

## Trump-Harris Debate: Race to the White House

The highly anticipated Trump-Harris Debate for the race to the White House was nothing short of intense. Donald Trump and Kamala Harris clashed on the grandest political stage, but despite all the buzz, it seems like a week from now, nothing will have fundamentally changed. The American people are still largely in the dark about Kamala Harris and her positions, with a staggering thirty percent admitting they know nothing about where she stands. Surprisingly, even after the debate, this remains unchanged. The moderators failed to push her on her stances, and Trump didn't do much to shed light on them either.

During the debate, Donald Trump missed the mark. He failed to effectively call out his opponent for her falsehoods, and his best line of the night was his closing statement. It would have been more impactful if he had used it as his opening statement instead. Asking "Why didn't you do it?" right from the start would have set a strong tone for the debate. It was a missed opportunity not to lead with that line.

Tonight, he was incredibly distractible. He fell for almost every question, getting riled up every time Harris said something. Even though he knew it was bait, he couldn't help but take it. When Harris mentioned his crowd sizes and people leaving his rallies, he just had to go after her about it, bringing up crowd size, January 6, and the 2020 election. These distractions were all that mattered to Donald Trump, and he didn't manage to define her. With just a few months left, she's going to need to be defined.

The main point to take away from this isn't about Trump's strength or Harris' performance. Instead, it's about the ongoing breakdown of the Legacy media's impartiality in favor of the Democratic party. It's incredible to see how smitten the media is with Kamala Harris,

going as far as giving her a free pass and actively supporting her. The contrast between how they treat Trump and Harris is striking.

I couldn't believe how the media behaved on debate night. I had high hopes, especially after the last debate on CNN, but David Muir and Lindsey David were a letdown. They seemed to take sides and didn't hold Kamala Harris accountable for her repeated lies. It was disappointing to see them become active participants instead of impartial moderators.

Kamala Harris lie examples:

- Kamala called it a “lie” that she supports mandatory confiscation of firearms. But in 2019, Kamala said she wanted a mandatory buyback of all “assault weapons”.
- Kamala said that nowhere in America is abortion happening up until birth. But at this very moment, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy in New Mexico, Minnesota, Oregon, Colorado, Vermont, New Jersey, Alaska, and Washington D.C. Tim Walz signed a bill removing any requirement to provide lifesaving care to children born in a botched abortion.
- Kamala said that Trump’s policy is to ban IVF when Trump has directly intervened to protect IVF and is campaigning to expand access to it.
- Kamala claimed that Trump threatened a literal “bloodbath” if he wasn’t elected. This is a total lie – Trump said that there’d be a bloodbath in the *auto industry* if Joe Bide won reelection. CNN doesn’t consider this a “false claim.”
- Kamala said she made it “very clear” back during the 2020 election that she supports fracking and doesn’t want to ban it. But in the 2020 primaries, on live TV, Harris said verbatim “There’s no question I’m in favor of banning fracking.”

- Kamala described Project 2025 as the “detailed and dangerous plan” that Trump will implement if elected. Setting aside that this contradicts Kamala’s claim just minutes before that Trump has “no plan,” the reality is that Project 2025 was created by other people and Trump has no involvement with it. Trump’s actual plan is called Agenda47.

They didn't fact-check a single thing she said all night. This only plays into Trump's hands for one simple reason. If you're a Trump supporter and you don't think he did remarkably well tonight, it's an easy out to blame it on the media targeting him. The media clearly want Kamala Harris to win, and they're pulling out all the stops to ensure her victory. After the debate, everyone will just go back to their original positions. They'll hail Kamala Harris as the embodiment of good vibes and joy, and she'll conveniently sidestep any more tough questions. She'll coast all the way to the election without having to answer anything else. There won't be any more debates, she'll declare victory, the media will declare her the winner, and Trump will lose. Trump probably has no interest in another debate because it's just not in his best interest.

It feels like a lot of this is just part of the package, and right now it's uncomfortable because it was a prime opportunity for Trump to strike back. Kamala Harris talks about how race should not divide us, but she herself is a prime example of someone who divides based on race. It's her modus operandi, and it's how she ascended to the position of Vice President. When questioned about Afghanistan, she showed no remorse, even when asked if she regretted the 13 American soldiers whose families she seemingly ignored. Instead of Trump seizing the moment and questioning her about this, everyone was glued to the TV screen waiting for his response. The issue was that he had already been riled up earlier in the debate. He was easily distracted, chasing after every distraction that came his way.

The competition is heating up, and it's not going to ease off after this debate. Donald Trump really needs to clearly outline his opponent's position, just like JD Vance is doing. If he can do that, he still has a shot at winning and coming out on top. This debate was a missed opportunity, but there's still a chance to turn things around.