



DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

HOST YOUR OWN WATCH PARTY

#DemDebate

STEP 1

Save the date! The Democratic Debates will be streaming live on February 25th at 8 PM.

STEP 2

Get the word out in your community! Invite family and friends that might not normally tune in.

STEP 3

Introduce the 5 P's of Political Speech! There are lots of rhetorical tactics politicians use during debates and speeches. Do you know what to look out for? Print out the 5 P Tally sheets and follow along.

STEP 4

Use the hashtags & follow along on Twitter! We will be live tweeting and invite you to join in the conversation! @CitizenDetroit #DemDebate

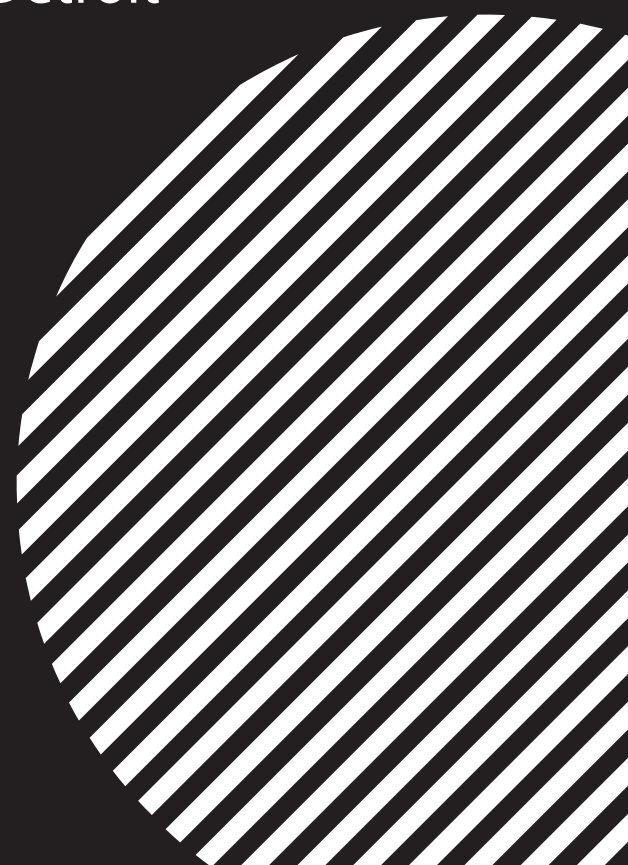
STEP 5

Grab the snacks and tune in! Take photos and tag us on Facebook! @CitizenDetroit

STEP 6

What did you think?! Share your thoughts and questions with us! @CitizenDetroit

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SIZING UP CANDIDATE SPEECH



What to Listen for When Hearing a Politician Talk

1. PANDERING

- ✗ General moral statements that don't say anything new.
- ✗ Plays to people's existing biases.
- ✗ Doesn't offer specific actions the candidate will take.



2. PANTS ON FIRE LIE

A false claim or statement, whether intentionally so or not.



3. PERTINENT

- ✓ Directly responds to the question.
- ✓ Demonstrates understanding about the role of the office.
- ✓ Demonstrates accurate knowledge about the issue.



4. PIVOT

Briefly responds, but shifts to a different topic. Can be a strategy to keep the focus on the candidate's priorities...

or can be a strategy to avoid certain topics.



5. POTSHOT

An unfounded or irrelevant criticism of an opponent's character that doesn't impact job performance (like gender or religion), when the target doesn't have a chance to defend him/herself.

OPPORTUNISTIC
UNFOUNDED
IRRELEVANT





Democratic Debates

5 P's Tally Sheet

February 25, 2020

PANTS ON FIRE/LYING PERTINENT PIVOT PLATITUDES/PANDERING POTSHOT



J. Biden Jr



M. Bloomberg



P. Buttigieg



A. Klobuchar



B. Sanders



T. Steyer



E. Warren

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M. Bloomberg					
P. Buttigieg					
A. Klobuchar					
B. Sanders					
T. Steyer					
E. Warren					

Follow along with the debates and add tally marks when candidates use any of the 5 P's during the debate!

Share your thoughts, questions, and join in the conversation by using the hashtag **#DemDebates** **@citizendetroit**

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