

Democratic debate recap

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A record 33 million viewers tuned in to watch the ninth Democratic Presidential Debate last Wednesday night, set in Las Vegas, Nevada. Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City, made his first appearance on the debate stage, where he was not met with a warm welcome from his fellow candidates.

Elizabeth Warren addressed the misogynistic things that Bloomberg has said in the past. "I'd like to talk about who we're running against: a billionaire who calls women fat broads and horse-faced lesbians," Warren said. "And no, I'm not talking about Donald Trump. I'm talking about Mayor Bloomberg."

Bloomberg has an infamous history from when he served as mayor of New York City, known for his controversial introduction of the stop-and-frisk policy amongst minority neighborhoods. He once said, from an audio in 2015, "Ninety-five percent of murders, murderers, and murder victims" were "male minorities 16 to 25" and that one could "take the description, Xerox it, and pass it out to all cops."

He also added, "We put all the cops in minority neighborhoods. Yes, that's true. Why do we do it? Because that's where all the crime is. And the way you get guns out of the kids' hands is to throw them up against the wall and frisk them."

Pete Buttigieg had some harsh words to exchange with Amy Klobuchar. He suggested her experience with foreign policy might be lacking, referencing when Klobuchar could not name the President of Mexico. This resulted in a hostile retort from Klobuchar, who asked Buttigieg if he was calling her "dumb." "Are you trying to say I'm dumb — are you mocking me, Pete?"

Bernie Sanders, current frontrunner of the candidates, worked to try and hold his ground during the debate, with it being brought up that he did not release his full medical records. Sanders had a heart attack in October, which sparked worry from his supporters and fellow candidate hopefuls. During the debate, Buttigieg asserted that every candidate should have their medical records fully released to the public.

"I think we should be transparent, especially living in the Trump era," Buttigieg said in an interview with MSNBC. "We've got to do better. I would look to the Obama standard of releasing not just a letter from a doctor, but actual results from a physical. That's what we're planning to do, and I think every

candidate should hold themselves to that same standard."

Joe Biden continued, along with Warren, to bring up the allegations many women have made against Bloomberg.

"We are not going to beat Donald Trump with a man who has who-knows-how-many nondisclosure agreements and the drip, drip, drip of stories of women saying they have been harassed and discriminated against," Warren said. Before Bloomberg could reply, Biden added, "All the mayor has to say is, 'You are released from the N.D.A.,' period," Biden said. "It's not whether he apologized or not, it's the policy."

Buttigieg and Klobuchar continued back and forth, irritated with one another on their policies and questioning each other's legitimacy as a candidate to be president. Klobuchar asserted that Buttigieg's political accomplishments

were minimal.

"You don't have to be in Washington to matter," Buttigieg said, in reference to his work he accomplished as mayor of the once struggling city of South Bend. Klobuchar was consistently defensive, answering Buttigieg with blunt sarcasm, "I wish everyone was as perfect as you, Pete," she said.

Though strife exists among all the candidates, one thing they all have in common is the goal of beating Donald Trump in 2020. With Bernie Sanders recently pulling ahead in the national polls, and winning over the state of Nevada, he will have to bring his platform forward and be as transparent as possible to gain even more support.

The next Democratic Presidential Debate will take place on March 15 at 8 p.m., held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Coronavirus update

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By now you have probably heard of the coronavirus, but new information on the virus appears every day. The coronavirus is more common than one may think and causes infections in the respiratory system, specifically the sinuses. Most of the time, the coronavirus is not life-threatening, but the coronavirus in today's news is different.

The coronavirus that has been in the news is a new strain of it also known as COVID-19. At the beginning of the 2020, COVID-19 was discovered in China. From China, the virus quickly moved on to the rest of the world.

The death toll from the coronavirus is currently around 2,500, but just because someone has the virus doesn't mean they will die from it. There have been around 80,000 confirmed cases in 32 countries of COVID-19. Those numbers are rising day by day. Around 30 people have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the US, but none of those people have died from the virus. The risk of contracting COVID-19 in the US is considered low.

There is no vaccination for the virus. Some of the symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and coughing. Symptoms will appear anywhere from two to 14 days after contact, but this information is from similar viruses.

COVID-19 is like the common cold as it spreads from interpersonal contact. Many people are contagious even before they show symptoms. Scientists still haven't found a cure for the disease either. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that if a person contracts the disease to avoid spreading the virus more.

There is currently a stigma caused by COVID-19. This stigma can be seen on social media. Multiple people of Asian descent have posted about remarks from people that they have the coronavirus just because they are of Asian descent. This has happened enough that The Center for Disease Control has put a warning about this happening on their website.

Scientists are working very hard to solve the issue of COVID-19. At this time, the risk of catching the virus is very low in the US, but is still a major concern in China where thousands have died.



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