

Was it a debate or just a big mess?

Substance of the first 2020 presidential debate...



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Talking Points

1. In the first debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden the presidential candidates constantly interrupted and attacked each other. Did voters learn anything useful from the uncivil performance?
2. How did it compare with past presidential debates?
3. Should there be a second and third debate? Why or why not?
4. Does the tone of the debate, campaign speeches and political advertising make you worry about what will happen during and after this year's election?
5. How do we look to the world?

Between the lines

"That was a hot mess inside a dumpster fire, inside a train wreck. That was the worst debate I have ever seen. In fact, it wasn't even a debate." - Jake Tapper, CNN.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/09/29/presidential-debate-called-train-wreck-after-trump-biden-clash/3583646001/>

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