

My Take on Debate #1

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I'm frustrated with Donald Trump. I think he underestimated what a lying snake "*Sleepy Joe*" really is, and failed to adequately train for the debate. *Winging it* at rallies attended by adoring supporters is NOT adequate training for a debate. Meanwhile, all those months Joe Biden spent hiding in his basement were obviously coaching sessions.

When he isn't focused, Trump can be one of the least articulate men I've ever heard, especially when he employs that undisciplined "*stream of consciousness*" technique he often resorts to at rallies, which doesn't work well in a debate format. **Last night, Trump tried to say far too much, instead of focusing on brief and succinct messages that would be understandable to "*independents*" and that rare commodity, intelligent and open-minded "*Democrats*."**

For example, when the *Chinavirus* came up for debate, Trump should have said something like **"when you were Vice President, you were too busy shaking down the Ukraine and getting wealthy from Chinese bribes to realize the threat that China poses, particularly in the area of China's germ warfare program, which is what this COVID-19 virus really is."**

Chris Wallace is a second-generation swamp-creature, so he behaved as expected. When Wallace asked Trump whether or not he accepts the theory of "*global warming*" -- and prefaced his question by referencing the wildfires in California -- Trump should have bluntly stated that **those wildfires are burning out of control because the environmentalist-dominated state legislature in California outlawed FIRE-BREAKS that traditionally contain them.**

California has also outlawed the clearing of deadwood from forested lands, which feeds any wildfire. California's recent problem with out-of-control wildfires is manmade, and a consequence of the same radical environmentalism that has promoted "*global warming*." **Unfortunately, Trump appears to be unfamiliar with the term "*fire-break*," which would have helped to focus his response.**

Joe Biden is obviously a pathological liar, and will say anything. He denies that he helped enrich his son Hunter by selling his office for bribes from Russia, China and the Ukraine. He is also adamant about what a "*great*" economy he and Obama left Trump. It's clear that the absence of "*fact-checking*" gave him a license to lie as only a crooked "*Democrat*" can do. **Trump got mired down in trying to refute Biden's lies, which is like trying to behead the *Hydra*. It got him off-message.**

Trump needs to be coached into a more disciplined debating approach and dissuaded from trying to explain the *Unified Field Theory* every time he opens his mouth. He needs to work on employing what used to be called "***sound bites***," memorable statements that others can understand long after the details are forgotten.

On the other hand, most people don't cast their votes based on debate performances, so don't cut your wrists just yet.