



## Democratic Debate Question Tracker

### Night 2: June 27, 2019

Category	Question Topic	Candidate(s) Asked	About Women's Issues?	Notes
Economy	Middle class tax increase	Sanders	No	
Economy	Income inequality	Biden	No	Trump mention
Economy	Responsibility to explain how to pay for proposals	Harris	No	Trump mention
Politics	Democrats embracing socialism	Hickenlooper	No	Reproductive rights, teen pregnancy mention
Politics	Voters' response to socialism	Sanders		Trump
Politics	"Healthy capitalism"/corruption	Gillibrand (jump in)/ follow-up	No	
Politics	Realistic policy proposals	Bennet	No	
Health care	Medicare for all	Gillibrand follow-up/interruption	No	
Economy	Free college	Buttigieg	No	
Economy	Student loan debt	Swalwell/jump in. follow up	No	
Economy	Universal basic income/value-added tax	Yang	No	Trump
Economy	Automation	Swalwell	No	Brings up climate, student

				loan debt, guns
Education	More Title I funding, free community college, student debt reform	Biden	No	No substantive question leading into Biden response, just, "Mr. Vice President, would you like to sing a torch song?"
Economy	Wall Street	Sanders	No	Tons of interrupting/ crosstalk
Economy	Unemployment/multiple jobs for ordinary people	Harris	No	Trump
Healthcare	Abolish private health insurance?	Everyone (show of hands)	No	
Healthcare	Medicare for All/path to single payer	Gillibrand	No	
Healthcare	Medicare for All "who want it"	Buttigieg	No	
Healthcare	Building on Obamacare/ACA	Biden	No	
Healthcare	Implementing government-run healthcare nationally	Sanders	No	
Healthcare	How to do government healthcare nationally when states have tried and failed	Sanders	No	Follow-up from moderator  Sanders mentions women's movement as well as civil rights, etc in

				context of reforming health care
Healthcare	Cost of prescription drugs	Williamson	No	Trump
Healthcare	Path to single payer/Building on Obamacare	Bennet	No	
Healthcare	Response to Bennet saying all private insurance except cosmetic would be banned	Sanders	No	
Healthcare	Thinking about how healthcare reform plans affect real people	Harris jump-in	No	Mentions parents taking children to ER, struggling with cost
Healthcare	Would governmentt health plan provide coverage for undocumented immigrants?	Everyone (show of hands)	No	
Healthcare	Why would plan cover undocumented immigrants?	Buttigieg	No	
Healthcare	Why would plan cover undocumented immigrants?	Biden	No	
Immigration	Undocumented children in detention	Harris	No	Keep DACA in place, keep families together, kids out of cages  Mentions mothers  Mentions president with microphone in *her* hand

				Trump mention
Immigration	Asylum seekers	Hickenlooper	No	
Immigration	Family separation/kidnapping	Williamson	No	Trump "Collective child abuse"
Immigration	Family separation	Gillibrand	No	Trump Mentions dead children in ICE custody
Immigration	Should it be criminal offense to cross border or not?	Everyone (show of hands)	No	
Immigration	Religious rhetoric of GOP/hypocrisy	Buttigieg	No	
Immigration	Increased refugee funding under Obama admin/family reunification	Biden	No	Treatment of children "outrageous"
Immigration	Deportation of undocumented immigrants w/ no other offenses	Biden	No	
Immigration	Deportations under Obama admin	Biden	No	Follow-up
Immigration	Deportation of undocumented immigrants w/ no other offenses	Sanders	No	Rescind everything Trump has done

				on immigration
	Deportation of undocumented immigrants w/ no other offenses	Swalwell	No	
	Deportation of undocumented immigrants w/ no other offenses	Harris	No	Talks about time as AG of CA--tried to keep parents from being deported  Mentions rape victims should be able to get justice
Trade	Standing up to China	Bennet	No	Brings up children at the border again  Mentions Trump  Compares immigrant families to his own family history
Trade	Standing up to China	Yang	No	Mentions election security as threat
Trade	Standing up to China	Buttigieg	No	Brings up infrastructure, education
Criminal justice reform	Race and policing/officer shootings	Buttigieg	No	Mentions mother of shooting victim in South Bend

				not being able to get her son back
Criminal justice reform	Police shootings	Hickenlooper follow up	No	
Criminal justice reform	Police accountability	Buttigieg responds to Hickenlooper, it turns into back and forth with Swalwell	No	
Race relations/civil rights	Reparations for slavery	Williamson	No	
Race relations/civil rights	Racial discrimination/integration-- directed at Biden re: his working with segregationist senators  Busing	Harris	No	
Race relations/civil rights	Response to Harris re: working with racists, busing	Biden	No	Brings up LGBTQ civil rights
Race relations/civil rights	Back and forth on race	Harris	No	Mentions passing ERA
Race relations/civil rights	Back and forth on race	Biden	No	"Supported ERA from beginning"
Diversity	Should diversity of candidates (race, age, gender) matter, as opposed to ideas?	Sanders	Yes	Mentions women, LGBTQ
Diversity	Should diversity of candidates (race, age, gender) matter, as opposed to ideas?	Gillibrand	No	Pivots to corruption, doesn't answer

				question
Politics	Partisan gridlock/McConnell	Bennet	No	
Politics	Partisan gridlock/McConnell	Biden	No	
Politics	Response to Biden re: working with McConnell	Bennet	No	
Politics	Partisan gridlock/McConnell	Gillibrand	No	<p>Pivots to GOP tax cuts, corruption</p> <p>Mentions Parkland kids having as much power as Kochs, NRA</p>
Healthcare	Roe v. Wade struck down/abortion laws	Sanders	Yes	<p>Women's right to control own body is constitutional, will only nominate pro-Roe justices to SCOTUS</p>
Healthcare	Reproductive rights/abortion/contraception	Gillibrand	Yes	<p>Play offense on repro rights, not defense</p> <p>Mentions Trump</p> <p>Repro rights under attack</p>
Climate change	How to address climate crisis	Harris	No	<p>Paris agreement/Green New Deal</p>

				Trump as "greatest security threat" to US
Climate change	Impact on farmers in Midwest	Buttegieg	No	
Climate change	Fossil fuels	Hickenlooper	No	
Climate change	GOP denial of climate change/how to cut emissions w/o GOP cooperation	Biden	No	
Climate change	Transitioning away from fossil fuels	Sanders follow-up/Swalwell interrupts	No	
Climate change	JFK/Harnessing the energy of people	Williamson	No	A bit of a non-sequitur
	What is #1 issue/top priority for your presidency?	Everyone		
Guns	Mandatory assault weapons buyback	Swalwell	No	Mentions Moms Demand Action, frames as issue affecting children and parents
Guns	Federal role for gun policy?	Sanders	No	Swalwell interruption/back and forth, mostly unintelligible
Guns	Congressional action vs executive action on guns	Harris	No	Mentioned mothers of gun violence victims
Guns	Military vets/families view on guns	Buttigieg	No	



Guns	Plan for gun policy	Biden	No	
Foreign relations	Harm to democratic norms/restoring US place in world	Bennet	No	Audience question
Foreign relations	What is first country you would reset relationship with as president?	Everyone	No	Almost everyone mentioned or alluded to Trump  Gillibrand brings up war with Iran
Foreign policy	Past support for Iraq War	Biden	No	
Foreign policy	Stabilizing Middle East/Yemen war/Avoiding war with Iran	Sanders	No	