer	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Vice President Biden, on China, we now know that China is engaged in an unprecedented military build-up. They have just launched a new aircraft carrier. There are new signs of their disturbing espionage campaign here inside the United States. There are a number of disturbing signs from the Chinese. National security scholars have long warned about the historical precedent that when there's a ruling power and a rising power, there's likely to be a war. Is the U.S. on a collision course with China? ... What steps could you take as president?	Judy Woodruff	Joe Biden; Andrew Yang, Amy Klobuchar, Pete Buttigieg	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Candidates, let's make things interesting. Former President Obama said this week when asked who should be running countries that if women were in charge, you'd see a significant improvement on just about everything. He also said, quote, "If you look at the world and look at the problems, it's usually old people, usually old men, not getting out of the way." Senator Sanders, you are the oldest candidate on stage this evening. ... How do you respond to what the former president had to say? ... Vice President Biden, I'm going to guess that President Obama did not clear that remark through your campaign ahead of time.	Tim Alberta	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden; Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Tom Steyer	Electability
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	I want to turn now to an issue that's been in the headlines quite a bit, and that is immigration. Mr. Yang, we have a question here from a professor right here at Loyola, Marymount. There are nearly 200,000 DACA recipients, so-called Dreamers, in the state of California, more than any other state, including several students right here at LMU. If you win and you reinstate DACA through executive action, another president could just overturn it again. So will you move on a permanent legislative fix for Dreamers in your first 100 days, if elected?	Amna Nawaz	Andrew Yang	Presidential priorities
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	You pledged to move -- you pledged to move on a permanent legislative fix in your first 100 days. Dreamers say that they are frustrated by Democrats' failure to prioritize their status in deal after deal. So why should Dreamers trust Democrats now?	Amna Nawaz	Andrew Yang	Immigration
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	This is related, sir. But there are estimated to be as many as 12 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., more than 2 million right here in California. If you have a chance to forge a bipartisan immigration reform plan, would you insist on a path to citizenship for all 12 million or just a segment of that population?	Amna Nawaz	Bernie Sanders; Amy Klobuchar, Tom Steyer	Immigration

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Mr. Mayor. You said last month that the U.S. owes compensation to children separated from their families at the southern border. The consensus among child welfare experts is that those thousands of children will likely suffer lifelong trauma as a result of that separation. Are you committing as president to financial compensation for those thousands of children?	Amna Nawaz	Pete Buttigieg	Immigration
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just to follow up, since you do support compensation for those families, should the U.S. also compensate descendants of enslaved people? Do you support reparations for African-Americans?	Amna Nawaz	Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden; Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	I'd like to turn to a new subject, and that is, of course, education. Senator Warren, you've proposed free public college tuition and student loan forgiveness for most families. Why should wealthy families be able to send their kids to public college for free? Why not concentrate that government help on those most in need?	Yamiche Alcindor	Elizabeth Warren	Education
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Mayor Buttigieg, your plan offers free or discounted public college only to families making up to \$150,000 a year. Do you think Senator Warren's plan offers free college to too many families?	Yamiche Alcindor	Pete Buttigieg; Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders	Education
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Switching gears here, Mr. Steyer, earlier this year in Iowa, I met a father, Bill Stumpf, and his son, Kyle, in Dubuque. Kyle is a remarkable young adult with significant disabilities. And though he's been employed for about five years at a local pizza parlor, the future is very uncertain for his family. Bill worries that there aren't enough jobs, living facilities, social programs designed to meet the needs of his son. So I'm wonderful, as president, are there specific steps that you would take to help people like Kyle become more integrated into the workforce and into their local communities? ... Mr. Yang, I didn't hear a specific answer from Mr. Steyer. Can you outline specific steps that the government should take to help integrate these young people into the workforce and into their local communities?	Tim Alberta	Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang; Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	I want to come to you, Senator Klobuchar, on a question of the judges. President Trump has appointed, as we know, two Supreme Court justices. But he's also had confirmed nearly 200 federal judges, most of whom are young and can shape American law for decades to come. Some of them you voted for in the Senate, including one who just yesterday joined a ruling to strike down a key part of the Affordable Care Act. Would President Trump's appointees -- my question is -- make it harder for you as president, for any of you on this stage to enact your agenda?	Judy Woodruff	Amy Klobuchar	Judicial system

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	A follow-up to Mayor Buttigieg. Beyond a pledge not to overturn Roe v. Wade, which I believe all of you have said would be part of your decision-making in choosing a nominee to the court, are there other litmus tests that you would apply in choosing federal judges?	Judy Woodruff	Pete Buttigieg	Judicial system
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Sanders, at least 22 transgender people were killed in the United States this year, move of them transgender women of color. Each of you has said you would push for the passage of the Equality Act, a comprehensive LGBTQ civil rights bill. But if elected, what more would you do to stop violence against transgender people?	Yamiche Alcindor	Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren	Social Issues
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Vice President Biden, let's turn now to Afghanistan. Confidential documents published last week by the Washington Post revealed that for years senior U.S. officials misled the public about the war in Afghanistan. As vice president what did you know about the state of the war? And do you believe that you were honest with the American people about it? ... In that Washington Post report, there's a senior national security official who said that there was constant pressure from the Obama White House to produce figures showing the troop surge was working, and I'm quoting from the report here, "despite hard evidence to the contrary." What do you say to that?	Amna Nawaz	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Senator Sanders, you do often point to your vote against the war in Iraq as evidence of your judgment on foreign policy, but you did vote for the war in Afghanistan. And as recently as 2015, you said you supported a continued U.S. troop presence there. Was that support a mistake?	Amna Nawaz	Bernie Sanders	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Thank you, Senator. Mayor Buttigieg, you served in this war, but I want to ask about your decision-making if you were elected commander-in-chief. You have pledged to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan within your first year as president, but the Taliban today control or contest more than half the country. So should you as president still withdraw all those U.S. troops if the country could once again become a haven for terrorists?	Amna Nawaz	Pete Buttigieg	Foreign Policy
6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	Moving to health care, an issue that voters tell us every day is still the number-one priority for them, Senator Sanders, you've spent plenty of time discussing and defending the merits of your Medicare for all plan. But the reality is that if Republicans retain control of the U.S. Senate or even if Democrats win back a narrow Senate majority, your plan as constituted probably would not have the votes to pass Congress. So the question, Senator, is, if Congress rejects your plan and the American people are looking to you for leadership on this issue, are there smaller specific measures that you would take immediately to expand coverage and decrease costs as president?	Tim Alberta	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren	Health care

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6 — Los Angeles, CA — December 19, 2019 — Politico/PBS Newshour	We are coming to the end of our time. A lot of hands up, we apologize for that. But in the spirit of the season, I'd like to ask each one of you, is there someone else among these candidates that you would -- you have two options, one, a candidate from whom you would ask forgiveness for something maybe that was said tonight or another time, or -- or a candidate to whom you would like to give a gift.	Judy Woodruff	All candidates	For fun
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, why are you best prepared — the best prepared person on this stage to be commander-in-chief? ... Vice President Biden, you talk a lot about your experience, but some of your competitors have taken issue with that experience, questioning your judgment in voting to authorize the Iraq war. Why are you the best prepared person on this stage to be commander-in-chief? ... Sen. Warren, in our new CNN/Des Moines Register poll, almost a third of your supporters say your ability to lead the military is more of a weakness than a strength of yours. Why are you best prepared to be commander-in-chief?	Wolf Blitzer	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, you have been attacking Vice President Biden's vote on the Iraq war, but you recently acknowledged that your vote to authorize the war in Afghanistan was also a mistake. So you both acknowledged mistakes. Why should the American people trust your judgment more?	Wolf Blitzer	Bernie Sanders; Joe Biden	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Klobuchar, you've publicly questioned Mayor Buttigieg's experience when it comes to being commander-in-chief. Why is your time as a U.S. senator more valuable than his time as a U.S. naval intelligence officer in Afghanistan and as mayor?	Wolf Blitzer	Amy Klobuchar; Pete Buttigieg	Other candidates
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, you worked in finance for decades and have never held elected office. Why should voters believe you have the experience or judgment to serve as commander-in-chief?	Wolf Blitzer	Tom Steyer	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, in the wake of the Iran crisis, Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei has again called for all U.S. troops to be pulled out of the Middle East, something you've called for, as well. Yet when American troops last left Iraq, ISIS emerged and spread terror across the Middle East and, indeed, around the world. How would you prevent that from happening again?	Wolf Blitzer	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Foreign policy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	So just to be clear, Vice President Biden, would you leave troops in the Middle East or would you pull them out?	Wolf Blitzer	Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders	Foreign policy

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7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	We're going to get to everyone, but, Vice President Biden, you criticized President Trump's decision to kill the Iranian general, Soleimani, without first going to Congress. Are there any circumstances, other than a direct attack on the United States, where you would take military action without congressional approval? ... Mr. Vice President, just to be clear, the Obama-Biden administration did not ask Congress for permission multiple times when it took military action. So would the Biden doctrine be different?	Wolf Blitzer	Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren	Foreign policy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, would a President Steyer use military force as a deterrent? And if not, under what circumstances would you take military action?	Wolf Blitzer	Tom Steyer	Foreign policy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mayor Buttigieg, another critical issue you'd face as president is the threat of nuclear weapons. Last week, President Trump said, quote, "As long as I am president of the United States, Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon." Would a President Buttigieg make that same promise? ... Sen. Klobuchar, if you become president, it's very possible there won't be an Iran nuclear deal for the United States to rejoin. Given that, how would you prevent Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon?	Abby Phillip	Pete Buttigieg	Foreign policy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Vice President Biden, I want to ask you about North Korea. President Trump has met with Kim Jong-un three times. President Obama once said he would meet with North Korea without any preconditions. Would you meet with North Korea without any preconditions?	Abby Phillip	Joe Biden, Tom Steyer	Foreign policy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Tomorrow, President Trump is expected to sign phase one of a trade agreement with China. And the Senate will likely soon approve a new trade deal with Mexico and Canada, Iowa's largest trading partners. Sen. Sanders, you have said that new deal, the USMCA, quote, "makes some modest improvements," yet you are going to vote against it. Aren't modest improvements better than no improvements for the farmers and manufacturers who have been devastated here in Iowa? ... But, Sen. Sanders, to be clear, the AFL-CIO supports this deal. Are you unwilling to compromise?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Bernie Sanders	Economy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Warren, you support the USMCA. Why is Sen. Sanders wrong?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Elizabeth Warren; Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar	Economy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mayor Buttigieg, do you support the USMCA, yes or no?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Pete Buttigieg	Economy

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7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Vice President Biden, Sen. Sanders has said that Donald Trump will, quote, “eat your lunch” for voting yes on what he calls terrible trade agreements. When it comes to trade, why are you the best candidate to take on President Trump?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren	Economy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, even though farmers and manufacturers here in Iowa and around the country could see some relief from the China deal, they've been crushed by the current administration's trade war. What will you do as president to help them get back on their feet?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg	Economy
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Let's now turn to — let's now turn to an issue that's come up in the last 48 hours. Sen. Sanders, CNN reported yesterday that — and Sen. Sanders, Sen. Warren confirmed in a statement, that in 2018 you told her that you did not believe that a woman could win the election. Why did you say that? ... Sen. Warren, what did you think when Sen. Sanders told you a woman could not win the election?	Abby Phillip	Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	What do you say to people who say that a woman can't win this election?	Abby Phillip	Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Donald Trump is trying to repeal Obamacare, including the protections for pre-existing conditions. We all know that each of you vigorously opposes that. Still, there are some questions about what each of you would do. Sen. Sanders, you have consistently refused to say exactly how much your Medicare For All plan is going to cost. Don't voters deserve to see the price tag before you send them a bill that could cost tens of trillions of dollars? ... Vice President Biden, does Sen. Sanders owe voters a price tag on his health care plan?	Abby Phillip	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Steyer	Health care
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, your campaign proposals would double federal spending over the next decade, an unprecedented level of spending not seen since World War II. How would you keep your plans from bankrupting the country?	Abby Phillip	Bernie Sanders; Amy Klobuchar	Spending
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mayor Buttigieg, you're selling your plan as Medicare for all who want it, yet your plan would automatically enroll uninsured Americans into a public option, even if they don't want it, and force them to pay for it. How is that truth in advertising?	Abby Phillip	Pete Buttigieg; Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar	Health care

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7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, coming to you now. CNN reached out to Iowa Democratic voters for their most pressing questions. Edward from here in Des Moines writes, "Des Moines is an insurance town. What happens to all the insurance industry — the health insurance industry here if there is Medicare for all? What happens to all the jobs and the livelihoods of the people that live in insurance towns like Des Moines?"	Abby Phillip	Bernie Sanders; Tom Steyer, Joe Biden	Health care
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Let's talk a little bit more about prescription drugs right now. Prescription drug prices in 2018, Americans spent \$335 billion on prescription drugs alone. That's about \$60 billion more than they paid a decade ago. Sen. Warren, you've called for the creation of a government-run drug manufacturer that would step in if there is a drug shortage or a price spike. Why does it make sense for the government — for the government to manufacture drugs, especially when public trust in government is near historic lows?	Wolf Blitzer	Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar	Health care
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mayor Buttigieg, this is for you. Tiffany from Clive writes, as a young mom, I had to quit a job I love because childcare costs were taking up two-thirds of my income. Many families don't have the option of quitting a job because that little bit of income is needed. That leads to families using whatever care they can find, and sometimes the results are deadly, as we've seen in Iowa over the last few years. How will you prioritize accessing quality, affordable child care in your first 100 days in office?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Pete Buttigieg	Presidential priorities
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Warren, your education plan includes tuition-free public college for all, but you impose an income limit for free childcare. Why do your plans cover everyone for public college, but not childcare and early learning?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Elizabeth Warren	Education
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, will your universal childcare program be free for everyone regardless of income?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Bernie Sanders	Education
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Vice President Biden, infant care is more expensive than in-state public college tuition in more than half the country. Do you support free universal infant care?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Joe Biden	Education
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mayor Buttigieg — Mayor Buttigieg, higher education is another huge expense for families. You oppose free public college for all because you don't want to make it, quote, "free for the kids of millionaires." But lots of public services are available to the kids of rich people, like libraries and public schools. Why do you draw the line at public colleges and universities? ... Mr. Steyer, as a billionaire, should your children have been entitled to free public college?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Pete Buttigieg; Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Tom Steyer	Education

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7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Tomorrow, the speaker, Nancy Pelosi, will send articles of impeachment against President Trump to the United States Senate, launching the third trial of a U.S. president. The Republican-led Senate has signaled that it is likely to acquit him. Vice President Biden, if you're the nominee, is it going to be harder to run against President Trump if he's been acquitted and able to claim vindication, especially after what he's said about your family?	Wolf Blitzer	Joe Biden	Impeachment
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Klobuchar, you're going to be a juror in the trial in the Senate that's about to start. Do you worry President Trump will be emboldened by acquittal?	Wolf Blitzer	Amy Klobuchar	Impeachment
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, you have spent millions and millions of dollars telling the American people that President Trump deserves to be impeached. Will it have been worth it if he has been impeached but not removed from office?	Wolf Blitzer	Tom Steyer	Impeachment
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Warren, a Senate trial is expected to keep you in Washington in the weeks leading up to the Iowa Caucuses here. How big of a problem is that for you as you're making your closing pitch to voters here?	Wolf Blitzer	Elizabeth Warren	Impeachment
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Let's turn now to the climate crisis. Here in Iowa parts of the state remain under water after record-breaking flooding began last spring, racking up an estimated \$2 billion in damages. Today many Iowans are still displaced from their homes. Mayor Buttigieg, you have talked about helping people move from areas at high risk of flooding. But what do you do about farms and factories that simply can't be moved?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Pete Buttigieg, Tom Steyer	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, to clarify, you say you're the climate change candidate, but you made your \$1.6 billion in part by investing in coal, oil, and gas. So are you the right messenger on this topic?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Tom Steyer	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Warren, President Trump is rolling back major environmental rules to allow pipeline and other major infrastructure projects to be built without strict environmental review. Will you restore those protections and in a way that the next president can't overturn?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Elizabeth Warren	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change

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7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Klobuchar, some of your competitors on this stage have called for an all-out ban on fracking. You haven't. Why not?	Brianne Pfannens-tiel	Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Energy/ Environment/ Climate Change
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	A key part of your mission in this primary is going to be to prove to Democratic voters that you're strong enough to take on Donald Trump. Each of you face unique challenges in doing that. Mayor Buttigieg, you say you've had trouble earning the support of black voters because you're unknown. But you've been campaigning for a year now and polling shows you with next to no black support, support that you'll need in order to beat Donald Trump. Is it possible that black voters have gotten to know you and have simply decided to choose another candidate?	Abby Phillip	Pete Buttigieg	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Sanders, you call yourself a Democratic Socialist. But more than two-thirds of voters say they are not enthusiastic about voting for a socialist. Doesn't that put your chances of beating Donald Trump at risk?	Abby Phillip	Bernie Sanders	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Mr. Steyer, you've spent more than \$100 million of your own dollars on television ads. How do you convince voters that you're more than just your money?	Abby Phillip	Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Klobuchar, you're pitching yourself as a practical candidate who can get things done. And even tonight you've dismissed some of the ideas that are offered in this primary as pipe-dreams. How are you going to inspire Democratic voters with a message of pragmatism?	Abby Phillip	Amy Klobuchar	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Sen. Warren, what do you say to voters who like your policies but they're worried they will scare away swing voters you need to win this race in November?	Abby Phillip	Elizabeth Warren	Electability
7 — Des Moines, IA — January 14, 2020 — CNN/Des Moines Register	Vice President Biden, the eventual nominee will face President Trump, who has no problem mocking people, using insulting nicknames, slinging mud and telling lies. The debate against him will make tonight's debate look like child's play. Are you prepared for that?	Abby Phillip	Joe Biden	Electability

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8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Vice President Biden, the first question is for you. In the last few days, you've been saying that Democrats will be taking too big a risk if they nominate Senator Sanders or Mayor Buttigieg, but they came out on top in Iowa. What risks did the Iowa Democrats miss? ... Why are Senator Sanders and Mayor Buttigieg too big a risk for Democrats?	George Stephanopoulos	Joe Biden	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Sanders, let me give you the chance to respond first. President Trump certainly thinks this label socialism will work. At the State of the Union, he said, "Socialism destroys nations. He's never going to let socialism destroy American healthcare." And before the Super Bowl, he joked was Sean Hannity about your honeymoon in Moscow. Those hits are going to keep coming if you're the nominee. Why shouldn't Democrats be worried? ... But Senator, let me follow up there and then we'll move on. But back in Iowa, the turn out this year was about the same as it was in 2016. Far below what it was in 2008 when President Obama won.	George Stephanopoulos	Bernie Sanders	Electability
8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Before I move on to Mayor Buttigieg, let me just ask, is anyone else on the stage concerned about having a democratic socialist at the top of the Democratic ticket?	George Stephanopoulos	Amy Klobuchar, Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Warren, you reportedly said back in 2018, "I'm a capitalist to my bones." Senator Sanders says, "I'm not." Is that your biggest difference with Senator Sanders?	George Stephanopoulos	Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mayor Buttigieg, early in the campaign you said that the word socialism has lost its power, it's mostly lost its meaning. Do you believe that or worry it could be a potent weapon in a general election? ... Are you talking about Senator Sanders?	George Stephanopoulos	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, New Hampshire — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mayor Buttigieg, you just heard Senator Sanders make healthcare the center of his piece. Do you think his healthcare plan can bring people together?	George Stephanopoulos	Pete Buttigieg	Other candidates

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8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Vice President Biden, how do you unify the country? ... Senator Warren and Mayor Buttigieg, you were both invoked. I want you each to respond and then go back to Senator Sanders.	George Stephanopoulos	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mayor Buttigieg, I want you to respond to that, but also take on the argument at the beginning from the Vice President, you don't have the right experience to be president.	George Stephanopoulos	Pete Buttigieg; Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Andrew Yang	Electability
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	We come to you, of course, just 48 hours after the acquittal of President Trump. A process that has certainly crystallized the divide in our country. Senator Warren, want to start with you. You have said that on day one of your presidency, one of your first orders of business will be to order your justice department to launch new investigations into the Trump Administration. After a grueling impeachment, and what is likely to be a polarizing election, is investigating President Trump the best way to try to unify the country?	Linsey Davis	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mr. Yang, you said that the notion of a leader quote, throwing the president before them in jail is not the way things are done here in the United States. It would make it quote, very hard for any party to govern sustainably moving forward. Does that mean that any alleged misconduct by the president or his administration should not be investigated?	Linsey Davis	Andrew Yang; Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Impeachment is of course over. But Republicans in Congress have already started investigating vice president Biden's son, Hunter. Mayor Buttigieg, do you think that there's a danger for the democratic party to nominate a candidate who is still under the threat of investigation?	Linsey Davis	Pete Buttigieg; Joe Biden	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	The democratic party's last presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton has criticized Senator Bernie Sanders record in the senate, saying, "Nobody likes him. Nobody wants to work with him. He got nothing done." Senator Klobuchar, you served with Senator Sanders in the Senate. Is he going to be able to get the support? Not if you like him, but is he going to be able to get the support that he needs from Republicans? ... Senator, just a quick yes or no. Do you think that Senator Sanders will be able to get Republican support in order to pass his bills?	Linsey Davis	Amy Klobuchar; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates

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8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	I want to turn to America's role in the world and readiness to be commander-in-chief on day one. Just this week, you saw it, during the State of the Union, President Trump offered an indication of what he'll tout on the campaign trail. He celebrated the US air strike that killed top Iranian general, Qasem Soleimani saying, "Soleimani was the Iranian regime's most ruthless butcher, a monster who murdered or wounded thousands of American service members in Iraq." Mayor Buttigieg, you're the only veteran standing on this stage and while there is still debate about whether or not there was an imminent threat, there is no debate about whether or not Soleimani was a bad actor who was responsible for the deaths of many Americans. Given what you know about Soleimani, if your national security team came to you with an opportunity to strike, would Soleimani have been dead or would he still be alive under your presidency? ... Mayor Buttigieg, let me just press further on this though, because president Trump has signal in a general election campaign, he will celebrate his willingness to order that strike. I'm asking if your national security team came to you and presented you with the opportunity, would you take the strike?	David Muir	Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Foreign Policy
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Sanders, thank you. This does take me to Afghanistan and to America's longest war. Senator Warren, you recently said quote, "We have one general after another in Afghanistan who comes in and says, 'We've just turned the corner,' and then what happens? It's all the same. Someone new comes in and says, 'We've just turned the corner.' You said, "So many say it. We're going in circles." We were on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq in recent months and the generals told us that the US needs some US presence on the ground, US special forces some presence to go after ISIS and the terrorists. If your commander-in-chief, would you listen to the generals or do they fall into the category of the generals you've mentioned before? ... Senator Warren, I want to press you on this. You just said, "combat troops." So if the generals came to you and said, we need US Special Forces, some footprint in Iraq and Afghanistan, would you listen? Would you leave them?	David Muir	Elizabeth Warren	Foreign Policy
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Warren, thank you. I want to take this to the Vice President because you have said of Senator Warren's comments before that the United States should get out of the Middle East. You have said, "I quite frankly was surprised that I have never heard anyone say with any serious background in foreign policy that we should pull all troops out of the Middle East." Is Senator Warren wrong on this?	David Muir	Joe Biden	Foreign Policy
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	You mentioned Mayor Buttigieg. And I do want to take this to you next, mayor. Given your finish in Iowa, you've come under increasing scrutiny, attacks from opponents on experience. We've heard that theme even right here tonight. You have said on the Iraq War, for example. "I just don't believe there is any justification for that vote." You said, "It's the difference between tenure and judgment." That it's the judgment that matters, not the time in Washington. Vice President Biden, as you know, voted yes. As commander-in-chief, do you believe your judgment would be better than the vice president's?	David Muir	Pete Buttigieg; Joe Biden	Other candidates

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8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mr. Vice President, thank you. Mr. Steyer, I do want to bring you in on this because I noticed in the last 24 hours you have an attack ad running here in New Hampshire with images of Mayor Buttigieg and you say over those images “an untested newcomer.” But I wanted to ask you tonight on this readiness to be commander-in-chief, you share the stage with a veteran from Afghanistan, a vice president who was in the Situation Room. What makes you most qualified of all candidates on this stage to be commander-in-chief?	David Muir	Tom Steyer; Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Electability
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	New Hampshire has one of the highest rates of deadly overdoses in the country. In some cases, police and paramedics tell us that they are saving the same lives again and again, sometimes more than once in a single day. It's a healthcare issue, but it's also so much more. Mayor Buttigieg, you have described yourself as a moderate, but one of your policies at least goes further than some on the stage with you are willing to go. You have called for the decriminalization of all drugs. Does that include heroin, meth, and cocaine, some of the drugs that have contributed to this crisis? ... With all due respect Mayor Buttigieg, on your website it says that you called for decriminalization of all drugs.	Monica Hernandez	Pete Burriegie	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	I want to bring this question now to Mr. Yang. You've said you would decriminalize opioids, but you've also said that you would require all overdose patients to go to mandatory treatment centers for three days. Right now in New Hampshire there aren't enough beds in treatment centers and across the country. How would you make sure treatment is available for all overdose patients and what would you do to fill the gap in the meantime?	Monica Hernandez	Andrew Yang	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Klobuchar, I want to take the question to you now. As a prosecutor, you embrace tough on crime policies, even with drug offenders. You've also spoken many times about your father's own addiction issues, his own alcoholism and his DUI arrests. If addiction is a disease, should people be arrested for it and as a prosecutor, do you regret sending people with substance abuse issues to jail?	Monica Hernandez	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	New Hampshire is a battleground, not just for presidential contenders but also for top issues and that includes gun policy. Senator Sanders, for many voters in this Democratic primary, your allure is about consistency when it comes to progressive issues you've been on the right side of them for a long time. One exception is gun rights. In the '90s when you were in Congress, you voted against background checks. You also voted against a waiting period for purchase of a firearm. Can you explain why you opposed these things that you now support?	Adam Sexton	Bernie Sanders	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Vice President Biden, you've taken a lot of heat in this primary, on these debate stages and from voters here in New Hampshire for your past positions. You've essentially asked them to look at the totality of your record and give you the benefit of the doubt. Does Senator Sanders deserve that same benefit of the doubt on guns?	Adam Sexton	Joe Biden	Other candidates

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8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Warren, we'd like to go over to you now. ... I want to ask you this question here though. Laws can do so much, if you could change one thing about America's gun culture, what would it be?	Adam Sexton	Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	I want to turn to the Supreme Court, the balance on the court and the issues before the court right now. President Trump in just the last 24 hours saying we've appointed 191 federal judges, two Supreme Court Justices, keeping his campaign promise to shift the Court to the right with Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. The Affordable Care Act is at the court. Climate change is working its way to the court, and a major abortion case is on the docket this year. Vice President Biden, on the issue of abortion, in 2012 you said, "President Obama's two Supreme Court picks of them, there was no litmus test. We picked people who had an open mind, did not come with an agenda." And you've said before, "We both believed that we should not apply narrow litmus tests to appointees to the Supreme Court." Let me just ask, would you do it differently as President, Mr. Vice President? Would there be a litmus test on abortion? ... Mr. Vice President, I am aware of what you said, which is why I'm asking would you do it differently now? Would there be a litmus test on abortion?	David Muir	Joe Biden; Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Klobuchar, thank you. Mayor Buttigieg, you have signaled that you'd be open to the idea of expanding the Court. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg suggested leaving the Court as it is, saying quote, "Nine seems to be a good number." And in fact she said if the number of justices is increased quote, "It would make the Court appear partisan. It would be one side saying, 'When we're in power, we're going to enlarge the number of judges to have more people who will vote the way we want them to.'" Is Justice Ginsburg wrong?	David Muir	Pete Buttigieg	Judicial System
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Mayor Buttigieg, thank you. Vice President Biden, I do want to come to you on this. President Trump has said that the only reason Democrats want to expand the Court is they want to try and catch up. You have called any expansion of the court a bad idea, adding, "We will live to rue that day." Do you agree with President Trump on-	David Muir	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer	Judicial System
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	I want to turn now to criminal justice. Mayor Buttigieg, under your leadership as mayor, a black resident in South Bend, Indiana was four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession than a white resident. Now, that racial disparity is higher than the rest of the state, in fact, it's higher than the rest of the nation, and that disparity increased in South Bend after you took office. When talking about the problem on national terms, you've called it "evidence of systemic racism." You were mayor for eight years, so weren't you, in effect, the head of the system, and how do explain that increase in black arrests under your leadership? ... Right, let me go back to the original question though. How do you explain the increase in black arrests in South Bend under your leadership for marijuana possession? ... Senator Warren, is that a substantial answer from Mayor Buttigieg?	Linsey Davis	Pete Buttigieg; Elizabeth Warren, Andrew Yang, Tom Steyer, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Social issues

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8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Thank you Mr. Vice President. As you mentioned South Carolina, three weeks from tomorrow they'll go to the polls to vote, black voters make up about 60% of the electorate there. Senator Sanders, several weeks ago, Nina Turner, one of your national co-chairs, published an op-ed piece that said Vice President Biden has "repeatedly betrayed black voters to side with Republican lawmakers and undermine our progress." Senator Sanders, do you agree with her, one of your most visible surrogates, that Vice President Biden has repeatedly betrayed black voters?	Linsey Davis	Bernie Sanders; Amy Klobuchar, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang	Other candidates
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	We've been getting a lot of questions from Apple News in tonight, including many about a candidate who's not on the stage tonight, but is in this race, and that is former Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York. And this question came in from Nashville, Tennessee, says "Billionaire Michael Bloomberg has entered the race and just got the endorsement of a former Trump Navy Secretary. Why do you think you are better positioned than Bloomberg to beat Trump?" Senator Warren.	George Stephanopoulos	Elizabeth Warren; Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg	Electability
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	I want to turn to climate change and jobs here in America. President Trump just signed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, many call it an updated NAFTA. But it does include incentives to make cars here in North America and it does open Canadian markets for American dairy farmers. Senator Sanders, as we sit here in New Hampshire tonight, both New Hampshire senators Maggie Hassan and Senator Jeanne Shaheen supported this, calling it a real win for workers and for farmers. You voted no, because you said you believe it takes us back years on climate. Were the senators from New Hampshire wrong?	David Muir	Bernie Sanders	Environment/ climate change
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Senator Sanders, thank you. I do want to go to Senator Klobuchar. You've heard what Senator Sanders just said there. He said not one word on climate in the trade deal. So why did you vote yes?	David Muir	Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Steyer	Environment/ climate change
8 — Manchester, NH — February 7, 2020 — ABC/Apple News	Welcome back to our debate, time now for a final question. Each of you will answer it in turn. We'll start with Mr. Yang, and the question is this. According to the Children's Defense Fund, it's been more than 20 years since child poverty was directly addressed in a presidential debate. The year was 1999 the question was our friend and former ... who may be watching right now, the late Cokie Roberts. Cokie loved the New Hampshire primary, and she asked the candidates in this Republican debate, how will we overcome the scandal of one quarter of American preschoolers living in poverty in the richest nation on earth? Today, nearly one in five American preschoolers are still living below the poverty line, even though we've had 10 straight years of economic growth. What does that say to you about where America is today and what we need to do about it?	George Stephanopoulos	All candidates	Economy

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9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Since the last time you all shared the stage, Senator Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, has surged into the lead nationally in the Democratic race. And there's a new person on the stage tonight, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a former Republican who spent millions of his own dollars to run in this race. What hasn't changed: a majority of Democratic voters still say their top priority is beating President Trump. Senator Sanders, the first question to you. Mayor Bloomberg is pitching himself as a centrist who says he's best positioned to win in November. Why is your revolution a better bet?	Lester Holt	Bernie Sanders	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Bloomberg, can Senator Sanders beat President Trump? And how do you want to respond to what else he said?	Lester Holt	Mike Bloomberg; Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Klobuchar -- Senator Klobuchar, what do you think the path is from this stage to the White House? What works?	Lester Holt	Amy Klobuchar; Mike Bloomberg, Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator — Senator Sanders, are you polarizing?	Lester Holt	Bernie Sanders	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Warren, I have a question for you. On Sunday, on "Meet the Press," Vice President Biden accused Senator Sanders' supporters of bullying union leaders here with, quote, "vicious, malicious, misogynistic things." You said Democrats cannot build an inclusive party on a foundation of hate. Are Senator Sanders and his supporters making it harder for Democrats to unify in November?	Hallie Jackson	Elizabeth Warren; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 20, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Sanders, I'm going to stay on this topic, on this issue with the Culinary Union. Obviously, their leaders are warning their members about -- that your health care plan will take away their health care plan, take away private insurance completely. There are some Democrats who like you a lot but worry that this plan, Medicare for all, is going to take away private insurance and that it goes too far. Are they right?	Chuck Todd	Bernie Sanders	Health care
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Warren, you were all in on Medicare for all, and then you have since came up with a transition plan. Is it because of the impact on unions?	Chuck Todd	Elizabeth Warren; Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Health care

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9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Bloomberg, is Vice President Biden right, you weren't a fan of Obamacare?	Chuck Todd	Mike Bloomberg; Joe Biden	Health care
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Bloomberg, at the beginning of this debate, you took some incoming fire on this next topic, so let's get into it. In 2015, this is how you described your policing policy as mayor. Quote, "We put all the cops in the minority neighborhoods." And you explained that as, quote, "Because that's where all the crime is." You went on to say, "And the way you should get the guns out of the kids' hands is to throw them against the wall and frisk them." You've apologized for that policy. But what does that kind of language say about how you view people of color or people in minority neighborhoods?	Lester Holt	Mike Bloomberg; Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	When you were the top prosecutor in Minneapolis, Senator, there were at least two dozen instances where police were involved in the deaths of civilians. None of those officers were prosecuted. You did prosecute a black teenager who was sentenced to life in prison, despite what are now serious doubts about the evidence. Now, the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP has recently called for you to suspend your campaign over that case because some new evidence has come out since. Big picture, why should black and Latino voters trust your judgment now if it appears you may have gotten it wrong then? ... Do you think you should have spoke up? You didn't speak up at the time. Should you?	Chuck Todd	Amy Klobuchar	Social issues
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	I want to talk about transparency here, because many Democrats, including most of you on stage, have criticized President Trump for his lack of transparency. But, Senator Sanders, when you were here in Las Vegas in October, you were hospitalized with a heart attack. Afterwards, you pledged to make, quote, "all your medical records public." You've released three letters from your doctors, but you now say you won't release anything more. What happened to your promise of full transparency?	Hallie Jackson	Bernie Sanders	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Buttigieg, you've been critical about transparency on this stage and people needing to do better. Is that response from Senator Sanders enough for you?	Hallie Jackson	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Very briefly on transparency, Mayor Bloomberg, your campaign has said that you would eventually release your tax records. When it comes to transparency, but people are already voting now. Why should Democratic voters have to wait?	Hallie Jackson	Mike Bloomberg; Amy Klobuchar	Electability

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9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Let me ask you about something else. Several former employees have claimed that your company was a hostile workplace for women. When you were confronted about it, you admitted making sexually suggestive remarks, saying, quote, "That's the way I grew up." In a lawsuit in the 1990s, according to the Washington Post, one former female employee alleged that you said, quote, "I would do you in a second." Should Democrats expect better from their nominee?	Hallie Jackson	Mike Bloomberg; Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Klobuchar, you're running on your Washington experience. But last week in a Telemundo interview, you could not name the president of Mexico or discuss any of his policies. Last night, you defended yourself saying, quote, "This isn't 'Jeopardy!'" But my question to you is, shouldn't our next president know more about one of our largest trading partners? ... Senator Klobuchar, my colleague specifically asked you if you could name the president of Mexico and your response was no.	Vanessa Huac	Amy Klobuchar; Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	What you might not know is that Las Vegas and Reno are the vibrant economic engines for the state of Nevada and are also two of the fastest warming cities in the country. In certain months of the year, the heat is already an emergency situation for residents and for tourists walking up and down the Strip. So I'm going to start with you, Mr. Vice President. What specific policies would you implement that would keep Las Vegas and Reno livable, but also not hurt those economies?	Jon Ralston	Joe Biden	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Bloomberg, let me read -- let me read what you've said about this issue. You said you want to intensify U.S. and international actions to stop the expansion of coal. How exactly are you going to do that?	Jon Ralston	Mike Bloomberg	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	All right. Mayor, I just -- I want to let Senator Warren jump in here, just because you've said something that's really specific to Nevada. And the tension here in this state is between people who want renewable energy and people who want conservation on public lands. Eighty-five percent of Nevada is managed by the federal government. You have said that you were going to have an executive order that would stop drilling on public lands, stop mining, which is a huge industry here. You've got to have lithium, you've got to have copper for renewable energy. How do you do that?	Jon Ralston	Elizabeth Warren	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We're going to stick to this topic. But, Senator Sanders, I'm going to move to fracking. You want a total ban on natural gas extraction, fracking, in the next five years. The industry, obviously, supports a lot of jobs around the country, including thousands in the battleground state of Pennsylvania. One union official there told the New York Times, quote, "If we end up with a Democratic candidate that supports a fracking ban, I'm going to tell my members that either you don't vote or you vote for the other guy." What do you tell these workers, it's supporting a big industry right now, sir?	Chuck Todd	Bernie Sanders	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	I want to keep this going. Senator Klobuchar, you're not on the same page on a total ban of fracking. You call it a transitional fuel. But scientists are sounding this alarm now. Do you take these warnings that maybe fracking is a step backwards, not a step forward, not a transition?	Chuck Todd	Amy Klobuchar	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change

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9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Warren, address the worker issue, if you don't mind, as well. Can you address the worker issue?	Chuck Todd	Elizabeth Warren	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Vice President Biden, you have said that you want to hold oil and gas executives accountable for their role in harming our planet. You have even suggested that you might put them in jail. Which companies are you talking about? And how far are you willing to go?	Vanessa Huac	Joe Biden	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We're going to stay on the topic. My question is to Mayor Bloomberg. Mayor Bloomberg, your business is heavily invested in China. I think you mentioned that a few questions back. The number one producer in the world of carbon emissions. How far would you go to force China to reduce those emissions and tackle the climate crisis?	Lester Holt	Mike Bloomberg; Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren	Energy/ Environment/ Climate change
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Vice President Biden, I want to ask you about something else that is important to people here. I want to ask you about Latinos, owning one out of every four new small businesses in the United States. Many of them have benefited from President Trump's tax cuts, and they may be hesitant about new taxes or regulations. Will taxes on their small businesses go up under your administration?	Hallie Jackson	Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg	Economy
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Look, I want to get into something. Mayor Bloomberg, the vice president talked about red-lining. Mayor Bloomberg, you seemed to imply that red-lining and stopping that is -- that stopping red-lining has somehow contributed to the financial crisis. And that was the implication that came out in your quote, so I want to give you a chance to clarify this.	Chuck Todd	Mike Bloomberg; Bernie Sanders	Economy
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Klobuchar, I actually want to get you to something about -- Senator Sanders tweeted last year, "Billionaires should not exist." What say you?	Chuck Todd	Amy Klobuchar; Bernie Sanders, Mike Bloomberg	Other candidates
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Buttigieg, Senator Sanders has a proposal that will require all large companies to turn over up to 20 percent of their ownership to employees over time. Is that a good idea?	Hallie Jackson	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders, Mike Bloomberg, Elizabeth Warren	Economy

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9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Senator Sanders, my next question is for you. Senator Sanders, our latest NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll released yesterday, two-thirds of all voters said they were uncomfortable with a socialist candidate for president. What do you say to those voters, sir?	Lester Holt	Bernie Sanders; Mike Bloomberg, Joe Biden	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Buttigieg, I want to get you in on this, because, you know, in 2000, you wrote an award-winning essay. You praised Senator Sanders. You specifically praised him for embracing socialism. You have now since said that you are concerned about his policies. But I am curious about this. Are you out of touch with your own generation, millennials by a big chunk embrace his version of democratic socialism, you do not. Are you out of touch with your generation?	Chuck Todd	Pete Buttigieg; Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar	Electability
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Mayor Buttigieg, to you. In 2018, Mayor Bloomberg was the biggest outside spender helping Democrats running for Congress. He's also donated billions toward causes like climate change, gun safety, education. If his money wasn't a problem then, why is it a problem now?	Hallie Jackson	Pete Buttigieg; Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	Our next question goes to Senator Klobuchar. About 700,000 young people known as Dreamers, or Sonadores, who were brought to this country as children, are currently protected from deportation because of a program that is now under the review by the Supreme Court. If the court sides with the Trump administration, which is eager to end this protection, what exactly is your plan to protect the Dreamers permanently?	Vanessa Huac	Amy Klobuchar; Pete Buttigieg	Immigration
9 — Las Vegas, NV — February 19, 2020 — NBC, MSNBC, Telemundo	We are less than two weeks away from a national primary. And I want to ask all of you this simple question. There's a very good chance none of you are going to have enough delegates to the Democratic National Convention to clinch this nomination, OK? If that happens, I want all of your opinions on this. Should the person with the most delegates at the end of this primary season be the nominee, even if they are short of a majority? Senator Sanders, I'm going to let you go last here, because I know your view on this.	Chuck Todd	All candidates	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Sanders, we haven't had a national unemployment rate this low for this long in 50 years. Here in South Carolina, the unemployment rate is even lower. How will you convince voters that a Democratic socialist can do better than President Trump with the economy?	Norah O'Donnell	Bernie Sanders	Economy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Bloomberg, I'll let you respond to that. Do you think Senator Sanders' economy would be better for America than President Trump's?	Norah O'Donnell	Mike Bloomberg; Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Buttigieg, we want to bring you in this conversation. Why would the Russians want to be working on behalf of Bernie Sanders?	Gayle King	Pete Buttigieg; Tom Steyer, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Other candidates

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10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Vice President Biden, I want to make -- I want to bring us to another topic. We're in South Carolina. It's the first primary with a significant black voting population. Your numbers appear to be slipping with black voters. And I'm wondering if you could respond about why that is happening to you at this particular time. ... But Senator Sanders is in striking distance of you. You are within margin of error in this state.	Gayle King	Joe Biden	Electability
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mr. Biden, will you continue if you do not win South Carolina? You have said that South Carolina will determine the outcome of this presidential race. If you don't win South Carolina, will you continue in this race?	Gayle King	Joe Biden	Electability
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Bloomberg, I'd like to bring you into this conversation. I want to ask you about a question that impacts the black and brown community. You've apologized for stop and frisk repeatedly. What exactly are you apologizing for? ... But what more can you do about this issues, Mr. Mayor, to put people's fears and skepticism to rest? It continues to follow you.	Gayle King	Mike Bloomberg	Social issues
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Buttigieg, mayor to mayor, mayor to mayor, you've certainly had your issues with the black community as well. Do you think the New York City's implementation of stop and frisk was racist? ... Senator Klobuchar, was the way that the mayor implemented stop and frisk racist?	Gayle King	Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Warren, I'm coming to you. I want to direct this question to you because you -- because Mayor Bloomberg has said he got in this race late because he doesn't believe that any of you on stage can beat Donald Trump. You said Mayor Bloomberg is not the safest candidate, he is the riskiest candidate. What did you mean by that?	Gayle King	Elizabeth Warren; Mike Bloomberg	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Thank you. Thank you. We have a number of issues to discuss tonight, but I want to give the mayor an opportunity to respond, because she has raised concerns about women in your workplace. At the last debate, you said some of your female employees might not have liked some of your jokes. Did these women take your jokes wrong? Or were you wrong to make the jokes?	Norah O'Donnell	Mike Bloomberg; Elizabeth Warren	Electability
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	He told a woman to get an abortion. What evidence do you have of that?	Gayle King	Elizabeth Warren; Mike Bloomberg	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Sanders, the cost of your agenda. Yesterday, you released information about how you will pay for your major proposals, but not all of your details are clear. You've proposed more than \$50 trillion in new spending. ... You've said Medicare for all will cost \$30 trillion. ... But you can only explain how you'll pay for just about half of that. Can you do the math for the rest of us?	Norah O'Donnell	Bernie Sanders	Spending

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10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Klobuchar, does the math add up?	Norah O'Donnell	Amy Klobuchar; Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden, Mike Bloomberg, Elizabeth Warren	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	We're going to begin with you, Vice President Biden, for this part. Just across the street, as you mentioned at the top of the debate, is the theater (sic) where nine people were shot and killed inside the Mother Emanuel Church. We all remember that day back in 2015. And every day in our country, over 100 people die from gun violence. You all have plans, I know, on this stage, to address the gun crisis. But Congress has not been able to pass a major gun legislation in a quarter of a century. And just think about this, in those 25 years we've had Columbine, Newtown, Parkland, Las Vegas. We could go on and on. gun legislation in a quarter of a century. And just think about this, in those 25 years we've had Columbine, Newtown, Parkland, Las Vegas. We could go on and on. Vice President Biden, I want to start with you, why should anyone have faith that you're the one who can get this done now?	Gayle King	Joe Biden; Elizabeth Warren	Social issues
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	I want to allow Senator Sanders to respond because you've gone after the insurance industry. You've taken on pharmaceutical companies. And you've taken on big tech. Why did you vote repeatedly to give gun manufacturers a pass?	Norah O'Donnell	Bernie Sanders; Mike Bloomberg, Amy Klobuchar, Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg, Tom Steyer	Social issues
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Let's talk about education. South Carolina's schools score in the bottom half of the national assessment. Black students here consistently score worse than white students. Mayor Bloomberg, a key element of your response to failing schools in New York City was a dramatic increase in public charter schools. As president, would you pursue that same strategy and seek to expand charter schools nationwide?	Bill Whitaker	Mike Bloomberg; Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg	Education
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	As we all know, as we all know, the political conversation in our country is interactive, and because of our partner, Twitter, this debate is no different. So I want to put a question from Twitter to you, Senator Klobuchar. This is from Casey Pennington. How will your policies address and ensure affordable housing and education equity for minimum wage workers?	Major Garrett	Amy Klobuchar; Elizabeth Warren, Mike Bloomberg	Social issues
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Vice President Biden, black men earn 73 cents for every dollar earned by white men, are about twice as likely to be unemployed, five times more likely to be incarcerated, conditions that ripple across black families and have endured during both Democratic and Republican administrations. How do you convince black voters that you can change years of inequities?	Bill Whitaker	Joe Biden; Tom Steyer	Electability

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10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Klobuchar, I'd like to change topics and ask you, rural areas have populations who are older, sicker, and poorer than non-rural communities. And they have to travel farther to get medical help when they need it. Expanding coverage is going to be useless if there are no providers to go to. So how would you ensure that there is available health care in rural areas?	Margaret Brennan	Amy Klobuchar, Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders	Health care
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Bloomberg, as mayor of New York, you declared war on obesity, you banned trans-fats from restaurants and you tried to do the same thing with large sugary drinks. So if you become president, will you push those policies on the national level as well? ... We're going to talk about that in our next segment. Before I leave you, are New Yorkers living longer because of your policies?	Gayle King	Mike Bloomberg; Joe Biden	Health care
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Klobuchar, Senator Sanders wants to legalize marijuana on day one of his presidency and is promising to expunge the record of anyone who has been arrested for possession. As a former prosecutor, is that a realistic promise?	Norah O'Donnell	Amy Klobuchar, Mike Bloomberg; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Each of you is campaigning for the role as commander-in-chief, where you will command 1.3 million U.S. troops and be responsible for protecting America's national security. There are also 53,000 here in South Carolina. You said, Senator Warren, you said you wanted to bring home all troops from the Middle East and then you walked that back to say you want to bring home combat troops. How does that protect America's national security?	Norah O'Donnell	Elizabeth Warren	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Bloomberg, voters have not heard much about your foreign policy views. Would you pull all combat troops out of the Middle East?	Norah O'Donnell	Mike Bloomberg; Pete Buttigieg	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	There was breaking news from the CDC about the Coronavirus. And so far there have been 2,700 deaths globally, and so far in this country there have been no deaths. But the CDC says this. "It's not a matter of if the virus will spread here but when." The question to you is this, would you close the borders to Americans who have been exposed to the Coronavirus in order to prevent an outbreak here in this country?	Gayle King	Amy Klobuchar	Coronavirus
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mr. Vice President, we reached a turning point today with the CDC, warning schools that they must prepare that they might have to close, members of the Trump administration saying we don't have enough medical masks if necessary. What would you do?	Norah O'Donnell	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Coronavirus
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Mayor Bloomberg, you've said that President Xi Jinping of China is not a dictator and that he is responsive to his constituents, and that the U.S. must cooperate with Beijing. How far does that go? Would you allow Chinese firms to build critical U.S. infrastructure?	Margaret Brennan	Mike Bloomberg, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren; Tom Steyer	Foreign policy

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10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	You praised -- it's in the same theme, sir. You've praised the Chinese Communist Party for lifting more people out of extreme poverty than any other country. You also have a track record of expressing sympathy for socialist governments in Cuba and in Nicaragua. Can Americans trust that a democratic socialist president will not give authoritarians a free pass?	Margaret Brennan	Bernie Sanders; Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	The bipartisan Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report concluded Russia interfered in our last presidential election, and the Obama administration failed to respond forcefully. U.S. intelligence says Russia is at it again. If it is proven that Russia has interfered in the 2020 elections, would you, as president, launch a retaliatory cyber attack?	Bill Whitaker	Joe Biden; Tom Steyer	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	Senator Sanders -- no, Senator Sanders, I have a question for you, sir. You're the frontrunner in this race. You're on the ballot in South Carolina. Mayor Bloomberg, you'll understand that preamble in just a second. If elected, Senator Sanders, you would be America's first Jewish president. You recently called a very prominent, well-known American Israel lobby a platform for, quote, "bigotry." What would you say to American Jews who might be concerned you're not, from their perspective, supportive enough of Israel? And specifically, sir, would you move the U.S. embassy back to Tel Aviv?	Major Garrett	Bernie Sanders; Mike Bloomberg Elizabeth Warren	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	I want to turn now to the issue of North Korea, because President Trump has engaged in direct diplomacy, meeting directly with Kim Jong-un. Senator Klobuchar, if you were commander-in-chief, would you meet with the North Korean leader?	Norah O'Donnell	Amy Klobuchar, Joe Biden	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	This is a question for Mayor Buttigieg. As you know, viewers and voters are participating in this through Twitter. The city of Idlib in Syria is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. The Syrian regime and Russia are targeting schools, bakeries, and hospitals. What would you do as president to push back regime and Russian forces and stop the killing of innocent civilians?	Margaret Brennan	Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren	Foreign policy
10 — Charleston, SC — February 25, 2020 — CBS	All right, one final question, candidates, and it is a two-parter. First, I'd like you each to tell us your -- the biggest misconception about you. That's number one. Number two, the South Carolina motto is this. "While I breathe, I hope." So outside of politics, in no more than 45 seconds or so, what is your personal motto, your personal belief, your favorite quote that represents you?	Gayle King	All Candidates	For fun
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	So let's begin with the most important issue right now: the coronavirus and what you would do as president in the face of it. Vice President Biden, let me start with you. We're in a reality right now that might have seemed unimaginable a week ago. Schools have been cancelled for more than 25 million students. Grocery store shelves have been cleared out. March Madness, NBA games, Disney parks, Broadway, small businesses all shut down, and just today, the CDC issued a new recommendation that for the next eight weeks events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the U.S. be cancelled or postponed. What do you say to the American people who are confronting this new reality?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden	Coronavirus

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11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, this morning, Dr. Anthony Fauci acknowledged that it's possible that hundreds of thousands, if not millions of Americans, could die from coronavirus in a worst-case scenario. If you were president right now, what's the most important thing you would do tonight to try to save American lives?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Vice President Biden, President Trump says he does not take any responsibility for the problems with coronavirus testing, in part because, he says, he inherited so many rules, regulations, and red tape. Did bureaucratic red tape hamper this response in any way?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, on that note -- and both of you have addressed this -- but, obviously, another major health concern right now for officials is the potential surge in patients all at once, overburdening hospitals, the health care system. You've mentioned ICU beds, both of you, and ventilators. We're already in the middle of flu season, so already a lot of those beds and ventilators are already being used. If you were president right now, what would you do to make sure every sick American is able to get treatment so the U.S. does not suffer the same fate as Italy, where doctors have to decide right now who gets life-saving treatment and who does not?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Thank you, Senator. Vice President Biden, some medical experts are saying the only true way to control this virus is through a national quarantine, requiring every American, other than essential personnel, to stay home. Would you take that unprecedented step of a national lockdown?	Dana Bash	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	If I may, the vice president just mentioned war. Would you deploy the U.S. military in an effort to contain the virus? And if so, how?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders; Joe Biden	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Thank you, Mr. Vice President. We're going to talk in a moment a lot more about the economic impact. But first, Senator Sanders, I want to ask about China. When this outbreak first started in China, the government there censored the whistleblower doctor who sounded the alarm and downplayed the true gravity of the virus. What consequences should China face for its role in this global crisis?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders; Joe Biden	Foreign policy
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Obviously, another part of this story is the economy, which is reeling from this pandemic. Many economies are warning of a recession. Just hours ago the Federal Reserve cut interest rates to near zero percent, which has not happened since the financial crisis in 2008. Vice President Biden, what would you do?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Economy
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, you voted against bailouts following the 2008 financial crisis. Many believe those spending bills were a crucial part of stabilizing the economy back then. Would you support bailouts for industries that are being crushed by the coronavirus outbreak now?	Ilia Calderon	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Economy
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Vice President Biden, I'm going to stay with you. Many of the 11 million undocumented immigrants and now even many legal immigrants in the United States are afraid to seek medical help. How do you ensure they feel safe enough to get treatment to help stop the spread of coronavirus?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden	Immigration

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11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	We're going to talk about immigration in a minute. But first I want to ask about something that's going on right now, again, back to this crisis. We know that people over the age of 60 and those with underlying medical conditions, especially heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, are the most vulnerable to coronavirus and are being asked to change their behavior to protect themselves. So Senator Sanders, I'll start with you. You're 78 years old. You had a heart attack. What are you doing to protect yourself? ... Vice President Biden, you're 77. What are you doing to protect yourself?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Coronavirus
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Let's turn to the race more broadly now. Throughout this campaign, you have each laid out starkly different visions for how to bring about change. Vice President Biden, Senator Sanders is calling for a political revolution. You said people want results, not a revolution. Make the case for why a revolution is not what the country needs or wants.	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	So, Senator, because you brought up Social Security and you have been talking about it, I want to ask you about something that you wrote in 1996. You were a member of the House and you wrote an op-ed that said, quote, "It is clear we will have to make incremental adjustments in Social Security taxes and benefits." Why are your past comments any less relevant than the vice president's?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders	Electability
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Vice President Biden, yesterday you endorsed an Elizabeth Warren plan that would undo key parts of the bankruptcy law you helped pass in 2005. A few hours ago, you announced support for making public college tuition-free for families who make less than \$125,000 a year, something Senator Sanders has supported. What changed? ... Senator Sanders, I assume you welcome these changes?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Education
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Let's talk about the future, Vice President Biden. If you become the Democratic presidential nominee, how will you appeal to supporters of Senator Sanders when you do disagree on so many issues?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden	Electability
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	If he is the nominee, Vice President Biden, you've already said you would support him. But will you campaign for him?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders	Other candidates
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Women are the canaries in the coalmine of the conservative agenda. Our access to health care is at risk from the Federalist Society's remaking of the courts. Our lives are threatened by abusive partners' access to guns. Women are disproportionately affected by bail requirements (ph), Social Security cuts, and cuts to public education. How will your cabinet ensure the best advice on issues that affect women's physical and financial health? Thank you.	Viewer	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Social issues
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Mr. Vice President, if I could just follow up, just to be clear, you just committed here tonight that your running mate, if you get the nomination, will be a woman? ... Senator Sanders, will you make that same statement?	Dana Bash	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Electability

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11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Let's turn now to immigration. Vice President Biden, you have recently said for the first time that the Obama-Biden administration made a big mistake in deporting millions of immigrants, but you didn't publicly speak out against it at the time. What commitment will you make tonight that as president you won't deport millions again? ... So to be clear, only felons get deported and everyone else gets to stay?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Immigration
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, critics suggest positions like this send a message that when a Democrat is in the White House, the border is open. Do they?	Ilia Calderon	Bernie Sanders	Immigration
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Vice President Biden, you opposed sanctuary cities as a presidential candidate in 2007. Where do you stand now? Should undocumented immigrants, arrested by local police, be turned over to immigration officials?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders	Immigration
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Let's move now to the climate crisis. I'm coming right to you, Senator Sanders. The World Health Organization calls the climate crisis a "health crisis" and warns that climate change could fuel the spread of infectious diseases. Can you point to specific measures in your climate plan that address that threat?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Environment/ Climate Change
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	So, Vice President Biden, let me ask you then that the -- you talk about this being the number one crisis, they told you at the Pentagon. The price tag for your climate plan is about \$1.7 trillion. That's about \$14 trillion less than Senator Sanders wants to spend on this. Is your plan ambitious enough to tackle this crisis?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Environment/ Climate Change
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, I want -- I want to talk to you about fracking. Because you want to ban fracking, which is a method of extracting natural gas. The shift towards natural gas and away from coal has resulted in reduced U.S. carbon emissions. So how can the U.S. transition to your targeted goal of zero emissions with fracking completely out of the picture?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders	Environment/ Climate Change
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Let's move now to foreign policy. Senator Sanders, there are about 1.5 million Cuban-Americans living in Florida right now. Why would they vote for you when they hear you praise a program of Fidel Castro, a dictator who jailed, tortured and killed thousands of Cubans? ... To be clear, Senator Sanders, Cuba has been a dictatorship for decades. Shouldn't we judge dictators by the violation of human rights and not by any of their alleged achievements?	Ilia Calderon	Bernie Sanders	Foreign policy
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Vice President Biden, you have criticized Senator Sanders for praising Castro's education system. But in 2016 President Obama said Cuba made, quote, "a great progress in educating young people" and that its health care system "is a huge achievement that they should be congratulated for." How is that different from what Senator Sanders has said?	Ilia Calderon	Joe Biden	Foreign policy
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Mr. Vice President, sticking with foreign policy, you acknowledge that your support and vote for the Iraq War was a mistake. What lessons did you learn from that mistake? And how might those lessons influence your foreign policy decision- making as president?	Jake Tapper	Joe Biden; Bernie Sanders	Foreign policy

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11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Thank you, Senator. Thank you, gentlemen. I want to change topics and ask each of you about some of your vulnerabilities in this election, starting with you, Vice President Biden. Senator Sanders has won more of the Hispanic vote than you in several key states so far. In fact, he doubled your support in California among Hispanics. He almost tripled it in Nevada. So why is your message not resonating with Hispanic voters?	Dana Bash	Joe Biden	Electability
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Senator Sanders, Senator Sanders, let me just follow up with you about an issue that you're having. For the second consecutive presidential election, you're struggling to gain wide support from African-Americans. Why is your message not resonating with African-American voters?	Dana Bash	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Electability
11 — Washington, DC — March 15, 2020, CNN	Finally, gentlemen, thanks so much for everything. As we end here tonight, let's return to where we began, the coronavirus, which does not discriminate based on ideology, it does not care if one is a Democrat or a Republican, a conservative, a moderate or a progressive. Senator Sanders, let me start with you. What's your closing message tonight for those who are concerned about, affected by, or dealing with the coronavirus? ... Vice President Biden, what's your closing message tonight for those concerned about, affected by, or dealing with this virus?	Jake Tapper	Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden	Coronavirus