

LAST NIGHTS PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: A WAR OF WORDS

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Oh, the drama of it all! Last night, September 10, 2024, the first presidential debate between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy was nothing short of a political spectacle. This showdown is set to be one for the history books, and let’s just say it’s already shaking up the election season in a big way!

So, let’s start with Richard Nixon. Our current Vice President, who’s been around the block a few times, seemed like the seasoned pro you’d expect. But, oh boy, did he miss the mark on TV! Nixon’s recent knee infection left him looking pale and worn-out, and his refusal to use makeup made him blend into the background. His gray suit didn’t help—he practically disappeared against the debate set. Plus, his cautious, defensive vibe just didn’t pop on screen. Clearly, Nixon was struggling to shake off his discomfort and adapt to the televised format.

Now, let’s talk about the real star of the evening: Senator John F. Kennedy. Kennedy came into the spotlight with all the charisma and polish you’d hope for from a leading candidate. Sporting a sharp dark suit and oozing confidence, he looked every bit the dynamic leader he’s promising to be. His “New Frontier” vision was all about progress and reform, and boy, did he sell it with flair! Kennedy went straight for the jugular, critiquing the Eisenhower administration’s handling of the Cold War and positioning himself as the fresh, energetic alternative the country needs.

While Nixon’s performance was filled with detailed, fact-based arguments, it fell flat in terms of style. Kennedy’s engaging and composed delivery totally outshined Nixon’s lackluster appearance. The contrast between the two candidates was stark, and it’s no surprise that Kennedy’s strong on-screen presence is turning heads.

Looks like Nixon’s lead might be in jeopardy as Kennedy’s standout performance is already making waves. Polls and pundits are buzzing with the opinion that Kennedy may have stolen the show and gained some serious momentum. Stay tuned, folks—this debate has definitely set the stage for an exciting election race ahead!

Are you wondering how you can display your support for your cause during this difficult time? Different student life groups on campus weigh in.

CLIC is okay with students showing their support for either side of the conflict and in fact encourages free-dom of speech, so long as public support is in compliance with the Slayter posting guidelines. Posters must be stamped at the third-floor CLIC office and must display both the name, contact information, and D number of the student who created them. Support for either side posted in Slayter without meeting the guidelines, or which stays up past the date shown on the stamp, will be taken down.

CLIC would also like to encourage students to make use of the Huffman Innovation and Leadership Lounge (HILL) for any and all creative student life endeavors. You may swipe into the HILL if you are registered as a club officer through WhatToDU.

The Denison Campus Governance Association (DCGA), the university’s student leadership group, has met and written a 25-page report on the subject of the CLIC vs. Homestead conflict. The document itself is purely in-ternal and cannot be released to the Bullsheet, though sources report that the general summary is that they are impartial.

We continue to remain in touch with the Homesteaders as their front line persists. In a Google Forms survey, top concerns of this population include “Freedom of Speech” and “Freedom of Weed.” We held a focus group around the Denison University road sign that functions as the Homestead’s iconic outdoor table.


“This whole debacle has been horrible,” says one Homesteader who has asked to remain anonymous, and whose oversized flannel hung with a chic slouch over their Banana Republic tank top. “CLIC doesn’t respect our veg-etarian lifestyle. I’ll never forgive them for that Cane’s and Conversation event. On our chickens’ hallowed ground!”

“We’re pacifists,” said another Homesteader, whose crisp new Doctor Martens work boots shuffled in the grass as they walked over to join the conversation, slipping a long wick into a small bottle of Tito’s and securing it with a cork and a practiced fervor.

“It’s just not sustainable for us to be fighting like this,” said the first Homesteader, absentmindedly flicking their lighter. “Think of the carbon emissions.”

The Homesteaders would like it to be known that they are actively calling for student support.

CLIC would like to remind everyone once again about the posting guidelines.



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