October 15, 2019 Democratic Primary Candidate Debate

(Candidates are listed in order on platform, turn your paper sideways with names at the top)

Candidate	Policy Stance(s)	Memorable Interaction	Additional Notes
Castro	- Impeach President Trump - Willing to pilot UBI - Create jobs through Green New Deal and jobs in infrastructure - Universal Childcare	- "We can walk and chew gum at the same time" - Acknowledges that there is job loss to automation - Attack on Warren	- Impeachment is not a distraction, as you can do two things at once
Klobuchar	- Impeach President Trump - Medicare for all who want it	- ALSO trashes on Warren for not being straightforward and also applauds Sanders for being straightforward and providing a solution	- Impeachment is not a distraction, as you can do two things at once

O'Rourke	- Impeach President Trump
	  - Mentions how there are two members on stage who have fought for the country in uniform
	- Mexican workers can join unions
	- Investing in pre k → 12 education
	- Cost is not an object to attend college
	- Elevate the role of unions
		- I do not understand how mentioning that other members on stage have been in uniform helps him
		- Keeps speaking over and over again after Cooper says "Thank You" to get more words in
			- By doing what he says, will create
			  - Over 5 million apprenticeships over the next 8 years

Yang	- Impeach President Trump
	  - Won't solve any problems though, however, this is a necessary step to the vision of the future
	- Universal Basic Income
		- Not many people raised their hands when he asked people to raise their hands if they have seen stores around them shut down
		  - Those people are totally lying
		- Attacks Sander's "everyone gets a job"
		  - His idea sounds good, will not materialize in practice
		  - UBI will though!
		- DESTROYS Warren by saying that he has the statistics
			- Trump won Ohio because stores are closing due to Amazon
			- "Everyone gets a job" doesn't work because people working jobs they do not want to work is not the American vision
			  - Also does not accommodate for housewives, or people without officially recognized jobs
			- Jobs are closing due to automation as AI becomes bigger and bigger

Buttigieg	- Impeach President Trump
	- Medicare for all who want it
		- Trashes on Warren for how she is avoiding the question of how she is going to pay for Medicare for all
		  - Offers Medicare for all who want it as a solution to it
		- Applauds Sanders for giving a more straightforward answer than Warren
			- Medicare for all kicks 150 million Americans off their insurance in four short years
			  - Also polarizes the country

Warren	- Impeach President Trump	- Plays around stories of meeting	- Warren ignores the question

	- Sweeping plans - Free public college - Free universal childcare - Eliminating most Americans' college debt - Medicare for all - Raise taxes for upper class, and lower taxes for middle class - Accountable Capitalism	people with diseases and can't pay them off - Supports her Medicare for All and the necessity for it - TOTALLY IGNORES the topic at hand, and argues that extending Social Security is the correct move instead of UBI	about how she is going to pay for Medicare for all, and instead talks about why it is important - Claims that blaming automation for job loss is "a good story, except it's not really true"
Biden	- Impeach President Trump - Medicare for all who want it	- Got kind of destroyed when Cooper said "why was it okay for your son when you were vice president?" - Diverts the topic from his son admitting a mistake to impeaching Trump	- Biden's son worked in Ukraine - Raising taxes for a Medicare for all concept will hit the middle class hard - Medicare for all costs a lot

Sanders	- Impeach President Trump
	- Medicare for all
	- Stand up to the health care industry
	- Job for every American
	- Higher taxes for the wealthy
		- Very powerful voice when talking about his bill
		  - Argues that the tax increase will be less than people pay for premiums and out of pocket expansions
		- More
			- 87 million Americans are uninsured or underinsured
			- Focus on Climate Change
			- People are living paycheck to paycheck
			- Why impeach Trump?
			  - Sets a precedent → presidents can't act like Trump

		straightforward answer than Warren	
Harris	- Impeach President Trump - Promote women's reproductive health care	- Directs conversation of Medicare to women's reproductive rights - Nice transition into one of her major arguments	

Booker	- Impeach President Trump
	  - Be fair in trial
	- Raising minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour
	- Fighting for union strength
		- "I'm having deja vu..."
		  - Same lies that got Trump elected pop up again
		  - Health care debate, but no one talks about reproductive rights
			- Argues strongly for women's reproductive rights
			  - Men have to stand up for it too
			- States that UBI will not cut it as it does more for workers

Steyer	- Impeach President Trump - Wealth tax - Health care - Education - Green New Deal - Living wage	- The only billionaire on stage	- 90% of Americans have not had a raise for 40 years

Gabbard	- Impeach President Trump, but only if people are able to gather enough information and shine light upon it
	  - If house votes to impeach, and
		- The only member on stage who does not totally support impeachment now	- Supports Andrew Yang
			  - UBI
			  - Loss of jobs due to automation
			  - Federal jobs guarantee

		senate doesn't → larger political divide in country - Bipartisan support - UBI		will not work

Complete the back side as well

In your opinion, who do you think won the debate? Why?

In my opinion, I think Andrew Yang won the debate. Although he received little speaking time compared to the likes of Warren and Sanders, he delivered his arguments and made strong reasoning to support them. In fact, after Warren attacked Yang, numerous people on stage went on to say that they support Andrew Yang's proposed policy of Universal Basic Income. Not only that, but he also shuts down Warren's argument that there are no jobs lost to automation, backing up his claims with statistics. Although Warren received a lot of speaking time, her arguments were also exposed by almost everyone, and she also avoided those arguments, making her the sole loser of this debate.

If you had to vote for a democrat tomorrow, who would you vote for based on what they said in the debate? Why?

I would vote for Andrew Yang as everything he says makes logical sense to me. Because of the fast pace development of automation in our nation, many jobs are going to be lost, leading to only one solution: Universal Basic Income. Not only that, but Universal Basic Income also supports many of the people who do not take on real jobs, but still support and help society, such as mothers.

What are your impressions about presidential debates after seeing this one?

I feel that presidential debates, although messy, with everyone trying to squeeze in as many words as they can really shine light on either the positives of the candidates, or negatives, such as how Warren was bashed by many of the candidates.

What questions do you have about debates/elections?

Why is it that popular candidates like Sanders and Biden get the most questions? I feel that the smaller candidates should get more questions, as they need more media attention in order for people to know what their policies are.