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VOTE POSITIVE 2020

PEOPLE GET READY: LET'S ELEVATE HIV ISSUES IN THIS ELECTION CYCLE!

#PWNVotes Guide to the Presidential Debates

Universal health care for everyone, regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, or ability to pay. Disability rights. Reproductive rights. Comprehensive sex education. Decriminalizing HIV. Eliminating discrimination and expanding rights for trans and queer folks. Ensuring that immigrants with HIV can safely access the services they need, without fear of punishment or deportation. Prioritizing a domestic HIV response for Black and brown communities.

There are more than 1.1 million people living with HIV in the United States. Yet, as the 2020 election cycle continues, many issues important to the HIV community have yet to be addressed by presidential candidates from the debate stage.

Let's elevate HIV issues in this election cycle! Find our most current resources at pwn-usa.org/pwnvotes/.

Upcoming debates are scheduled for September 12 in Houston and October 15/16 in Ohio. **Can you help organize a debate watch party?** And before that, tweet at the candidates about issues important to our community. See all the resources below to help you do this below!

Host a #PWNVotes Watch Party and help build momentum to protect our health care and our communities. Use #PWNVotes, @uspwn and #DemDebate

Step I. Planning Your Debate Party

- **WHEN:**
 - The third presidential debate will be held Thursday September 12, at 5:00 PT/ 6:00 MT/ 7:00 CT/ 8:00 ET for three hours on ABC and Univision. This is the first time we will see all major presidential candidates from the Democratic party on one stage.
 - The fourth presidential debate will be held October 15 (and possibly 16), depending on how many candidates qualify, in Ohio. You can plan for these dates as well.
- **WHERE:**
 - Find a location (house, restaurant, library, community center) to host the watch party. You will need a large screen TV or a computer monitor with good speakers.

- You can also choose to partner with other organizations to host a watch party. If you do, you may want to find out if you can bring signs, sign-in sheets, and can have the chance to share about your Organizing for Power posse.
- **HOW:**
 - Send out invitations, create a [Facebook event](#) and invite folks on social media Facebook and Twitter. Send out email invites to local PWN members, HIV advocates and allies and your Organizing for Power posse. Invite people to show up 30 minutes early so they are settled in and ready! And don't forget to send reminders.
 - Plan some light snacks and beverages, or ask folks to bring stuff for a potluck.
- **PRO TIP:** Start tweeting at the candidates before the debate using the sample tweets at pwn-usa.org/pwnvotes/. Here's one to get you started:
 - #UniversalHealthcare is a human right and we need to understand 2020 candidate proposals. @dnc must hold a candidate townhall or presidential debate on #healthcare. #PWNVotes #DemDebate #VotePositive

Step II. Before the Debate Begins

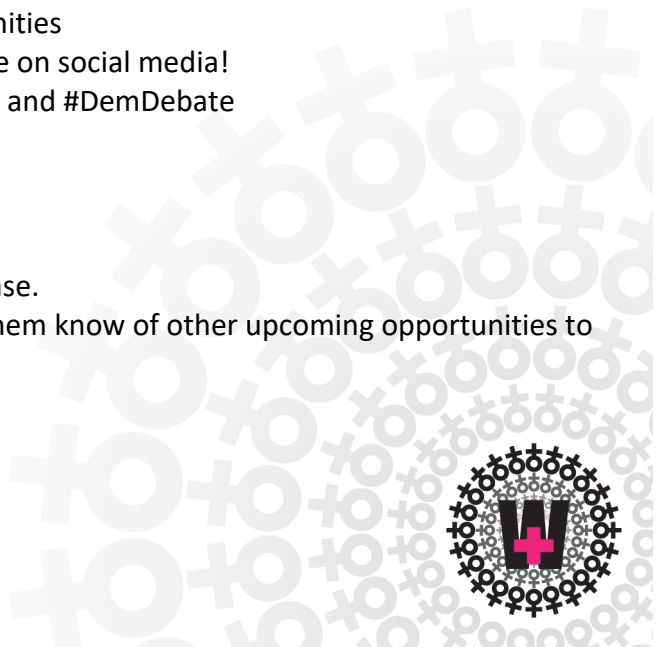
- Get to the venue early, set up refreshments, and ensure the TV or cable connection works. Don't forget to bring sign-in sheets and/or a tablet set to the Vote Positive sign in page: bit.ly/vote-pwn
- As people arrive, ensure you get their contact information.
- Introduce yourself, talk about why you organized the debate watch party, and introduce your local Organizing for Power team. Let attendees know how they can get involved!
- Ask people to introduce themselves, what brings them here, what is one issue they are concerned about during this election cycle. Take a tally of these issues so you have a sense of what is important to your community as you are developing your plans.

Step III. During the Debates

- Pay close attention to the opening statements: What was covered? What did the candidate say and not say about the issues at the top of this page?
- Join the conversation on social media!
 - Tweet at the candidates when they make a good point or miss the mark. Share how their policies will impact your life and those of our communities
 - Take a picture of your debate watch party to share on social media!
 - Tag all your posts with #PWNVotes, #VotePositive and #DemDebate
- Play debate bingo! See the bingo card below.

Step IV. After the Debate

- Add contacts from your sign in sheet to your PWN database.
- Send a thank you email to everyone who joined and let them know of other upcoming opportunities to get involved in your local organizing work for 2020!



TOOLS

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Hashtags to use: #PWNVotes, #VotePositive, #DemDebate

Twitter handles for candidates:

- Former Vice President Joe Biden @JoeBiden
- NJ Senator Cory Booker @coryBooker
- South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg @PeteButtigieg
- Former HUD Secretary Julian Castro @JulianCastro
- CA Senator Kamala Harris @KamalaHarris
- MN Senator Amy Klobuchar @AmyKlobuchar
- Former TX Rep Beto O'Rourke @BetoORourke
- VT Senator Bernie Sanders @BernieSanders
- MA Senator Elizabeth Warren @ewarren
- Businessman Andrew Yang @AndrewYang

VOTE POSITIVE DEBATE BINGO

disability	abortion	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	End the epidemic	Title X	End family separation
AIDS	Abolish ICE	South	Reproductive rights or reproductive choice	Medicaid	Cash bail
Sex education	Section 1557	Healthcare for all or universal healthcare	Houston or Texas	LGBTQ	PEPFAR
policing	transgender	racism	contraception	Latinx	Global funding
Medicare for all	Domestic Gag Rule	Criminal justice reform	Black people	HIV	Sexual health
Planned Parenthood	Ryan White	women	Public charge	inequality	Affordable housing



Issues Snapshot:

- **Universal Health Care**

We believe all people should have health care, regardless of immigration status, race, gender, gender identity, pre-existing conditions, or ability to pay. But the current administration has repeatedly attacked and attempted to undermine the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and 2020 candidates have wildly different proposals on access to health care. We need candidates to commit to protect the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and all non-discrimination provisions in the ACA, expand Medicaid, and support Medicare for All legislation. Candidates should also continue to support the Ryan White program which funds services for half a million people with HIV.

- **Sexual Health, Abortion Access and Reproductive Justice**

We believe all people of all genders have the right to decide what to do with our bodies, our sexuality, our reproductive futures. That means candidates must commit to protect abortion, contraception, and the Title X program which provides essential health care services. It also means fighting the domestic gag rule.

- **Public Charge Regulation Change**

The Department of Homeland Security recently issued a rule concerning “public charge” seeking to intimidate eligible U.S. residents from accessing benefits such as health care and food for fear it may threaten their or their family’s immigration status. Data shows that immigrant families are consequently avoiding public benefits they are qualified to receive. This affects immigrants living with HIV and those who may seek HIV testing services. Immigrant health is community health. Candidates must commit to reverse these changes to the scope of public charge.

- **Family Separation** continues at the border although the administration has been ordered to stop by a federal court. Recently, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official suggested that families are also being separated based on HIV status, despite the fact that HIV has been removed from the list of communicable disease barring entry to the US and underlying science.

- **Discrimination Against Transgender People**

The administration has proposed changes to Section 1557, the non-discrimination section of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that would legalize discrimination against people of trans experience. We know that the trans community is most vulnerable to acquiring HIV and also to violence in the community. Candidates must commit to uphold full human rights and for trans and gender non-conforming people, including accurate data collection and protections from discrimination in health care, employment, housing, and all publicly and privately funded services.

