



First Debate	Second Debate	Third Debate	VP Debate
Tues, Sept. 29	Thurs, Oct. 15	Thurs, Oct 22	Wed, Oct 7
<b>Time for all four: 6pm Pacific; 8pm Central; 9pm Eastern</b>			

We offer our Peace and Human Rights Debate Guide for 2020 - final stretch edition to everyone. For the people who have their minds made up as well as for those still thinking things over.

Since our founding in the 1980s Global Exchange has sought to illuminate and uphold human rights, peace, and democracy, at home and abroad. And that will still be our mission after the election, no matter what happens.

Help us now to apply these critical human rights principles to the election to understand the views and likely actions of the presidential candidates.

We, defenders of human rights, must hold our country and those aspiring to lead it to very high standards. Our job as a human rights organization is never to make endorsements, but to help you assess your own best choices now, during the election, and in its aftermath.

Help us evaluate the candidates on: Climate Justice, Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Immigration Justice, Health Justice, Criminal Justice.

**You tell us (and your friends): “How do they stack up?”**

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## CLIMATE JUSTICE

We need a leader who understands the threat of climate disaster; who can articulate the need for action; define the global challenge and pursue a clear, fast, planetary path to a post-fossil fuel, sustainable energy future.

Does the candidate:

- Propose action plans in response to scientific consensus that greenhouse gas emissions must drop sharply to avert (further) dire consequences planetwide?
- Plan to rejoin the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement and push for greater international climate cooperation?
- Support the planet saving shift in national economic priorities outlined in the Green New Deal?

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## RACIAL JUSTICE

We need a leader with the vocation and capacity to embrace an ever more diverse America with a recognition that moving beyond systemic racism and our unfinished history of white supremacy still requires a profound reckoning and national healing. Black Lives Matter.

Does the candidate:

- Articulate a vision to lead and unite all our many American communities?
- Propose action plans that reflect a recognition of the role of systemic racism and unequal justice that undermine Black and other under-represented communities in the U.S.?
- Have a plan to uproot police brutality, drive down mass incarceration, and get beyond the drug war?

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

We need a president with the moral vision and political stamina to confront and reform the deeply embedded biases that currently undermine the integrity of our law enforcement, criminal justice and penal systems. This is a complex challenge that calls on the President to inspire change, leading by example.

Does the candidate plan to:

- Ban the transfer of surplus military equipment to police forces?
- Eliminate privatized Federal prison and detention facilities?
- Expand DOJ investigations of systemic rights violations by law enforcement agencies?
- End racial disparities in sentencing?

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## ECONOMIC JUSTICE

We need a leader who consistently defends the interests of working class Americans who have been dispossessed of their due share of national wealth in the last half-century while an uber elite, neo-liberal billionaire class swelled. At this moment of national emergency we must tax excess wealth to help pay for an economic revival with safe working conditions.

Does the candidate show support for:

- An economic agenda that puts people and planet first?
- A guaranteed living wage?
- Safe working conditions?
- Protecting the right to organize unions?
- Equal pay for equal work?
- Global Fair Trade agreements that advance democratic, sustainable and equitable growth around the world?

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## IMMIGRATION JUSTICE

We need a president who believes in a strong, resilient American dream that boldly inspires people around the world to embrace liberty knowing there is a place in this world where freedom still lives. Our immigration policy should reflect national priorities of inclusion, not exclusion. Our asylum and humanitarian policies should inspire national pride and serve as best practice models for freedom and justice worldwide.

Does the candidate explicitly affirm:

- Families should never be separated?
- Access to asylum is a human right protected by domestic and international law?
- That Dreamers and TPS holders should have a path to citizenship?
- No Muslim Ban?
- An end to all immigration detention due to danger during the ongoing pandemic?

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## HEALTH JUSTICE

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic underscores our need for a national health security system that can respond to collective threats and provide comprehensive medical health, universally. We need a president who will acknowledge the serious gaps in our current healthcare model and who will work to expand existing federal public health services into a national system, available to all.

Will the candidate:

- Support health care as a basic human right?
- Expand healthcare coverage to currently unprotected people?
- Challenge pharmaceutical companies to control prices of medication?
- Commit to making COVID-19 testing and future vaccines available to all, free of charge?

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## END FOREIGN WARS

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in October of 2001 marked the beginning of an expanded phase of U.S. intervention under President George Bush. The 2003 invasion of Iraq led to a further quagmire that now -- like Afghan invasion -- is still not resolved despite nearly 20 years and the two term presidency of Barack Obama and one of Donald Trump. We need a President who will wield the moral leadership needed to end foreign military entanglements once and for all.

Does the candidate plan to:

- Cut military spending?
- Reduce nuclear weapons?
- End U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere?
- Redress the unacceptable bias toward Israel in our current U.S. Middle East policy?

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