



Questions in Context:

The 2016 Presidential Primary Debates -
through Fox/WSJ (Rep-11/10) and CBS (Dem-11/14)

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Overview

The Winston Group has been analyzing the Republican primary debates to build a picture of how the topics covered interact with what voters have said — through surveys and exit polls — are their greatest concerns and the issues that are most important to them in choosing who they will vote for in 2016.

Here we continue our analysis of the debate topics, candidate speaking times, and more, including information from the most recent Democrat (second) and Republican (fourth) debates: **How well did the debates actually address the economic concerns and questions of voters? Who was asked the most questions and who had the greatest amount of speaking time? How did the Democrat and Republican debates compare in their coverage of economic topics?**

Across the first two Republican primary debates, we continued to see a pattern we had first noticed while analyzing the 2012 primary debates — that while the economy is the top issue for Republican primary voters, it struggled as a question topic in debates. The third debate was supposed to be completely focused on questions on the economy, and while it did cover the topic more than the previous two, many of the questions were simply attacks on the candidates, rather than opportunities for candidates to explain their economic plans. This gets to a critical conclusion for the first three Republican debates. The debates had not been formatted in a way that was particularly conducive to voters' wishes of hearing candidates present and explain their ideas and plans on the topics that are important to them.

In the latest Republican debate, hosted by Fox Business/WSJ, however, questions about the economy comprised the greatest percentage of overall questions to date, indicating that, at least for the Republican debates, **the questions are finally beginning to reflect the concerns and questions of voters.**

We also compared these findings to the number of economic questions in the first Democratic debate, which is similarly low. In the second Democratic debate, economic questions had also not broken out to a level corresponding to their importance in the decisions of voters — however, since the debate was held one day after terrorist attacks in Paris it was no surprise that the focus was on foreign policy and national defense.

As noted in previous analyses, the distribution of debate questions will never perfectly match voters' priorities, and presidential debates are also designed to help ensure that candidates are competent on a wide range of topics, so varied questions and emphases should be expected. However, that does not negate the need for an opportunity for candidates to lay out and debate their plans on those topics voters find most valuable in informing their voting decisions.

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Question Topics

The chart below shows the distribution of questions by topic area. Most of the topics are self explanatory, but for a few, definitions may be helpful. The “electability” topic area includes questions addressed directly to a candidate about his/her ability to attract a large portion of the electorate (for example, asking a candidate about his/her standing in the polls or statements he/she made that have raised questions), while the “other candidates” topic area refers to questions that directly ask one candidate about another candidate’s past, policies, or prospects. The “for fun” topic area includes lighthearted questions aimed at letting viewers see more of a candidate’s personality (such as the CNN “Secret Service codename” question). “Social Security/retirement” consists of questions that address that topic as a separate individual retirement benefit issue — other entitlements questions fall under “Spending/National Debt.”

Republican Debates

Fox Business/WSJ Debate

General Topic Area	7pm Debate		9pm Debate		Total	
	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions
Economy	13	54.2	18	60.0	31	57.4
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electability	2	8.3	1	3.3	3	5.6
Environment	-	-	1	3.4	1	1.9
For fun	1	4.2	-	-	1	1.9
Foreign Policy/ National security	2	8.3	5	16.7	7	13.0
Healthcare	2	8.3	-	-	2	3.7
Immigration	1	4.2	1	3.4	2	3.7
Judicial System	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other candidates	-	-	1	3.4	1	1.9
Presidential priorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social issues	2	8.3	-	-	2	3.7
Social Security/ Retirement	-	-	1	3.4	1	1.9
Spending/ National debt	1	4.2	2	6.7	3	5.6
Total	24		30		54	

Total - FOX, CNN, CNBC, and Fox Business/WSJ Republican Debates

General Topic Area	Total - FOX Debate		Total - CNN Debate		Total - CNBC Debate		Total - Fox Business/WSJ		Total - All Debates	
	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs
Economy	6	8.1	7	11.3	25	39.7	31	57.4	69	27.3
Education	1	1.4	-	-	2	3.2	-	-	3	1.2
Electability	18	24.3	8	12.9	13	20.6	3	5.6	42	16.6
Energy/ Environment	-	-	2	3.2	2	3.2	1	1.9	5	2.0
For fun	-	-	2	3.2	2	3.2	1	1.9	5	2.0
Foreign Policy/ National security	17	23.0	14	22.6	1	1.6	7	13.0	56	22.1
Healthcare	1	1.4	1	1.6	1	1.6	2	3.7	5	2.0
Immigration	6	8.1	6	9.7	4	6.3	2	3.7	18	7.1
Judicial System	-	-	3	4.8	1	1.6	-	-	4	1.6
Other candidates	5	6.8	11	17.7	2	3.2	1	1.9	19	7.5
Presidential priorities	2	2.7	1	1.6	-	-	-	-	3	1.2
Social issues	13	17.6	6	9.7	3	4.8	2	3.7	24	9.5
Social Security/ Retirement	-	-	1	1.6	2	3.2	1	1.9	4	1.6
Spending/ National debt	5	6.8	-	-	5	7.9	3	5.6	13	9.1
Total	74		62		63		54		253	

To Whom Were Questions Directed?

“Number of Questions” refers to questions directed by a moderator at a particular candidate in the top-tier debates only, and includes questions that were asked of all candidates - so totals may differ from the charts above. “Number of Rebuttals” includes any times the moderator addressed a follow-up or rebuttal opportunity to a candidate, or a candidate broke in and gave a rebuttal to another candidate's answer on their own initiative.

While the question topic totals in the charts above include questions from the lower tier debates (to provide a broader picture of how often the moderators/networks are covering various topics), the charts below reflect only the top tier debates. “Percentage of Direct Questions” a candidate received comes from only questions directly addressed to a candidate or those addressed to all candidates, while “Percentage of Answers” includes all opportunities a candidate had to speak, including rebuttals, as described above. The “Percentage of Answers” comes out of the total of all answers given — not the total questions asked — so once again, the totals differ.

Candidate	FOX, CNN, and CNBC Debates		Fox Business/WSJ Debate					Total - All Debates			
	Direct Qs	Total Answers	Direct Qs	Rebuttals	Total Answers	% of Qs	% of Answers	Total Qs	Total % of Qs	Total Answers	Total % of Answers
Trump	29	36	4	1	5	14.3	11.1	33	15.8	41	13.7
Bush	24	32	4	3	7	14.3	15.6	28	13.4	39	13.0
Carson	17	24	5	1	6	17.9	13.3	22	10.5	30	10.0
Paul	14	24	4	2	6	14.3	13.3	18	8.6	30	10.0
Rubio	15	26	3	2	5	10.7	11.1	18	8.6	31	14.8
Cruz	15	22	4	2	6	14.3	13.3	19	9.1	28	9.4
Huckabee	12	19	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	12	5.7	19	6.4
Christie	14	21	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	14	6.7	21	10.0
Kasich	17	19	2	3	5	7.1	11.1	19	9.1	24	8.0
Walker	13	14	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	13	6.2	14	4.5
Fiorina	11	17	2	3	5	7.1	11.1	13	6.2	22	7.4
Total	181	254	28	17	45			209		299	

Speaking Time

The speaking times for the top tier debates listed in the chart below are taken from NPR: CNN - <http://www.npr.org/sections/itsallpolitics/2015/09/16/440827414/on-the-clock-who-spoke-the-longest>, FOX - <http://www.npr.org/sections/itsallpolitics/2015/08/06/430153100/the-trump-show-begins>, and CNBC - <http://www.npr.org/sections/itsallpolitics/2015/10/28/452651556/the-debate-clock-who-spoke-the-longest>; and Politico: <http://www.politico.com/blogs/live-from-milwaukee/2015/11/who-got-the-most-time-215732>

Candidate	FOX Debate	CNN Debate	CNBC Debate	Fox Business/ WSJ Debate	Total - All Debates
Trump	10:30	18:47	9:26	11:19	50:02
Bush	8:33	15:48	6:39	9:50	40:50
Cruz	6:28	10:45	7:34	13:35	38:22
Rubio	6:22	11:21	10:10	10:20	38:13
Kasich	6:25	9:44	9:42	11:51	37:42
Carson	6:28	12:56	7:02	9:22	35:48
Fiorina	-	13:30	10:32	11:00	35:20
Paul	4:51	10:28	6:15	10:06	31:40
Christie	6:03	12:36	8:31	-	27:10
Huckabee	6:32	9:20	7:39	-	23:31

Democratic Debates

Total - CNN and CBS Democratic Debates

General Topic Area	Total- CNN Debate		Total- CBS Debate		Total- All Debates	
	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs	# of Qs	% of Qs
Economy	5	11.4	3	8.8	8	10.3
Education	1	2.3	1	2.9	2	2.6
Electability	8	18.2	4	11.8	12	15.4
Environment	3	6.8	-	-	3	3.8
For fun	1	2.3	-	-	1	1.3
Foreign Policy/ National security	10	22.7	9	26.5	19	24.4
Healthcare	1	2.3	4	11.8	5	6.4
Immigration	3	6.8	2	8.8	5	6.4
Judicial System	-	-	1	2.9	1	1.3
Other candidates	1	2.3	3	8.8	4	5.1
Presidential priorities	2	4.5	1	2.9	3	3.8
Social issues	8	18.2	3	8.8	11	14.1
Social Security/ Retirement	1	2.3	-	-	1	1.3
Spending/ National debt	-	-	3	8.8	3	3.8
Total	44		34		78	

Total - Republican and Democratic Debates

General Topic Area	Total - Republican Debates		Total - Democrat Debate	
	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions	Number of Questions	Percentage of Questions
Economy	69	27.3	8	10.3
Education	3	1.2	2	2.6
Electability	42	16.6	12	15.4
Environment	5	2.0	3	3.8
For fun	5	2.0	1	1.3
Foreign Policy/ National security	56	22.1	19	24.4
Healthcare	5	2.0	5	6.4
Immigration	18	7.1	5	6.4
Judicial System	4	1.6	1	1.3
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Appendix A - Republican Debate Questions

Debate Number — Location — Date — Sponsor(s)	Question	Asker	To Whom (or to whom it was directed by moderator)
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You were in charge of the 12th largest economy in the world, and you recently said that four years ago, you weren't ready for this job. Why should someone vote for you now?	Bill Hemmer	Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Carly, you were CEO of Hewlett-Packard. You ran for Senate and lost in California in 2010. This week, you said "Margaret Thatcher was not content to manage a great nation in decline, and neither am I." Given your current standings in the polls, is the Iron Lady comparison a stretch?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Santorum, you won the Iowa caucus four years ago and 10 other states. But you failed to beat Mitt Romney for the nomination. And no one here tonight is going to question your conviction or your love for country. But has your moment passed, Senator?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Jindal, you're one of two sitting governors on the stage tonight. But your approval numbers at home are in the mid 30s at this point. In a recent poll that showed you in a head-to-head against Hillary Clinton in Louisiana, she beat you by several points. So if the people of Louisiana are not satisfied, what makes you think that the people of this nation would be?	Martha MacCallum	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Lindsey Graham, you worked with Democrats and President Obama when it came to climate change, something you know is extremely unpopular with conservative Republicans. How can they trust you based on that record?	Bill Hemmer	Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Pataki, four years ago this month, you called it quits in a race for the presidency in 2012, but now you're back. Mitt Romney declined to run this time, because he believed that the party needed new blood. Does he have a point?	Martha MacCallum	Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You were the last person on stage to declare your candidacy. You ran for the White House once and lost. You ran for the Senate one time and lost. You haven't held public office in 13 years. Similar question, is it time for new blood?	Martha MacCallum	Gilmore

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1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	But he [Trump] is dominating this conversation. Governor Perry, you two have been going at it. But given the large disparity in your poll numbers, he seems to be getting the better of you.	Martha MacCallum	Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Donald Trump is — there's a huge disparity between the poll numbers that you have and the poll numbers that he has, given also the fact that Rudy Giuliani said he thought that there may be some Reagan qualities to Donald Trump. Carly Fiorina, is he getting the better of you?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	This Saturday, August 8th, two days from now marks one year since the strikes began against ISIS in Iraq and followed in Syria one month later. This week, a leading general in the U.S. Marine Corps says, "One year later, that fight is at a stalemate." Governor Jindal, give me one example how your fight against ISIS would be different over there?	Bill Hemmer	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	And the senator to your right has called for 20,000 American troops in Syria and Iraq so far today, Senator Graham, and I'll give this question to you. Why should the American people after two wars in Iraq sacrifice yet again on a third war?	Bill Hemmer	Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Sixty-nine ISIS-inspired terrorists have been arrested in this country, in homeland plots, and the FBI assures us that there are likely many more to come...How far are you willing to go to root out this problem here at home? Would you put mosques, for example, potentially, under surveillance? And keep in mind that conservatives are increasingly concerned in this country with religious liberty.	Martha MacCallum	Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	The FBI director Comey says that terrorists can thrive here at home because they go dark and they recruit behind the cyber walls that are built by American companies like Google and Apple. Comey says this is a big problem. Rand Paul says that the government forcing these companies to bring down those walls would be a big privacy issue and a dangerous way to go on this. You've been a tech leader in this country. Which side are you on?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina, Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	We often talk about this issue on the abstract level in Washington, D.C., but you know how it's being talked about in states like Iowa and New Hampshire among illegals in our country today — 11 million plus. And some are asking, what would you say to a child, born and raised in America, who could see their family broken apart by your policies?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum, Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	There is an increasing willingness in this country to accept assistance. How do you get Americans who are able to take the job instead of a handout?...Do you believe that we need to change the culture in this country in terms of whether or not we should be encouraging people to get off of it and take the job when it's available? Some are able and not doing that.	Martha MacCallum	Graham, Santorum

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1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You know, based on your record and what we're discussing here, which is potentially cutting back some entitlement, cutting back benefits, it's tricky business as we all know because people will argue that that's their means to escape poverty. So they're going to look at you when you want to do that and they will call you heartless. What will you tell them?	Martha MacCallum	Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	No Republican wins the White House unless you win here in the Buckeye state. Well, here in the Buckeye state, the Governor John Kasich took the federal money for Medicaid expansion under Obamacare. And Governor Jindal of Louisiana, you passed on those tax dollars. Why do you think Governor Kasich got it wrong here?... Governor Pataki, three term governor of New York, is he right?	Bill Hemmer	Jindal, Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Critics of the Iran deal say that it puts America on the same side as the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world, of Hamas, of Hezbollah, of the backers of those groups of people who chant 'Death to America,' in the street, that this deal puts on that side of the equation. But our traditional Middle East allies, led by Saudi Arabia, have also funneled support to Islamic radical groups who want to kill Americans. So which side do you believe we should be on?...This is a complicated situation. Are you OK with us being on their side?	Martha MacCallum	Perry, Fiorina
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	It's been 42 years, Senator Santorum, since Roe v. Wade, and many consider, in this country, to be a case of settled law. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on same-sex marriage. Is that now settled law in America today?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	To Governor Gilmore. For years, presidential candidates have not said they would have a litmus test for justices nominated to the Supreme Court. Recently, Hillary Clinton broke that precedent. She said she would apply that on the case of Citizens United, which deals with campaign finance laws in America today. Is it time for conservatives to impose a litmus test on abortion?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Pataki, you're the only pro-choice candidate running. A Republican holding that position has not won a single primary in 35 years. With the recent Planned Parenthood videos that we have all seen, shedding new light on abortion practices, I know that you have said that you would defund Planned Parenthood. But has this story changed your heart when it comes to abortion?	Martha MacCallum	Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Carly Fiorina, also on the stage, said that she would go so far as to shut down the government over the issue of defunding Planned Parenthood. Would you do that? Would you be willing to shut down the government when it comes to defunding this group?	Martha MacCallum	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Lindsey Graham, this conversation will no doubt go to the war on women, and that cutting funding to this group could be a very broad brush against all of you or anybody who will hold this nomination as being against women's health, against these organizations that people will say provide positive things for many women.	Martha MacCallum	Graham

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1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	On the second day of his presidency, January 22nd 2009, President Obama signed one of his first executive orders. That was close Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Still open today. What would be your first executive order?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore, Graham, Jindal, Perry, Santorum, Fiorina, Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	President Obama promised hope and change for the country, yet 60 percent of Americans are not satisfied with the shape that the country is in right now. Many think that America has lost its “can do” spirit and that it’s not the nation that it once was. On this level, Carly Fiorina, can you inspire this nation?...how would you do it?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina, Santorum, Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I need a two-word answer to the following query. In 2008, then-Senator Barack Obama described Hillary Clinton as, quote, “likable enough,” end quote. What two words would you use to describe the Democratic frontrunner?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore, Graham, Jindal, Perry, Santorum, Fiorina, Pataki
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Is there anyone on stage — and can I see hands — who is unwilling tonight to pledge your support to the eventual nominee of the Republican party and pledge to not run an independent campaign against that person?	Bret Baier	Trump, Bush, Walker, Huckabee, Carson, Cruz, Rubio, Paul, Christie, Kasich
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Your critics say that your inexperience shows. You've suggested that the Baltic States are not a part of NATO, just months ago you were unfamiliar with the major political parties and government in Israel, and domestically, you thought Alan Greenspan had been treasury secretary instead of federal reserve chair. Aren't these basic mistakes, and don't they raise legitimate questions about whether you are ready to be president?	Megyn Kelly	Carson
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Rubio, when Jeb Bush announced his candidacy for presidency, he said this: "There's no passing off responsibility when you're a governor, no blending into the legislative crowd." Could you please address Governor Bush across the stage here, and explain to him why you, someone who has never held executive office, are better prepared to be president than he is, a man who you say did a great job running your state of Florida for eight years.	Chris Wallace	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	But there are several opponents on this stage who get big- applause lines in early voting states with this line: quote, “the last thing the country needs is another Bush in the Oval Office.” So do you understand the real concern in this country about dynastic politics?	Bret Baier	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You've called women you don't like "fat pigs, dogs, slob, and disgusting animals."... Your Twitter account has several disparaging comments about women's looks. You once told a contestant on Celebrity Apprentice it would be a pretty picture to see her on her knees. Does that sound to you like the temperament of a man we should elect as president, and how will you answer the charge from Hillary Clinton, who was likely to be the Democratic nominee, that you are part of the war on women?	Megyn Kelly	Trump

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1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Cruz, your colleague, Senator Paul, right there next to you, said a few months ago he agrees with you on a number of issues, but he says you do nothing to grow the party. He says you feed red meat to the base, but you don't reach out to minorities. You have a toxic relationship with GOP leaders in Congress. You even called the Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell a liar recently. How can you win in 2016 when you're such a divisive figure?	Chris Wallace	Cruz
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Under your watch, New Jersey has undergone nine credit rating downgrades. The state's 44th in private sector growth. You face an employee pension crisis and the Garden State has the third highest foreclosure rate in the country. So why should voters believe that your management of the country's finances would be any different?	Bret Baier	Christie
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Would you really let a mother die rather than have an abortion, and with 83 percent of the American public in favor of a life exception, are you too out of the mainstream on this issue to win the general election?	Megyn Kelly	Walker
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Huckabee, like Governor Walker, you have staked out strong positions on social issues. You favor a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage. You favor a constitutional amendment banning abortions, except for the life of the mother. Millions of people in this country agree with you, but according to the polls, and again this an electability question, according to the polls, more people don't, so how do you persuade enough Independents and Democrats to get elected in 2016?	Chris Wallace	Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Paul, you recently blamed the rise of ISIS on Republican hawks. You later said that that statement, you could have said it better. But, the statement went on, and you said, quote, "Everything they've talked about in foreign policy, they've been wrong for the last 20 years." Why are you so quick to blame your own party?	Bret Baier	Paul
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Kasich, you chose to expand Medicaid in your state, unlike several other governors on this stage tonight, and it is already over budget by some estimates costing taxpayers an additional \$1.4 billion in just the first 18 months. You defended your Medicaid expansion by invoking God, saying to skeptics that when they arrive in heaven, Saint Peter isn't going to ask them how small they've kept government, but what they have done for the poor. Why should Republican voters, who generally want to shrink government, believe that you won't use your Saint Peter rationale to expand every government program?	Megyn Kelly	Kasich
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I want to ask you about a statement that you made last year about illegal immigrants. And here's what you said. "They broke the law, but it's not a felony, it's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family." Do you stand by that statement and do you stand by your support for earned legal status?	Chris Wallace	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, it has not escaped anybody's notice that you say that the Mexican government, the Mexican government is sending criminals -- rapists, drug dealers, across the border...you have repeatedly said that you have evidence that the Mexican government is doing this, but you have evidence you have refused or declined to share. Why not use this first Republican presidential debate to share your proof with the American people?	Chris Wallace	Trump

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1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I know you don't like to talk about Donald Trump. But I do want to ask you about the merit of what he just said. When you say that the American government is stupid, that the Mexican government is sending criminals, that we're being bamboozled, is that an adequate response to the question of illegal immigration?...Is it as simple as our leaders are stupid, their leaders are smart, and all of these illegals coming over are criminals?	Chris Wallace	Kasich, Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, from 2002 until as recently as 2013, just two years ago, you supported comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship. Now you say that was a quick reaction to something you hadn't really thought about, and that you've changed your mind. Other than politics, could you explain why in the last two years you've changed your position on a path to citizenship, and are there other past positions that we shouldn't hold you to?	Chris Wallace	Walker
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Cruz, some 1,400 people submitted questions on this very hot topic of illegal immigration on Facebook, and a number of them were about the murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco, allegedly shot down by an illegal. Doug Bettencourt sent this question, "will you support Kate Steinle's Law," which would impose a mandatory five-year prison term for an illegal who is deported and then returns to this country? "And will you defund sanctuary cities for violating federal law?"	Voter	Cruz
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Christie. You've said that Senator Paul's opposition to the NSA's collection of phone records has made the United States weaker and more vulnerable, even going so far as to say that he should be called before Congress to answer for it if we should be hit by another terrorist attack. Do you really believe you can assign blame to Senator Paul just for opposing he bulk collection of people's phone records in the event of a terrorist attack?	Megyn Kelly	Christie, Paul
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	My question is, how would the candidates stop the treacherous actions of ISIS -- ISIL and its growing influence in the U.S., if they were to become president?	Voter	Cruz
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	To the families of those who died in that war who say they liberated and deposed a ruthless dictator, how do you look at them now and say that your brothers war was a mistake?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, in February you said that we needed to gain partners in the Arab world. Which Arab country not already in the U.S. led coalition has potential to be our greatest partner?	Megyn Kelly	Walker
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Dr. Carson, in one of his first acts as commander in chief, President Obama signed an executive order banning enhanced interrogation techniques in fighting terror. As president, would you bring back water boarding?	Megyn Kelly	Carson
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Now, 15 years ago, you called yourself a liberal on health care. You were for a single-payer system, a Canadian-style system. Why were you for that then and why aren't you for it now?	Bret Baier	Trump

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1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, it's not just your past support for single- payer health care. You've also supported a host of other liberal policies. Use -- you've also donated to several Democratic candidates, Hillary Clinton included, Nancy Pelosi. You explained away those donations saying you did that to get business-related favors. And you said recently, quote, "When you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do." So what specifically did they do?	Bret Baier	Trump
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	So the question is, at this point, is the government simply too big for any one person, even a Republican, to shrink?	Bret Baier	Huckabee, Carson
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	President Obama's secretary of education, Arnie Duncan, has said that most of the criticism of Common Core is due to a, quote, "fringe group of critics." Do you think that's accurate?...Senator Rubio, why is Governor Bush wrong on Common Core?	Bret Baier	Bush, Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	She will say that you, whoever it is, support the rich while she supports the middle class. That you want to suppress the rights of women and minorities. She wants to move the country forward while you, the Republicans, want to take the country back to the past. How will you, if you're the nominee, how will you answer that and take Hillary Clinton on?	Chris Wallace	Kasich, Carson
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	That many jobs, 19 million, would be triple what your father and your brother accomplished together. And four percent growth, the last president to average that was Lyndon Johnson during the height of the Vietnam War. So question, how on Earth specifically would you pull that off?	Chris Wallace	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, when you ran for governor of Wisconsin back in 2010, you promised that you would create 250,000 jobs in your first term, first four years. In fact, Wisconsin added barely half that and ranked 35th in the country in job growth. Now you're running for president, and you're promising an economic plan in which everyone will earn a piece of the American dream. Given your record in Wisconsin, why should voters believe you?	Chris Wallace	Walker
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Christie, I want to engage you and Governor Huckabee in a subject that is a big issue in both of your campaigns, and that is entitlement reform. You say that you -- to save the system that you want to raise the retirement age -- have to raise the retirement age, and to cut benefits for Social Security and Medicare, and you say that some of the candidates here on the stage are lying. Governor Huckabee says he can save Social Security and Medicare without doing any of that. Is he lying?...Please explain to Governor Christie how that would work, and how you could save these programs without the kind of painful reforms he says we need?	Chris Wallace	Christie, Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, you talk a lot about how you are the person on this stage to grow the economy, I want to ask you about your business records. From corporations, Trump corporations casinos and hotels, have declared bankruptcy four times over the last quarter-century...Question sir, with that record, why should we trust you to run the nation's business?	Chris Wallace	Trump

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1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Please describe one action you would do to make the economic environment more favorable for small businesses and entrepreneurs and anyone dreaming of opening their own business.	Voter	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	If this deal is undone, what then?...would you tear up the deal on day one?	Bret Baier	Walker, Paul, Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Many Republicans have been outraged recently by a series of videos on Planned Parenthood. You now say that you support ending federal funding for this organization, however, until late 2014, you sat on the board of a Bloomberg that quite publicly gave tens of millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood while you were a director. How could you not know about these well-publicized donations, and if you did know, how could you help a charity so openly committed to abortion rights?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Rubio, you favor a rape and incest exception to abortion bans. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York just said yesterday those exceptions are preposterous. He said they discriminate against an entire class of human beings. If you believe that life begins at conception, as you say you do, how do you justify ending a life just because it begins violently, through no fault of the baby?	Megyn Kelly	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, in 1999, you said you were, quote, "very pro- choice." Even supporting partial-birth abortion. You favored an assault weapons ban as well. In 2004, you said in most cases you identified as a Democrat. Even in this campaign, your critics say you often sound more like a Democrat than a Republican, calling several of your opponents on the stage things like clowns and puppets. When did you actually become a Republican?	Megyn Kelly	Trump
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Bush, I want to ask you, on the subject of name calling of your fellow candidates, a story appeared today quoting an anonymous GOP donor who said you called Mr. Trump a clown, a buffoon, something else that cannot be repeated on television. Is it true?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	The subject of gay marriage and religious liberty. Governor Kasich, if you had a son or daughter who was gay or lesbian, how would you explain to them your opposition to same-sex marriage?	Megyn Kelly	Kasich
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	What will you do to ensure Christians are not prosecuted for speaking out against gay marriage and will Christians be forced to conduct business that conflicts with their religious beliefs?	Voter	Paul
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, many in the Black Lives Matter movement, and beyond, believe that overly-aggressive police officers targeting young African Americans is the civil rights issue of our time. Do you agree? And if so, how do you plan to address it? And if not, why not?	Megyn Kelly	Walker

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1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Candidates, you may not have seen the late developing news today our Fox Pentagon team broke earlier this evening about a top Iranian general traveling to Moscow to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. His name is General Qassem Soleimani, he's blamed for hundreds of U.S. troops death in Iraq, and Afghanistan. His trip to Russia appears to directly violate U.N. Security Council resolutions to confine him to Iran. So, Mr. Trump, if you were president, how would you respond to this?	Bret Baier	Trump
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Another new development today, Senior Defense officials tell Fox they strongly suspect Russia was behind the cyber attack on the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs office email. This comes in the wake of the Director of National Intelligence blaming the Chinese for the largest ever cyber attack, stealing personal data of tens of millions of Americans. Senator Cruz, in your view, have Russia and China committed of cyber war, and if you were president, what would you do about it?	Bret Baier	Cruz
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Dr. Carson, in August of 2012 President Obama famously declared Syrian President Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons, quote, "that's a redline for us," and that there would be enormous consequences. One year later, and with overwhelming evidence the Assad had, in fact, used chemical weapons and crossed that red line, President Obama declined to use military force against the Assad regime. As president, would you have used military force there?	Bret Baier	Carson
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, as president, what would you do if Russian President Vladimir Putin started a campaign to destabilize NATO allies Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, mirroring the actions Putin took at the early days of Ukraine?	Bret Baier	Walker
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Huckabee, the culture of the American military is definitely changing. Women are moving into combat roles. Don't Ask, Don't Tell has obviously been dropped. And now Defense Secretary Ashton Carter recently directed the military to prepare for a moment when it is welcoming transgender persons to serve openly. As commander in chief, how would you handle that?	Bret Baier	Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Paul, the first budget your proposed as senator cut all financial aid to Israel. You have since changed your view on that issue. What made you change your mind? ...Governor Christie, what do you think of that answer?	Bret Baier	Paul, Christie
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I want to know if any of them have received a word from God on what they should do and take care of first.	Voter	Cruz, Kasich, Walker, Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	What about the veterans? I want to hear more about what these candidates are going to do for our nation's veterans.	Megyn Kelly	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)— Cleveland, OH — 8/6/15 — Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	One of the issues that the public was very interested in, and we touched on it earlier, is race relations in this country, and how divided we seem right now. And what, if anything, you would do as the next president to help heal that divide.	Megyn Kelly	Carson

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2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	You have said that the front runner, Donald Trump, is a quote, “unstable, narcissistic, ego maniac.” Now, we are in the house of Reagan, who made famous the so-called 11th Commandment, “Thou shalt not speak ill of thy fellow Republican.” What drove you to violate that unofficial commandment?	Jake Tapper	Jindal
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Santorum, do you think Governor Jindal is wrong for attacking your party's front runner?	Jake Tapper	Santorum
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham, you have called Donald Trump a quote, “wrecking ball for the Republican party.” Voters in your home state of South Carolina, in a recent poll, prefer Donald Trump 30 percent to your 4 percent. How do you explain why so many of your constituents would rather have Donald Trump as the Republican nominee than you?	Jake Tapper	Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor, you signed the pledge to support the Republican nominee and you promptly broke it. By doing so, by Tweeting out that you would not support Donald Trump, have you released Donald Trump to be a free agent again or anyone else in the field?	Hugh Hewitt	Pataki
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham, in this election season, do Republican voters see your service in government as a liability and not an asset?	Jake Tapper	Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Santorum, Governor Jindal has supported a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants once the border is secure. Why do you disagree with that?	Dana Bash	Santorum, Jindal
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham wants to end the policy of birthright citizenship. Governor Pataki, you support keeping it. Tell him why he's wrong...Why do you think Governor Pataki is wrong?	Jake Tapper	Pataki, Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham says that the United States has a moral obligation to these Syrian refugees. Governor Jindal, does the United States have any obligation to them?... Senator Graham, your response when it comes to Syrian refugees?	Jake Tapper	Jindal, Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham, you mentioned this earlier; you are calling for an additional 20,000 U.S. ground forces to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria and you have said — again, just this evening — that anyone who's not willing to do that should not be commander in chief...So are you saying, for Iraq and Syria, are you saying that everybody to your right is not fit for the Oval Office?	Dana Bash	Graham

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2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	You're committing to this number of troops, both in Iraq and on the ground in Syria?	Dana Bash	Santorum, Jindal
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Jindal, throughout your campaign, you've spoken many times about Muslim extremists in this country. How would you, as president, strike a balance between vigilance and discrimination?...Senator Graham? Governor Pataki?	Jake Tapper	Jindal, Graham, Pataki
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Pataki said he would have fired Kim Davis, the Kentucky clerk jailed for refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses. Senator Santorum, do you agree with Governor Pataki?...Governor Pataki, your response?...Senator Graham, do you want to weigh in?	Jake Tapper	Santorum, Pataki, Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Jindal, both Senators Graham and Santorum voted to confirm chief justice of the United States, John Roberts, who has led with the majority twice to uphold ObamaCare. Do you think that Graham's and Santorum's votes to confirm John Roberts were a mistake?...Senator Graham [and Santorum], do you stand by your vote for John Roberts?	Jake Tapper	Jindal, Graham, Santorum
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham has praised Secretary of State Clinton as a great choice to be the secretary of state, as a national treasure. Can anyone from inside of Washington win this election cycle, having praised Secretary of State Clinton that way?	Hugh Hewitt	Jindal, Graham
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Jeb Bush and Donald Trump are both proposing raising taxes on hedge fund managers who pay at a lower rate. Governor Pataki, you were the governor of New York, home of Wall Street. Do you agree that hedge fund managers need to be paying a higher rate?...Governor Jindal, that's three Republicans running for president who support hedge fund managers paying a higher rate. Are you the fourth?	Hugh Hewitt	Pataki, Jindal
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Jeb Bush has proposed a tax reform plan, and in it, he limits deductions, including the popular home mortgage deduction. Would you do the same as president?	Dana Bash	Santorum, Pataki
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Santorum is the only person on the stage who has proposed increasing the federal minimum wage. How would that affect South Carolinians? Do you agree with Senator Santorum that the federal minimum wage should be increased?	Jake Tapper	Graham, Santorum
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Graham, would you authorize, as president, a strike against Iran's nuclear facilities?	Jake Tapper	Graham

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2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	I want to quote Rick Santorum, "We should send a very clear message that if you are a scientist and you're going to work on a nuclear program to develop a bomb for Iran, you are not safe." Does that message work? Is anything that works on the table?... Senator Santorum, stay on that: any means necessary?	Hugh Hewitt	Pataki, Santorum
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Your front-runner, Donald Trump, says he can do details with President Putin, that the two of them will get along, quote, "very well." Why would your confrontational approach work better than Mr. Trump's negotiation?...Governor Jindal, how would President Jindal get the Russians out of Syria?	Jake Tapper	Graham, Jindal
2A (Bottom Four) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	What is the one thing as a candidate that you offer that no one at the next debate can offer?	Jake Tapper	Pataki, Santorum, Jindal, Graham
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	You've dismissed him as an entertainer. Would you feel comfortable with Donald Trump's finger on the nuclear codes?...Mr. Trump?	Jake Tapper	Fiorina, Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Paul, your name has been invoked [regarding whether Paul belongs on stage.]	Jake Tapper	Paul
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Tell Governor Bush why you are a serious candidate and what your qualifications are to be commander-in-chief.	Jake Tapper	Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Bush, would you feel comfortable with Donald Trump's finger on the nuclear codes?	Jake Tapper	Bush
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Dr. Carson said campaigning is easier for him, because he's not a politician. He can just tell the truth, therefore, while politicians, quote, "Have their finger in the air to see and do what is politically expedient." Governor Christie, tell Dr. Carson, is that a fair description of you?...Dr. Carson, who were you thinking about on this stage when you said that?	Jake Tapper	Christie, Carson
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump has repeatedly said that the \$100 million you've raised for your campaign makes you a puppet for your donors. Are you?...[To Trump] Is there anything else you want to say about this?	Jake Tapper	Bush, Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump, you say you can do business with President Vladimir Putin, you say you will get along, quote, "very well." What would you do right now if you were president, to get the Russians out of Syria?...Why would President Rubio's approach be more effective than President Trump's?...I want to bring in Carly Fiorina.	Jake Tapper	Trump, Rubio, Fiorina

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2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Cruz, Governor Kasich says that anyone who is promising to rip up the Iran deal on day one, as you have promised to do, is, quote, "inexperienced," and, quote, "playing to a crowd." Respond to Governor Kasich, please...Did Senator Cruz just play to the crowd?	Jake Tapper	Cruz, Kasich
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Senator Paul, the White House is rolling out the red carpet next week for the President of China, President Xi. Governor Walker says that President Obama should cancel the state dinner because of China's currency manipulation, and because of China's alleged cyber attacks against the United States. Is Governor Walker right?... Governor Bush, your father was the chief diplomatic envoy to China back when Nixon opened relations to China. Is Scott Walker's approach the right one, canceling the state dinner?	Jake Tapper	Paul, Walker, Bush
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump, two years ago, President Obama drew a red line that the Syrian dictator Bashar Assad crossed, President Obama threatened to strike. He did not, his knees buckled. We now have 4 million refugees, Syria is a living hell, and he turned to the Congress for the authority to back him up. You have three senators to your right that said, no. Do they bear responsibility for this refugee crisis, and what would you have done when Bashar Assad crossed the line?...Senator Rubio?...Senator Paul?	Hugh Hewitt	Trump, Rubio, Paul
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Bush, for example, says that that clerk is sworn to uphold the law. Is Governor Bush on the wrong side of the criminalization of Christianity?	Jake Tapper	Huckabee, Bush
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Kasich, Senator Cruz is so committed to stripping federal funds from Planned Parenthood that it could result in shutting down the federal government in just about two weeks. Do you agree with Senator Cruz's tactic?...Senator Cruz, I would just add that, on this stage not that long ago, Senator Graham said that this tactic that you're pushing would tank the Republicans' ability to win in 2016...Yes or no, do you support this shutdown?	Dana Bash	Kasich, Cruz
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Bush, you recently said while discussing Planned Parenthood, quote, you're "not sure we need a half billion for women's health issues." Now you've since said that you misspoke, you didn't mean to say "women's health issues." But Donald Trump said that quote, that comment, which Hillary Clinton did seize upon immediately, will haunt you the same way Mitt Romney's 47 percent video haunted him. Tell Donald Trump why he's wrong...You said that that's going to haunt him. Why do you think that?	Jake Tapper	Bush, Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	In an interview last week in Rolling Stone magazine, Donald Trump said the following about you. Quote, "Look at that face. Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?" Mr. Trump later said he was talking about your persona, not your appearance. Please feel free to respond what you think about his persona.	Jake Tapper	Fiorina
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump, you have called for deporting every undocumented immigrant, Governor Christie has said, quote, "There are not enough law enforcement officers -- local, county, state and federal combined -- to forcibly deport 11 to 12 million people." Tell Governor Christie how much your plan will cost, and how you will get it done...Tell him why you're skeptical of his plans?...He said, quote, "People who say that have no idea what this entails." Why do you say that, Dr. Carson?	Jake Tapper	Trump, Christie, Carson
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Bush, Mr. Trump has suggested that your views on immigration are influenced by your Mexican born wife. He said that, quote, "If my wife were from Mexico, I think I would have a soft spot for people from Mexico." Did Mr. Trump go too far in invoking your wife?...Mr. Trump?	Dana Bash	Bush, Trump

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2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	On that note, you have criticized Governor Bush for speaking Spanish on the campaign trail. You said, quote, "He should really set an example by speaking English in the United States." What's wrong with speaking Spanish?	Dana Bash	Trump, Bush, Rubio
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Dr. Carson proposed giving these undocumented immigrants a six- month grace period to pay back taxes then to let them become guest workers and only to deport people who failed to do that...Senator Cruz, does that fit your definition of amnesty? ...I know he has said it about your plan in the past, so I want to give you [Rubio] a chance to respond, then, Dr. Carson, we'll come to you.	Jake Tapper	Cruz, Carson, Rubio
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump, you say that babies born in the United States to undocumented immigrants should not any longer get automatic American citizenship. Ms. Fiorina says that you are pandering on this issue and acting like the politicians that you rail against. What's your message to Ms. Fiorina on birthright citizenship?...Senator Paul, where do you stand on the issue of birthright citizenship?	Jake Tapper	Trump, Fiorina, Paul
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Ms. Fiorina, you were CEO of Hewlett Packard. Donald Trump says you, quote, "ran HP into the ground," you laid off tens of thousands of people, you got viciously fired. For voters looking to somebody with private-sector experience to create American jobs, why should they pick you and not Donald Trump?...Mr. Trump, why would you be better at creating jobs than Carly Fiorina?	Jake Tapper	Fiorina, Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Donald Trump says that the hedge fund guys are getting away with murder by paying a lower tax rate. He wants to raise the taxes of hedge fund managers, as does Governor Bush. Do you agree?	Jake Tapper	Kasich, Huckabee
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Donald Trump believes in progressive taxation. He says it's not right that rich people pay the same as the poor. Tell Donald Trump why his ideas on taxes are wrong... What do you think of the flat tax? Do you think it's fair?...Senator Paul?	Jake Tapper	Carson, Trump, Paul
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Dr. Carson wants to raise the federal minimum wage, you have called it a lame idea. Why is raising the federal minimum wage lame?	Jake Tapper	Walker, Carson
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Kasich, you've been on my show a lot. You refused to attack Hillary Clinton, you just don't want to go there, you want to do the up with people. Go, Ohio, OK, and I like that. Carly Fiorina, I don't have to bring up the Secretary of State -- you bring her up. Which one of you is wrong?	Hugh Hewitt	Kasich, Fiorina, Christie
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Mr. Trump, Senator Rubio said it was, quote, "very concerning to him" that in a recent interview you didn't seem to know the details about some of the enemies the U.S. faces. Rubio said, if you don't know the answers to those questions, you will not be able to serve as commander-in-chief. Please respond to Senator Rubio...Are you saying that you have the knowledge to be the president that Mr. Trump does not have?	Jake Tapper	Trump, Rubio
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	What kind of a commander in chief is Jeb Bush going to be, and who are the advisers that are new to your team?	Hugh Hewitt	Bush

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2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	When are we going to get some names on your military and your foreign policy advisers?	Hugh Hewitt	Trump
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Christie, we just marked the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Now Dr. Carson has said that if he had been president at the time, the United States would not have gone to war in Afghanistan. What does that say to you about how Dr. Carson would respond as president if America were attacked again?	Jake Tapper	Christie, Carson, Rubio, Huckabee
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Walker, you say, you just told me a few days ago that the 3,000 U.S. troops there right now are enough, as long as the rules of engagement are changed. What do you know that Senator Graham doesn't know?	Jake Tapper	Walker
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	We just learned today that despite the Obama administration spending \$500 million to help create those Arab boots, there are only four or five U.S. trained fighters in Syria fighting ISIS. What does that say to you about the effectiveness of the idea of the boots on the ground need to be Arab boots?	Jake Tapper	Paul
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	After Chief Justice John Roberts voted to uphold Obamacare twice, Senator Cruz criticized your brother for appointing John Roberts to the Supreme Court. Looking back on it, did your brother make a mistake?	Dana Bash	Bush, Cruz
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Will you have a litmus test when it comes to appointing Supreme Court nominees?	Jake Tapper	Huckabee
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Governor Christie recently said, quote, "if you're getting high in Colorado today," where marijuana has been legalized, "enjoy it until January 2017, because I will enforce the federal laws against marijuana." Will you?	Jake Tapper	Paul, Bush, Christie, Fiorina
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Last week, you said the next step in gun issues is to make sure they're not in the hands of mentally ill. In this state, there's a controversial law that allows guns to be taken away from people without a hearing. Where does it go -- and the problem of violence is endemic, but where does it go from what you said last week, how far into people's lives to take guns away from them?...Are you afraid of the next- step theory of what happens to Second Amendment rights?	Hugh Hewitt	Bush, Rubio, Cruz
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Chris Christie says billionaires like you and even people who make and earn far less should no longer get Social Security, or at least there should be limits based on -- on their income. Do you think he's wrong, and if so, why?	Dana Bash	Trump, Christie
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Ronald Reagan urged skeptics in industry to come up with a plan. He said, do it as an insurance policy in case the scientists are right. The scientists were right; Reagan and his approach worked. Secretary Shultz asks, why not take out an insurance policy and approach climate change the Reagan way?	Jake Tapper	Rubio

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2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	What do you make of skeptics of climate change such as Senator Rubio?	Jake Tapper	Christie
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Donald Trump has publicly and repeatedly linked vaccines, childhood vaccines, to autism, which, as you know, the medical community adamantly disputes. You're a pediatric neurosurgeon. Should Mr. Trump stop saying this?	Jake Tapper	Carson, Trump, Paul, Huckabee
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	Earlier this year, the Treasury Department announced that a woman will appear on the \$10 bill. What woman would you like to see on the \$10 bill?	Jake Tapper	Paul, Huckabee, Rubio, Cruz, Carson, Trump, Bush, Walker, Fiorina, Kasich, Christie
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	What would you want your Secret Service codename to be?	Jake Tapper	Paul, Huckabee, Rubio, Cruz, Carson, Trump, Bush, Walker, Fiorina, Kasich, Christie
2B (Top Eleven) — Simi Valley, CA — 9/16/15 — CNN/Salem Radio Network	How will the world look different once your Air Force One is parked in the hangar of your presidential library?	Jake Tapper	Paul, Huckabee, Rubio, Cruz, Carson, Trump, Bush, Walker, Fiorina, Kasich, Christie
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor, a majority of Republican voters at this point in the campaign have made clear that they prefer someone from outside the political system. In 30 seconds, tell us why your experience inside the system would be more valuable than the fresh eyes an outsider would bring.	John Harwood	Jindal, Santorum, Pataki, Graham
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Jindal, let's talk about the news of the day. Just a few hours ago, the Republicans and the Democrats and the House voted on a budget deal that will increase spending by about \$80 billion over the next two years. You, however, have called the Republicans who have been willing to work with the Democrats to do things like this the surrender party of the Republican Caucus. Would you have shut the government down instead?...But, Governor, if you didn't have a choice, if you didn't control things in the House, would you take the choice of shutting things down or would you go ahead and agree with them?...We are going to go to Senator Graham on this question. Because we believe you are likely the only person on this stage tonight who supports this budget deal. Now, you just heard Governor Jindal say that it's a funny deal, doesn't do anything, and people like you are surrendering rather than fighting by supporting it. Why is he wrong?	Becky Quick, John Harwood	Jindal, Graham, Pataki
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	The question in the meantime for Senator Santorum. You have advocated a flat tax. So we'd like to ask you about fairness. Why is it fair to tax all Americans at the same rate as opposed to taxing more affluent Americans at higher rates?	Carl Quintanilla	Santorum
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Jindal, a question about fiscal policy, especially since you noted that this deal doesn't solve the long-term debt situation. When you came into office with a budget surplus in the state of Louisiana, now years later the state legislature faced a 1.6 billion budget gap, and a Republican state treasurer called one of your approaches to that problem "nonsense on a stick," quoting him. Are you going to do for the federal budget what you did for the Louisiana budget?	John Harwood	Jindal

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3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Jindal, as you know, many Republicans are opposed to the approach that you've taken in Louisiana. They complain that you have tried so hard to avoid anything that could be called a tax increase so that you could run for President saying you would never raise taxes. David Vitter, the Republican who is now running to succeed you, has told voters, "I won't be like Jindal. I'm not using the governorship as a steppingstone to higher office."	John Harwood	Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Pataki, in the wake of the Sony hack last year, you said, quote, "At the very least, we should declare cyber war on North Korea." What does a cyber war look like? And if our companies are getting attacked by foreign governments, do we need a military response?...Senator Graham, you're a hawk. Is that tough enough?	Jim Cramer	Pataki, Graham
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Santorum, we know that a troubling amount of air pollution on the West Coast comes from China. Should we enact a pollution tax on products imported from China and give our manufacturers a level playing field?	Jim Cramer	Santorum
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Jindal, Senator Santorum just raised the issue of corporate taxes, and cutting corporate taxes is very popular in your party because our rate at 35 percent is one of the highest in the world. But nobody has figured out how to identify a set of loopholes that would allow that tax rate to be lowered. So can you tell us specifically what loopholes you would do away with?	John Harwood	Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Pataki, let's talk a little bit about what's happened on Wall Street. Some of your colleagues in the Republican party, including some of the people on this stage, have bashed Wall Street. They say that it was largely responsible for the financial crisis. You are a former Governor of New York and relied very heavily on Wall Street for income. Do you think they've gone too far?...The credit right now that we have for domestic manufacturing, you would say get rid of that?	Becky Quick	Pataki
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Graham, you have said you believe that climate change is real. You said you accept tax increases as part of a budget deal with Democrats. You've co-sponsored a Senate immigration bill, providing a path to citizenship for those in the country illegally. Are you in the wrong party's debate?	Carl Quintanilla	Graham
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Santorum, I'd like to go to you. You have talked an awful lot about how you want to protect the American jobs by limiting the number of immigrants who come into this country. Very recently, the CEO of Toll Brothers told us that he can't get by without immigrants because they make up more than half of his workforce at this point. We're not talking about people who are making minimum wage, but he can't find Americans who want to do these jobs for \$20-an-hour-plus jobs. What would happen if your plans are successful? What happens and how would we fill that hole in the economy, that gap that's created?	Becky Quick	Santorum, Graham, Pataki
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	A question for Governor Jindal. Paul Ryan says he would take the Speaker job if it did not take away from his family time. The Department of Labor says 13 percent of American workers are eligible for paid family leave, and the U.S. is the only developed nation in the world not to have guaranteed paid maternity leave for new moms. Should the government work to change that?	Carl Quintanilla	Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Graham, Americans have gotten used to seeing headlines about more and more big corporations relocating overseas to cut their tax bill. Now many in Washington think the way to stop that is to lower our corporate tax rate. But as we've seen, tax reform takes time. Hasn't happened yet. In the meantime, do you fault those companies for leaving? Do companies owe anything to their country as well as their shareholders?...Four years ago, the nominee of your party said that corporations are people too. If that is true, the question is, do they owe any obligation to the country?	John Harwood	Graham

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3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>America's Central Bank, Federal Reserve, they have kept interest rates near zero since the 2008 financial crisis. And, by the way, they had a meeting tonight. Do you think they raised rates? No. Shocking, isn't it? It's been a rough ride for American savers and retirees. They really rely on this interest income. And it's been a bonanza for the stock market, a bonanza. And for investors that like a little bit more risk, it's been a bonanza for them as well.</p> <p>So I guess what I'm asking is, do you think this policy is fair and do you support it?... Governor, if that's true, why was our economy limping years ago, and now it's the strongest in the world?</p>	Rick Santelli, John Harwood	Pataki
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Senator Santorum, in the 2012 presidential debates, you were for the export/import bank, which facilitates government funding for U.S. exports. American companies like GE and Boeing are among the beneficiaries.</p> <p>But, you said that killing the bank here — and I'm going to quote you — is the last thing a true conservative should be doing.</p> <p>I don't know, government-backed funding isn't normally what I hear from true conservatives. So why is this situation different?</p>	John Harwood	Santorum
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>A question for Senator Santorum. People in this state have loved Coors beer since it was founded in 1873. The brewer later became part of SAB Miller, but now SAB may be bought by Budweiser owner InBev.</p> <p>Is it right to have a third of brewers in this country owned by one company? Do you fear a company of that size will have too much power over consumers? ...Let's get to that. I mean, another example is Walgreens. Walgreen-Rite-Aid. Big deal, consolidation in drugstores. Semiconductors, food. What is the line at which something becomes anticompetitive, in your view?</p>	Carl Quintanilla	Santorum
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Governor Jindal, I want to go back to something that you mentioned before with your tax plan. I know that you want to put a 2 percent tax on all families, just to make sure everyone has some skin in the game. But every working American pays 6.2 percent when it comes to Social Security taxes. They pay another 1.4 percent in Medicare. Isn't that skin in the game?</p>	Becky Quick	Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Governor Pataki, you've indicated you believe climate change is real and caused at least in part by human activity. So in 60 seconds, tell us what the federal government is to do about it.</p>	John Harwood	Pataki
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>The 2015 Nobel Prize winner for economics argues that slow growth causes poverty. And that leads to inequality. What would you do to ease inequality and what would you do to solve poverty?</p> <p>By the way, thanks to Larry Kudlow of CNBC for this question.</p>	Carl Quintanilla/ Larry Kudlow	Santorum, Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Governor, if you cut spending and cut government so much, why does your legislature have such a big deficit?</p>	John Harwood	Jindal
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Senator Graham, one in every four workers has saved less than a thousand dollars for retirement. Millions of Americans rely on the Social Security benefits for the majority of their retirement income.</p> <p>Now you called for reforms to Social Security. But what would you do to fix the other part of the problem for future retirees and get people to save more?</p>	Sharon Epperson	Graham
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	<p>Governor Jindal, you've been a strong supporter of for-profit colleges, either institutions that educate many veterans, minorities, and working-class Americans. They make up about 11 percent of the college population at these schools, but they account for 44 percent of student loan defaults.</p> <p>Should for-profit schools be held accountable when they take taxpayer money and leave students deep in debt?</p>	Sharon Epperson	Jindal

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3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Wondering, what are the three apps that you use most frequently on your cell phone?	Becky Quick	Jindal, Santorum, Pataki, Graham
3A (Bottom Four)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Should the day after the Super Bowl be a national holiday?	Carl Quintanilla	Jindal, Santorum, Pataki, Graham
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	This series of debates is essentially a job interview with the American people. And in any job interview, you know this, you get asked, What is your biggest weakness? So in 30 seconds, without telling us that you try too hard or that you're a perfectionist, what is your biggest weakness, and what are you doing to address it?	Carl Quintanilla	Kasich, Huckabee, Bush, Rubio, Trump, Carson, Fiorina, Cruz, Christie, Paul
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump, you've done very well on this campaign so far by promising to build a wall and make another country pay for it. Send 11 million people out of the country, cut taxes \$10 trillion without increasing the deficit. And make Americans better off because your greatness would replace the stupidity and incompetence of others. Let's be honest. Is this a comic book version of a presidential campaign?	John Harwood	Trump
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	But I gotta ask you, you talked about your tax plan. You say that it would not increase the deficit because you'd cut taxes \$10 trillion, and the economy — would take off like -- hold on. Hold on. The economy would take off like a rocket ship. I talked to economic advisors who have served presidents of both parties. They said that you have as much chance of cutting taxes that much without increasing the deficit as you would of flying away from that podium by flapping your arms around.	Becky Quick	Trump
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Dr. Carson, let's talk about taxes. You have a flat tax plan of 10 percent flat taxes. And I've looked at it, and this is something that is very appealing to a lot of voters, but I've had a really tough time trying to make the math work on this. If you were to take a 10 percent tax with the numbers right now on total personal income, you're going to come in with bringing in \$1-1/2 trillion. That is less than half of what we billed bringing in right now. And, by the way, it's going to leave us in a \$2 trillion hole. So what analysis got you to the point where you think this will work?	John Harwood	Carson, R: Cruz, Fiorina
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	You had some very strong words to say yesterday about what's happening in your party and what you're hearing from the two gentlemen [Trump and Carson] we've just heard from. Would you repeat it?...You said yesterday that you were hearing proposals that were just crazy from your colleagues. Who were you talking about?	Carl Quintanilla	Kasich, R: Trump,
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	You've been a young man in a hurry ever since you won your first election in your 20s. You've had a big accomplishment in the Senate, an immigration bill providing a path to citizenship the conservatives in your party hate, and even you don't support anymore. Now, you're skipping more votes than any senator to run for president. Why not slow down, get a few more things done first or least finish what you start? So when the Sun-Sentinel says Rubio should resign, not rip us off, when they say Floridians sent you to Washington to do a job, when they say you act like you hate your job, do you? Do you hate your job?	Carl Quintanilla	Rubio, R: Bush
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor, the fact that you're at the fifth lectern tonight shows how far your stock has fallen in this race, despite the big investment your donors have made. You noted recently after slashing your payroll that you had better things to do than sit around and be demonized by other people... Okay. It's a question about why you're having difficulty. I want to ask you in this context. Ben Bernanke, who was appointed Fed chairman by your brother, recently wrote a book in which he said he no longer considers himself a Republican because the Republican party has given in to know-nothingism. Is that why you're having a difficult time in this race?	John Harwood	Bush

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3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	You are running for President of the United States because of your record running Hewlett-Packard. But the stock market is usually a fair indicator of the performance of the CEO, and the market was not kind to you. Someone who invested a dollar in your company the day you took office had lost half of that dollar by the day you left. Obviously, you've talked in the past about what a difficult time it was for technology companies, but anybody who was following the market knows that your stock was a much worse performer if you looked at your competitors, if you looked at the overall market. I just wonder, in terms of all of that, you know, we look back, your board fired you. I just wonder why you think we should hire you now...Mrs. Fiorina, it's interesting that you bring up Mr. Perkins because he said a lot of very questionable things. Last year in an interview, he said that he thinks wealthy people should get more votes than poor people. I think his quote was that if you pay zero dollars in taxes, you should get zero votes. If you pay a million dollars, you should get a million votes. Is this the type of person you want to --	Becky Quick	Fiorina
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Cruz. Congressional Republicans, Democrats and the White House are about to strike a compromise that would raise the debt limit, prevent a government shutdown and calm financial markets that fear of -- another Washington-created crisis is on the way.Does your opposition to it show that you're not the kind of problem-solver American voters want?	Carl Quintanilla	Cruz
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Paul, the budget deal crafted by Speaker Boehner and passed by the House today makes cuts in entitlement programs, Medicare and Social Security disability, which are the very programs conservatives say need cutting to shrink government and solve our country's long-term budget deficit. Do you oppose that budget deal because it doesn't cut those programs enough?... Senator, if what you just said is true, why did Speaker Boehner craft this deal, and why did Paul Ryan, who has a strong reputation for fiscal discipline, vote for it?	John Harwood	Paul
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	In your "tell it like it is" campaign, you said a lot of tough things. You said that we need to raise the retirement age for Social Security, you think that we need to cut benefits for people who make over \$80,000 and eliminate them entirely for seniors who are making over \$200,000. Governor Huckabee, who is here on the stage, said that you and others who think this way are trying to rob seniors of the benefits that they've earned. It raises the question, when is it acceptable to break a social compact?	Becky Quick	Christie, Huckabee, Cruz
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump, let's talk a little bit about bankruptcies. Your Atlantic City casinos filed for bankruptcy four times. In fact, Fitch, the ratings agency, even said that they were serial filers for all of this. You said that you did great with Atlantic City, and you did. But some of the individuals -- the bondholders, some of the contractors who worked for you, didn't fare so well...Bankruptcy is a broken promise. Why should the voters believe the promises that you're telling them right now?	Becky Quick	Trump
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Dr. Carson, in recent weeks, a number of pharmaceutical companies has been accused of profiteering, for dramatically raising the prices of life-saving drugs. You have spent a lifetime in medicine...Have these companies gone too far? Should the government be involved in controlling some of these price increases?	Jim Cramer	Carson
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Christie, there has been a lot of political rhetoric that some bank executives should have gone to jail for the 2008 financial crisis. But General Motors paid more than \$1 billion in fines and settlements for its ignition switch defect. One hundred and twenty- four people died as a result of these faulty switches. No one went to jail. As a former prosecutor, do you believe the people responsible for the switch and the cover-up belong behind bars?	Jim Cramer	Christie
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Bush, in a debate like this four years ago, every Republican running for president pledged to oppose a budget deal containing any tax increase even if it had spending cuts ten times as large. A few months later, you told Congress, put me in, coach, you said you would take that deal. Still feel that way?	John Harwood	Bush

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3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mrs. Fiorina, in 2010, while running for Senate in Tech Ridge, California, you called an Internet sales tax a bad idea. Traditional brick and mortar stores obviously disagree. Now that the Internet shopping playing field has matured, what would be a fair plan to even that playing field?	Carl Quintanilla	Fiorina
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Rubio, you yourself have said that you've had issues. You have a lack of bookkeeping skills. You accidentally inter-mingled campaign money with your personal money. You faced (ph) foreclosure on a second home that you bought. And just last year, you liquidated a \$68,000 retirement fund. That's something that cost you thousands of dollars in taxes and penalties. In terms of all of that, it raises the question whether you have the maturity and wisdom to lead this \$17 trillion economy. What do you say?...Senator, I understand all of that. I had a lot of student loans when I got out, too. But you've had a windfall that a lot of Americans haven't. You made over a million dollars on a book deal, and some of these problems came after that. But you liquidated that retirement account after the fact, and that cost you about \$24,000 out of that in taxes and fees. That was after you'd already come into that windfall. That's why I raise the question.	Becky Quick	Rubio
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor John Kasich, you've called for abolishing the Export Import Bank, which provides subsidies to help American companies compete with overseas competitors. You call that corporate welfare. One of the largest newspapers in your state wrote an editorial, said they found that strange, writing that if that's corporate welfare, what does Kasich call the millions of dollars in financial incentives doled out to attract or retain jobs by his development effort () of jobs () in Ohio? If subsidies are good enough for Ohio companies, why aren't they good enough for companies trying to compete overseas?	John Harwood	Kasich
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Cruz, working women in this country still earn just 77 percent of what men earn. And I know that you've said you've been very sympathetic to our cause. But you've also said that the Democrats moved to try and change this political show of votes. I just wonder what you would do as President to try and help in this cause.	Becky Quick	Cruz, R: Fiorina
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Dr. Carson, we know you as a physician, but we wanted to ask you about your involvement on some corporate boards, including Costco's. Last year, a marketing study called the warehouse retailer the number one gay-friendly brand in America, partly because of its domestic partner benefits. Why would you serve on a company whose policies seem to run counter to your views on homosexuality?	Carl Quintanilla	Carson
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	This is a company called Mannatech, a maker of nutritional supplements, with which you had a 10-year relationship. They offered claims that they could cure autism, cancer, they paid \$7 million to settle a deceptive marketing lawsuit in Texas, and yet you're involvement continued. Why?	Carl Quintanilla	Carson
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Wired magazine recently carried the heading, "Marco Rubio wants to be the tech industry's savior." It noted your support for dramatically increasing immigration visas called H1B, which are designed for workers with the special skills that Silicon Valley wants. But your Senate colleague, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, says in reality, the tech industry uses this program to undercut hiring and wages for highly qualified Americans. Why is he wrong?...It sounds like you think Senator Sessions is wrong to believe there is enough --believe there is enough abuse in that program that we shouldn't --	John Harwood	Rubio
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump, let's stay on this issue of immigration. You have been very critical of Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook who has wanted to increase the number of these H1Bs... Where did I read this and come up with this that you're — ...You had talked a little bit about Marco Rubio. I think you called him Mark Zuckerberg's personal senator because he was in favor of the H1B...This is an erroneous article the whole way around?	Becky Quick	Trump, R: Rubio

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3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Senator Cruz, let's focus on our central bank, the Federal Reserve. You were a fierce critic of the Fed, arguing for more transparency. Where do you want to take that? Do you want to get Congress involved in monetary policy, or is it time to slap the Fed back and downsize them completely? What are your thoughts? What do you believe?	Rick Santelli	Cruz, Paul
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Dr. Carson, you told the Des Moines Register that you don't like government subsidies, it interferes with the free market. But you've also said that you're in favor of taking oil subsidies and putting them towards ethanol processing. Isn't that just swapping one subsidy for another, Doctor?	Rick Santelli	Carson
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Huckabee, you have railed against income inequality. You've said that some Wall Street executives should have gone to jail over the roles that they played during the financial crisis. Apart from your tax plan, are there specific steps you would require from corporate America to try and reduce the income inequality?	Becky Quick	Huckabee
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Bush, the tax reform bill that Ronald Reagan signed in 1986 cut the top personal income tax rate to 28 percent -- just like your plan does. But President Reagan taxed capital gains at the same rate, while you would tax them at just 20 percent. Given the problems we've been discussing, growing gap between rich and poor, why would you tax labor at a higher rate than income from investments?	John Harwood	Bush
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	The Tax Foundation, which was alluded to earlier, scored your tax plan and concluded that you give nearly twice as much of a gain in after-tax income to the top 1 percent as to people in the middle of the income scale. Since you're the champion of Americans living paycheck-to- paycheck, don't you have that backward?	John Harwood	Rubio, R: Paul, Cruz
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Kasich, let's talk about marijuana. We're broadcasting from Colorado which has seen \$150 million in new revenue for the state since legalizing last year. Governor Hickenlooper is not a big fan of legalization, but he's said the people who used to be smoking it are still smoking it, they're just now paying taxes. Given the budget pressures in Ohio, and other states, is this a revenue stream you'd like to have?	Carl Quintanilla	Kasich
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump, I want to go back to an issue that we were talking about before, the H-1B visas. I found where I read that before. It was from the donaldjtrump.com website and it says -- it says that again, Mark Zuckerberg's personal senator, Marco Rubio has a bill to triple H-1Bs that would decimate women and minorities. Are you in favor of H-1Bs or are you opposed to them?	Becky Quick	Trump, R: Rubio
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump, you said you have a special permit to carry a gun in New York. After the Oregon mass shooting on October 1st, you said, "By the way, it was a gun-free zone. If you had a couple of teachers with guns, you would have been a hell of a lot better off." Would you feel more comfortable if your employees brought guns to work?...We called a few Trump resorts, a few Trump properties that do not allow guns with or without a permit. Would you change those policies?	Carl Quintanilla	Trump
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Huckabee, you've written about the huge divide in values between middle America in the big coastal cities like New York and Los Angeles. As a preacher, as well as a politician, you know that presidents need the moral authority to bring the entire country together. The leading Republican candidate, when you look at the average and national polls right now, is Donald Trump. When you look at him, do you see someone with the moral authority to unite the country?	John Harwood	Huckabee, R: Christie
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mrs. Fiorina, you were the CEO of a large corporation that offers a 401(k) to its employees. But more than half of American have no access to an employer sponsored retirement plan. That includes the workers at small businesses, and the growing ranks of Uber drivers and other part-timers in the freelance economy. Should the Federal Government play a larger role in helping to set up retirement plans for these workers?	Sharon Epperson	Fiorina

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3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Most people can't get a college degree without going into debt. Over 40 million Americans have student loans, and many of them cannot pay them back. This country has over \$100 billion in student loan defaults. That's "billion" with a B. What will you do to make sure that students, their families, taxpayers, won't feel the economic impact of this burden for generations?	Sharon Epperson	Kasich, R: Bush
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Bush, daily fantasy sports has become a phenomenon in this country, will award billions of dollars in prize money this year. But to play you have to assess your odds, put money at risk, wait for an outcome that's out of your control. Isn't that the definition of gambling, and should the Federal Government treat it as such?	Carl Quintanilla	Bush, R: Christie
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Governor Christie, you've said something that many in your party do not believe, which is that climate change is undeniable, that human activity contributes to it, and you said, quote: "The question is, what do we do to deal with it?" So what do we do?	Becky Quick	Christie
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Among the leading conservative opponents to the creation of Medicare back in the 1960s was Ronald Reagan. He warned that it would lead to socialism. Considering the mounting cost of Medicare, was he right to oppose it?	Becky Quick	Paul, Huckabee, Bush
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	Mr. Trump says that he is capable of growing the economy so much that Social Security and Medicare don't have to be touched. Do you want to explain how that is going to happen, Mr. Trump?...Governor, you just heard him...Senator Paul, let's go back to you. Do these solutions sound like they work?	John Harwood	Trump, Bush, Paul, Kasich
3B (Top Ten)— Boulder, CO — 10/28/15 — CNBC	You've said that you would like to replace Medicare with a system of individual family savings accounts, so that families could cover their own expenses. Obviously, that would be a very controversial idea. Explain how that would work, exactly.	John Harwood	Carson, Christie, Rubio, Fiorina
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor, economically, our country is struggling with some of the anemic (ph) growth we have seen on record. More than 90 million Americans are unemployed, or they are not in the workforce altogether. The number of people now willing, able, and wanting to go to work is at a level that has fallen to a level we have not been since the 1970's. For those that are working, wages aren't budging while other things, costs like housing, remain high. As President, what concrete steps will you take to get America back to work?	Sandra Smith	Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Huckabee, we're here in Wisconsin, a state that has seen the biggest decline in middle-class households of any American state, with more than 120,000 manufacturing jobs being lost in the last 15 years. As we move away from a manufacturing economy to a services-based, technological economy, how are you going to help the millions of Americans that are stuck in this transition?	Sandra Smith	Huckabee
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Santorum, you're all obviously highly critical of President Obama's economic record. But federal statistics show that payrolls have expanded by 8.7 million new jobs so far during his time in office. All the jobs lost in the recession were recovered by last year. And in October, the economy added jobs at the fastest rate since 2009. So what's wrong with the Obama jobs record?	Gerald Seib	Santorum
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Jindal, you have pushed Louisiana's energy resources as a means to grow jobs in your state. But as oil prices have plunged in recent months, so has jobs growth. Louisiana now has an unemployment rate above the national average. Will your energy-focused jobs plan for the country be subject to the same market ups and downs?	Trish Regan	Jindal

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4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Christie, you have said that the Democrats' message is one of, quote, "free stuff." In contrast, Republicans want to reduce spending. How do you win a national election when the Democrats are offering free health care, a free or subsidized college education, and you're the party that is seemingly offering nothing in the way of immediate tangible benefits?	Trish Regan	Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Santorum, a single mom with no job and two kids in New Hampshire, home of the first in the nation primary, is eligible for more than \$30,000 a year in benefits. Even if she could find a job, she would need to find child care. And in many cases may conclude it's better for her to live off government benefits. Senator, how do you help and incentivize her to go to work? And if you're the one that's going to cut her benefits, why should she vote for you?	Trish Regan	Santorum
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Huckabee, you have characterized entitlement reform as both political and economic suicide. Taxpayers currently spend more than \$600 billion per year on social welfare programs, with the intended goal of getting people back on their feet and working again. Today a record number of Americans aren't even looking for work. Are our social welfare programs, while well-intended, creating a culture of dependency? If so, how will you fix it?	Sandra Smith	Huckabee
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Jindal, Republicans have now 32 of the nation's 50 governor seats. But, even while you're doing very well at the state level, you keep falling short nationally. You've lost the popular vote in five of the last six presidential elections. Are Democrats simply putting forward a better national economic message than the one Republicans are offering? And what should Republicans do about it?... Do you have something to add, Governor?	Gerald Seib	Jindal, Huckabee,
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Let's bring Governor Christie in here because we're talking about national debt, climbing toward \$19 trillion, Governor. Our federal government employed nearly three million workers, our tax code is more than 74,000 pages long. If you're elected President, Governor Christie, what concrete steps would you take to reduce the size of the federal government?	Sandra Smith	Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Santorum, we're in the Upper-Midwest, heart of the American auto industry. The Auto Alliance says the state of Wisconsin, where we are tonight, is home to 176 auto supplier companies. Back in 2008, you opposed the use of federal bailout funds for automakers as proposed then by the Bush administration. The automakers survived. In retrospect, do you still think that was the right position?	Gerald Seib	Santorum
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Huckabee, you differ from many of your GOP opponents on the stage tonight over accepting Syrian refugees into this country. You have said, "We don't have an obligation to just open our doors." As the Islamic state continues to expand, slaughtering and crucifying Christians, including women and children, refugees continue to flee their land by the thousands. Should America open its doors to accept any refugees in this country? If so, how many?	Trish Regan	Huckabee
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Christie, China is stealing our technology. China is pirating our intellectual property, and China's hacking into our computers, spying on American corporations, and spying on our citizens. China also slaps tariffs on U.S. goods, making it harder for us to sell our products. How are you going to stop them?	Sandra Smith	Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Jindal, there's a new trade deal the Obama administration has completed with 11 other Pacific nations. The U.S. Trade Representative's office says that deal will cut 18,000 different tariffs on American goods sent to the Pacific and will cut tariffs on goods made in your state of Louisiana by as much as 40 percent. Even a skeptic about this deal — now that the details are public, are you going to be for it?	Gerald Seib	Jindal, Christie

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4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Obamacare is still unpopular with the American people. You've seen the polls, they've shown nearly half the country still opposes this law. You have been critical of your GOP opponents, some of them standing on the stage tonight, others later. Notably, Ted Cruz, for not having comprehensive plans. You say you do. What specifically makes your plan to replace Obamacare better than the opponents, some of them standing next to you.	Trish Regan	Jindal, Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Just about everybody agrees that the nation's infrastructure is in bad shape. Urban highway congestion costs the economy more than \$100 billion dollars annually, nearly one in four bridges in the National Highway System is structurally deficient, or obsolete. Congress is working on a six year highway bill to try to fix this problem. It only funds it for about three years. Should Americans be asked to pay more in federal gas taxes in order to address this problem?	Gerald Seib	Santorum
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	To do the things you're talking about, that you're all talking about, getting things done in Washington, you have to work with the other side. So a question, who in Congress do you most admire on the Democratic side? I need one name from each of you.	Gerald Seib	Christie, Santorum, Huckabee, Jindal - all
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	When looking at the federal income tax, state income tax and local tax, in some cases, combined, some Americans are paying over 50 percent of their paycheck to the government. What is the highest percentage, all in, in the way of taxes, that any American should have to pay and what is the lowest?	Trish Regan	Christie, Santorum, Huckabee, Jindal - all
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Huckabee, Americans, under your plan, would pay a tax on every single thing that they purchase. Given that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of GDP, some economists worry that your tax plan would actually discourage spending, thereby slowing our economy. How do you respond?	Trish Regan	Huckabee
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	You've proposed eliminating the federal corporate income tax entirely. Why would have you wage-earners and investors pay an income tax but not a corporation?	Gerald Seib	Jindal
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Christie, by keeping interest rates so low for so long, is the Fed creating a new financial bubble in real estate or stock as prices that will burst and create problems down the road, or has it been right to err on the side of trying to help the recovery through low rates?	Gerald Seib	Christie
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Santorum, you agree with Governor Christie. You also have said that the Fed should be audited. But many worry that, given the Congressional challenges that they face, by having Congressional oversight of the Fed, which has been historically an independent body, you would be making the Fed much more political. How would you navigate that risk?	Trish Regan	Santorum
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Huckabee, both Senator Santorum and Governor Christie were both critical of the Federal Reserve. Also, many have questioned whether Janet Yellen is the right person to be running the Fed. If elected president, would you keep Janet Yellen?	Trish Regan	Huckabee
4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, meanwhile, which provides patient care, and federal benefits to those veterans, as well as their families, is beset by scandal. What new ideas do you have to fix the broken VA healthcare system?	Sandra Smith	Santorum

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4A (Undercard) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Americans' connection to the military has been increasingly fading. As a society, how do we restore that sense of duty, that sense of pride, that was the hallmark of the greatest generation? Again, I'd like to ask each of you, 30 seconds each, beginning with Governor Jindal.	Sandra Smith	Christie, Santorum, Huckabee, Jindal - all
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Mr. Trump, as the leading presidential candidate on this stage and one whose tax plan exempts couples making up to \$50,000 a year from paying any federal income taxes at all, are you sympathetic to the protesters cause since a \$15 wage works out to about \$31,000 a year? ...Those protesters outside are looking for \$15 and nothing less. Where are you?	Neil Cavuto	Trump, Carson
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Dr. Carson, you have long bemoaned this lackluster recovery. And this Facebook map show Americans share your concern. The green represents how the jobs issue is resonating all across the nation, especially here in the state of Wisconsin. You suggested one minimum wage does not fit all, and that perhaps we should offer a lower or starter wage for young people. Those protesters outside are looking for \$15 and nothing less. Where are you?	Neil Cavuto	Carson
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Rubio, you called the recent Democratic debate in Las Vegas a night of giveaways, including free health care, free college and a host of other government-paid benefits. Since you aren't a fan of all they're giving away, tell us tonight what you would take back.	Neil Cavuto	Rubio
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	We are approaching \$20 trillion in national debt. Specifically, what plans do you have to cut federal spending? Governor Kasich, you have spoken much about your success in balancing the budget under President Clinton. Today the national debt is at record highs and growing unsustainably. Interest will be the fastest-growing part of the federal budget, tripling over the next 10 years. Social Security, the lifeline of millions of American seniors, is rushing toward insolvency. With all of the tax plans presented tonight, estimated to cost anywhere between \$2 trillion and \$12 trillion over a decade, what specific steps will you take to balance the budget?	Voter	Kasich
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Cruz, the International Monetary Fund recently cut its expectations for economic growth. Many economists expect a recession to hit the U.S. within the next year due to the weakening of manufacturing. The next president will have to deal with it. You say tax reform is a powerful lever to spur economic expansion. You're calling for a 10 percent income tax and a 16 percent business tax. What other elements do you need in this plan to actually create jobs?	Maria Bartiromo	Cruz
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Almost 40 percent of Americans are without a job and are not looking. Many have given up. That's what the participation rate tells us. You've said your policies will drive the economy back to 4 percent growth, which we haven't seen since the year 2000. What specific regulations would you change? And how will that lead to jobs and growth?	Maria Bartiromo	Bush
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Ms. Fiorina, while you've all pointed out how weak the current recovery has been and how disappointing by any historical standards, in the general election, the Democrats will inevitably ask you and voters to compare the recent president's jobs performance. Now, in seven years under President Obama, the U.S. has added an average of 107,000 jobs a month. Under President Clinton, the economy added about 240,000 jobs a month. Under George W. Bush, it was only 13,000 a month. If you win the nomination, you'll probably be facing a Democrat named Clinton. How are you going to respond to the claim that Democratic presidents are better at creating jobs than Republicans?	Gerard Baker	Fiorina

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4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Paul, income inequality has been rising in the United States. Fifty years ago, for example, the average CEO of a big corporation in this country earned 20 times the average salary of one of his or her workers. Today, that CEO earns about 300 times the average salary of a worker. Does it matter at all that the gap between the rich and everyone else is widening?	Gerard Baker	Paul
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	You recently railed against the double- standard in the media, sir, that seems obsessed with inconsistencies and potential exaggerations in your life story, but looked the other way when it came to then-Senator Barack Obama's. Still, as a candidate whose brand has always been trust, are you worried your campaign -- which you've always said, sir, is bigger than you -- is now being hurt by you?	Neil Cavuto	Carson
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Mr. Trump, a federal appeals court just dealt a blow to the Obama administration's plan to prevent the deportation of 5 million people living in this country illegally. The White House is appealing to the Supreme Court. At the heart of this issue is the effect that illegal immigrants are having on our economy, what will you do about it?	Maria Bartiromo	Trump, Kasich, Bush
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Rubio, Senator Rubio, let me — let me take you to a question that I think gets to the root of a lot of the anxiety that people have in this country. The economy is undergoing a transformation through information technology. Americans are anxious that the new economy isn't producing higher-paying jobs. Many are concerned that the new wealth seems to be going mainly to innovators and investors. Meanwhile, with factories run by robots and shopping done increasingly on smartphones, many traditional jobs are just going away. How do you reassure American workers that their jobs are not being steadily replaced by machines?	Gerard Baker	Rubio
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Thank you. Senator Cruz — Senator Cruz, entitlements. You've argued for raising the retirement age and reducing benefits for future retirees, but reducing any sort of benefits for the elderly has always been notoriously hard to do politically. When Speaker Paul Ryan proposed replacing traditional Medicare with federally funded private plans a few years ago, a liberal group responded with a commercial that featured a granny being pushed off a cliff. What's going to be different this time?	Gerard Baker	Cruz
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	How do we get rid of the regulations that are choking our businesses? Specifically, under the president's Affordable Care Act, employers with 50 or more employees are required to offer health insurance, or be fined. Many are opting to pay the fine. Others are cutting back employee hours to duck the law altogether. What specific ways will you alleviate the pressure on small business?	Voter	Fiorina
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	You say you are in favor of a tax system, I guess akin to tithing, sir, with a flat tax rate of up to 15 percent because you said, if everybody pays this, I think God is a pretty fair guy, so tithing is a pretty fair process. Donald Trump says that is not fair. That wealthier taxpayers should pay a higher rate because it's a fair thing to do. So whose plan would God endorse then, Doctor?	Neil Cavuto	Carson
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Paul, you said you want to blow up the tax code and start over with an across-the-board 14.5 percent fair and flat tax. You happily offered that it is not revenue neutral and that's the idea. You want to choke off the amount of money coming into Washington. But don't you risk, sir, creating a near-term budget crisis just as your presidency would be beginning?	Neil Cavuto	Paul
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Cruz, there isn't anyone in this audience or watching at home tonight who would not like to pay less in taxes. Most people just want a fair shake, and they don't want their money to be wasted. But explain how your plan works. How can you cut taxes as much as you propose without running up debt and deficits?	Maria Bartiromo	Cruz

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4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Governor Bush, Republican primary voters say tax reform should be a priority for Congress and the administration. Governor Bush, how important is tax reform in your domestic policy agenda? Will you guarantee it in the first year of your presidency?	Maria Bartiromo	Bush
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Rubio, your tax plan includes a large expansion of child tax credits to raise after-tax income for low-income parents. A similar tax credit that you previously proposed in the Senate was estimated to cost as much as \$170 billion a year, according to the Tax Foundation. Isn't there a risk that you're just adding an expensive entitlement program to an already overburdened federal budget?	Gerard Baker	Rubio, Paul, Cruz, Fiorina, Trump
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	The US has just concluded an international trade deal with 11 countries in the Pacific. You've said that you'd rather have no deal than sign the one that's on the table. Most economists say that trade is boosted growth, and every single post war president has supported the expansion of international trade, including the last three republican presidents Why would you reverse more than 50 years of US Trade policy? ...The — the deal, as you say, the terms of the deal were published — were published just last week, the details, 5,000 pages of it, and 80 percent of U.S. trade with countries in the Pacific, these countries, these 11 countries, is actually tariff-free, and these — the trade deal only affects the other 20 percent. Which — are there particular parts of the deal that you think were badly negotiated? ...But isn't that — isn't that part of the problem? When I say, Senator, that if — if this deal is not ratified by — by the U.S. — by the Senate, then it would actually give China an opportunity to grow its economic leadership, which it's been seeking to do? And if the U.S. is unable to take part in this trade deal with these countries in Asia, China will take the lead?	Gerard Baker	Trump, Paul
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Dr. Carson, you were against putting troops on the ground in Iraq and against a large military force in Afghanistan. Do you support the president's decision to now put 50 special ops forces in Syria and leave 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan?	Maria Bartiromo	Carson
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	This word cloud shows what people are focusing on the most. The bigger the word, the more the talk. One of the most discussed issues in the last month, homeland security. Governor Bush, what is the biggest threat facing America today?	Maria Bartiromo	Bush
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Mr. Trump, in 2012 debate, President Obama mocked Mitt Romney's assertion that Russia was the top geopolitical challenge facing the United States, saying he was a Cold War dinosaur. Now, Russia has invaded Ukraine, and has put troops in Syria. You have said you will have a good relationship with Mr. Putin. So, what does President Trump do in response to Russia's aggression?	Maria Bartiromo	Trump, Bush, Fiorina
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	You've argued that it's never a good idea to close down communication. With that in mind, do you think the same applies to administration efforts right now to include the Iranians in talks on Syria?	Neil Cavuto	Paul, Rubio
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	I want to ask you about China, in particular, hundreds of American companies have been subjected to cyber attacks from the Chinese military...Chinese companies are planning to bid for one of the largest hotel chains in the United States, in what would be the largest ever Chinese takeover of a U.S. company. Would you stop them?	Gerard Baker	Kasich

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4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Hillary Clinton recently said that if we had another financial crisis like the one in 2008, she wouldn't bail out the banks. Would you?	Gerard Baker	Bush
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Dr. Carson, if I may, just on that point, despite measures taken, as the governor says, since the crisis to make the financial system safer, the major banks in the U.S., many of them are actually bigger than ever. Asset held by JPMorgan Chase, for example, the very largest bank, have increased by nearly 40 percent to over \$2.6 trillion. Do you think JPMorgan and the other big banks should be broken up? Assets held by JPMorgan Chase, for example, the very largest bank, have increased by nearly 40 percent to over \$2.6 trillion. Do you think JPMorgan and the other big banks should be broken up?	Gerard Baker	Carson, Rubio, Kasich
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	As an accomplished litigator yourself and a former solicitor general, would you go after the very people who believe and fear that Wall Street has ignored, in other words, the crooks that Bernie Sanders say have gotten away with a financial murder?...Are you saying, sir, that if Bank of America were on the brink, you would let it fail?	Neil Cavuto	Cruz, Kasich, Fiorina
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Hillary Clinton is the clear front runner for the Democratic nomination. If she is indeed the nominee, you will be facing a candidate with an impressive resume. She was the first lady of the United States, a U.S. senator from New York, and secretary of state under Barack Obama. She has arguably more experience, certainly more time in government than almost all of you on stage tonight. Why should the American people trust you to lead this country, even though she has been so much closer to the office?	Maria Bartiromo	Rubio, Cruz
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Perhaps the most successful capitalist on this stage tonight, you've acknowledged that some give capitalism a bad name. You've been particularly critical of businesses that find all sorts of ways of paying their taxes by keeping money abroad, but your own plan includes an incentive to bring — that more than \$2 trillion dollars home. Isn't that, like, a one-time bounty — some of the guys you all but call pirates, so they still keep the loot, and pay only a price to bring it back.	Neil Cavuto	Trump
4B (Top 8) — Milwaukee, WI — 11/10/15 — Fox Business Network/ WSJ	Senator Paul, you were one of 15 republicans to vote for an amendment which states that human activity contributed to climate change. President Obama has announced an aggressive plan to cut carbon emissions. At the same time, energy production in America has boomed. Is it possible to continue this boom, and move toward energy self-sufficiency, while at the same time pursuing a meaningful climate change program?	Maria Bartiromo	Paul, Bush

Appendix B - Democrat Debate Questions

Debate Number — Location — Date — Sponsor(s)	Question	Asker	To Whom (or to whom it was directed by moderator)
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	You were against same-sex marriage. Now you're for it. You defended President Obama's immigration policies. Now you say they're too harsh. You supported his trade deal dozen of times. You even called it the "gold standard". Now, suddenly, last week, you're against it. Will you say anything to get elected?...Just for the record, are you a progressive, or are you a moderate?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton

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1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, a Gallup poll says half the country would not put a socialist in the White House. You call yourself a democratic socialist. How can any kind of socialist win a general election in the United States?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor Chafee, you've been everything but a socialist. When you were a senator from Rhode Island, you were a Republican. When you were elected governor, you were an independent. You've only been a Democrat for little more than two years. Why should Democratic voters trust you won't change again?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor O'Malley, the concern of voters about you is that you tout our record as Baltimore's mayor. As we all know, we all saw it. That city exploded in riots and violence in April. The current top prosecutor in Baltimore, also a Democrat, blames your zero tolerance policies for sowing the seeds of unrest. Why should Americans trust you with the country when they see what's going on in the city that you ran for more than seven years?	Anderson Cooper	O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Webb, in 2006, you called affirmative action "state-sponsored racism." In 2010, you wrote an op/ed saying it discriminates against whites. Given that nearly half the Democratic Party is non-white, aren't you out of step with where the Democratic Party is now?	Anderson Cooper	Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, you voted against the Brady bill that mandated background checks and a waiting period. You also supported allowing riders to bring guns in checked bags on Amtrak trains. For a decade, you said that holding gun manufacturers legally responsible for mass shootings is a bad idea. Now, you say you're reconsidering that. Which is it: shield the gun companies from lawsuits or not?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, is Bernie Sanders tough enough on guns?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor O'Malley, you passed gun legislation as governor of Maryland, but you had a Democratic-controlled legislature. President Obama couldn't convince Congress to pass gun legislation after the massacres in Aurora, in Newtown, and Charleston. How can you?	Anderson Cooper	O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Webb, your rating from the NRA, you once had an A rating from the NRA. You've said gun violence goes down when more people are allowed to carry guns. Would encouraging more people to be armed be part of your response to a mass shooting?...Governor Chafee, you have an F rating from the NRA, what do you think about what Senator Webb just said?	Anderson Cooper	Webb, Chafee
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, Russia, they're challenging the U.S. in Syria. According to U.S. intelligence, they've lied about who they're bombing. You spearheaded the reset with Russia. Did you underestimate the Russians, and as president, what would your response to Vladimir Putin be right now in Syria?...Senator Sanders, what would you do differently?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor Chafee, you were the only Republican in the Senate to vote against the Iraq war. You say Secretary Clinton should be disqualified from the presidency because she voted in favor of using force in Iraq. She has since said that her vote was a mistake. Why isn't that good enough?	Dana Bash	Chafee

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1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, I want to bring you in here. My question for you is, as a congressman, you voted against the Iraq War. You voted against the Gulf War. You're just talking about Syria, but under what circumstances would a President Sanders actually use force?	Dana Bash	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor O'Malley, Secretary Clinton voted to authorize military force in Iraq, supported more troops in Afghanistan. As Secretary of State, she wanted to arm Syrian rebels and push for the bombing of Libya. Is she too quick to use military force?	Anderson Cooper	O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Webb, you said as president you would never have used military force in Libya and that the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi was, in your words, "inevitable." Should Secretary Clinton have seen that attack coming?...Secretary Clinton, on the campaign trail, Governor Webb has said that he would never have used military force in Libya and that the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi was inevitable. Should you have seen that attack coming?...Governor O'Malley?	Anderson Cooper	Webb, Clinton, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	During the Vietnam War, the man standing next to you, Senator Sanders, applied for status as a conscientious objector. Given his history, can he serve as a credible commander-in-chief?...Senator Sanders, tell an American soldier who is watching right now tonight in Afghanistan why you can be commander-in- chief given that you applied for conscientious objector status.	Anderson Cooper	Webb, Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Who or what is the greatest national security threat to the United States? I want to go down the line.	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, O'Malley, Clinton, Sanders, Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, you are going to be testifying before Congress next week about your e-mails. For the last eight months, you haven't been able to put this issue behind you. You dismissed it; you joked about it; you called it a mistake. What does that say about your ability to handle far more challenging crises as president?...Senator Sanders?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, Sanders,
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor Chafee, for the record, on the campaign trail, you've said a different thing. You said this is a huge issue. Standing here in front of Secretary Clinton, are you willing to say that to her face?...Governor O'Malley, you expressed concern on the campaign trail that the Democratic Party is, and I quote, "being defined by Hillary Clinton's email scandal." You heard her answer, do you still feel that way tonight?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Do black lives matter, or do all lives matter?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, what would you do for African Americans in this country that President Obama couldn't?...Senator Webb?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Let's talk about income inequality. Wages and incomes are flat. You've argued that the gap between rich and poor is wider than at any time since the 1920s. We've had a Democratic president for seven years. What are you going to be able to do that President Obama didn't?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders, Clinton, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, he raises a fundamental difference on this stage. Senator Sanders wants to break up the big Wall Street banks. You don't. You say charge the banks more, continue to monitor them. Why is your plan better?...Senator Sanders?... Governor O'Malley? Where do you stand?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, Sanders, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	As president, would you stand by your principles if it risked the country's financial stability?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders

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1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	You have said neither party has the guts to take on Wall Street. Is the system rigged? ...Governor Chafee, you have attacked Secretary Clinton for being too close to Wall Street banks. In 1999 you voted for the very bill that made banks bigger.	Anderson Cooper	Webb, Chafee
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, you've mentioned a couple of times you do have a plan to make public colleges free for everyone. Secretary Clinton has criticized that in saying she's not in favor of making a college free for Donald Trump's kids. Do you think taxpayers should pick up the tab for wealthy children?	Dana Bash	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	About Senator Sanders' plan to expand Social Security, to make Medicare available to all Americans: is that something that you would support? And if not, why not?	Dana Bash	Clinton
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, in 2013, you voted for immigration reform. But in 2007, when Democrats controlled Congress and the Bush White House was onboard, you voted against it. Why should Latino voters trust you now when you left them at the altar at the moment when reform was very close?	Juan Carlos Lopez	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Secretary Clinton, Governor O'Malley wants to open up Obamacare to millions of undocumented immigrants and their children, including almost 90,000 people right here in Nevada. Do you?...Governor O'Malley?...Senator Webb, do you support the undocumented immigrants getting Obamacare?	Juan Carlos Lopez	Clinton, O'Malley, Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Two of your rivals from your left, Governor O'Malley, and Senator Sanders, want to provide in-state college tuition to undocumented immigrants. Where do you stand on that?...Governor O'Malley?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, you talked about your record on the Veteran affairs committee. You served on that committee for the last eight years, including two years as its chairman while veterans died waiting for health care. You and Senator McCain ultimately addressed the issue with bi-partisan legislation. Why did it take 18 Inspector General reports, and a CNN investigation, and others, before you and your colleagues took action?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Governor Chafee, you and Hillary Clinton both voted for the Patriot Act which created the NSA surveillance program. You've emphasized civil liberties, privacy during your campaign. Aren't these two things in conflict?...Secretary Clinton, do you regret your vote on the Patriot Act?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, Clinton
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	If elected, would you shut down the NSA surveillance program?	Anderson Cooper	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Edward Snowden, is he a traitor or a hero?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, O'Malley, Clinton, Sanders, Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Name the one thing -- the one way that your administration would not be a third term of President Obama.	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, O'Malley, Clinton, Sanders, Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	President Obama's generals right now are suggesting keeping troops in Afghanistan after the time he wanted them pulled out. Would you keep them there?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Why should Democrats embrace an insider like yourself?...Governor O'Malley, do you want to tell Secretary Clinton why she shouldn't get the crown?...Senator Sanders, does she have the right stuff?	Anderson Cooper	Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders

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1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	As a young person, I'm very concerned about climate change and how it will affect my future. As a presidential candidate, what will you do to address climate change?	Voter	O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Webb, you have a very different view than just about anybody else on this stage, and unlike a lot of Democrats. You're pro-coal, you're pro-offshore drilling, you're pro-Keystone pipeline. Are -- again, are you -- the question is, are you out of step with the Democratic party?	Anderson Cooper	Webb
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, are you tougher on climate change than Secretary Clinton?... Secretary Clinton, I want you to be able to respond.	Anderson Cooper	Sanders, Clinton
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Carly Fiorina, the first female CEO of a Fortune 50 company, argues, if the government requires paid leave, it will force small businesses to, quote, "hire fewer people and create fewer jobs." What do you say not only to Carly Fiorina, but also a small-business owner out there who says, you know, I like this idea, but I just can't afford it?...Senator Sanders?...Governor O'Malley?	Dana Bash	Clinton, Sanders, O'Malley
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	Senator Sanders, right here in Nevada, there will be a measure to legalize recreational marijuana on the 2016 ballot. You've said you smoked marijuana twice; it didn't quite work for you. If you were a Nevada resident, how would you vote?	Juan Carlos Lopez	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	When asked about legalizing recreational marijuana, you told her let's wait and see how it plays out in Colorado and Washington. It's been more than a year since you've said that. Are you ready to take a position tonight?	Juan Carlos Lopez	Clinton
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	President Obama has had a difficult time getting Republicans to compromise on just about every agenda. How will you approach this going forward, and will it be any different?	Voter	Sanders
1 — Las Vegas — 10/13/15 — CNN/Facebook	You've all made a few people upset over your political careers. Which enemy are you most proud of?	Anderson Cooper	Chafee, O'Malley, Clinton, Sanders, Webb
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	You will each have one minute for an opening statement to share your thoughts about the attacks in your Paris and lay out your visions for America.	John Dickerson	Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	The terror attacks last night underscored the biggest challenge facing the next President of the United States. At a time of crisis, the country and the world look to the President for leadership and for answers. So, Secretary Clinton, I'd like to start with you. Hours before the attacks, President Obama said, "I don't think ISIS is gaining strength." 72% of Americans think the fight against ISIS is going badly. Won't the legacy of this administration — which you were a part of — won't that legacy be that it underestimated the threats from ISIS?...The president referred to ISIS as the JVU in a speech, the Council in Foreign Relations in June of 2014 said, "I could not have predicted the extent to which ISIS could be effective in seizing cities in Iraq." So you've got prescriptions for the future. But how do we know if those prescriptions are any good if you missed it in the past?	John Dickerson	Clinton

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2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Governor O'Malley, would you critique the administration's response to ISIS? If the United States doesn't lead, who leads?	John Dickerson	O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, you said you want to rid the planet of ISIS. In the previous date, you said the greatest threat to national security was climate change. Do you still believe that?	John Dickerson	Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	You're saying Secretary Clinton — who was then Senator Clinton — voted for the Iraq war. And are you making a direct link between her vote for that, and what's happening now for ISIS?...You've criticized then Senator Clinton's vote. Do you have anything to criticize in the way she performed as Secretary of State?	John Dickerson	Sanders, Clinton, O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Let me ask you about Libya. So Libya is a country in which ISIS has taken hold in part because of the chaos after Muammar Gaddafi. That was an operation you championed. President Obama says this is the lesson he took from that operation; in an interview he said, the lesson was, "Do we have an answer for the day after?" Wasn't that suppose to be one of the lessons that we learned after the Iraq war? And how did you get it wrong with Libya if the key lesson of the Iraq war is have a plan for after?	John Dickerson	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Let me ask you, is the world too dangerous a place for a governor who has no foreign policy experience?	John Dickerson	O'Malley; Clinton, Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, you mentioned radical jihadists...Marco Rubio, also running for president, said that this attack showed — the attack in Paris — showed that we are at war with radical Islam. Do you agree with that characterization, radical Islam?... The reason I ask is that you gave a speech at Georgetown University in which you said that it was important to show, quote, respect even for one's enemy. Trying to understand, and in so far as psychologically possible, empathize with their perspective and point of view. Can you explain what that means in the context of this kind of barbarism?...Very quickly, do either of you, radical Islam, do either of you use that phrase?...The critique is that the softness of language betrays a softness of approach. So if this language — if you don't call it by what it is — how can your approach be effective to the cause?	John Dickerson	Clinton, Sanders, O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, the French president has called this attack an act of war. A couple of days ago, you were asked if you would declare war on ISIS and you said no. What would you say now?...If you were in the Senate, would you be okay with the commander in chief doing that [updating AUMF, authorization to use military force against terrorists] without coming back to you?	John Dickerson	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Let's add to whatever you've got to say. Refugees. You've been a little vague on what you would do about the Syrian refugees. What's your view on them now?	John Dickerson	Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Governor O'Malley, you have a magic number [of refugees]. I think it's 65,000. Does that number go up or down based on what happened yesterday?	John Dickerson	O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Let me ask you a question from Twitter which has come in, and this is a question on this issue of refugees. The question is, with the U.S. preparing to absorb Syrian refugees, how do you propose we screen those coming in to keep citizens safe?	Voter	Clinton

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2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, first to you. You want to cap individuals' prescription drug costs at \$250 a month. You want to make public college debt-free. You want community college to be free altogether. And you want mandatory paid family leave. So who pays for all that? Is it employers? Is it the taxpayers, and which taxpayers?	Nancy Cordes	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	A quick follow-up on that \$250-a-month cap. Wouldn't the pharmaceutical companies and the insurance companies just pass that cost on to the consumers in the form of higher premiums?	Nancy Cordes	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Governor O'Malley, you also want to make public college debt-free. You want states to freeze tuition. You've got your own family leave plan. How would you pay for it? In Maryland, you raised the sales tax, you raised the gas tax and you raised taxes on families making over \$150,000 a year. Is that the blueprint?	Nancy Cordes	O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, you want to make public college free altogether. You want to increase Social Security benefits and you want to spend \$1 trillion on infrastructure. So you said that to do some of these things, you'll impose a tax on top earners. How high would their rate go in a Sanders administration?	Nancy Cordes	Sanders; O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, Americans say that health care costs and wages are their top financial concerns. And health care deductibles, alone, have risen 67 percent over the past five years. Is this something that Obamacare was designed to address? And if not, why not?...Senator Sanders, a quick response, and then we'll get into health care again later.	Nancy Cordes	Clinton, Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Republicans say the borders — securing borders — is a top priority. Democrats say they want to plan for comprehensive immigration reform. So, Governor O'Malley, are you willing to compromise on this particular issue to focus on border security first in favor of keeping the country safe?	Kevin Cooney	O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Now, Secretary Clinton said you would go further than the President when it comes to taking executive action to implement immigration reforms. But the President's already facing legal trouble on this. We've seen it more just in the past week. Realistically, how could you go further with executive action?	Kevin Cooney	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	You called for raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour everywhere in the country. But the President's former chair of the Council of Economic Advisers, Alan Krueger, has said a national increase of \$15 could lead to undesirable and unintended consequences of job loss. What level of job loss would you consider unacceptable? ...You're calling for a \$15 an hour wage now but why did you stop at \$10.10 in your state?	Kathie Obradovich	Sanders, O'Malley; Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders recently said, quote, "People should be suspect of candidates who receive large sums of money from Wall Street and then go out and say 'Trust me. I'm going to really regulate Wall Street.'" So you've received millions of dollars in contributions and speaking fees from from Wall Street companies. How do you convince voters that you are going to level the playing field when you're indebted to some of its biggest players?...Senator Sanders you said that the donations to Secretary Clinton are compromising. So what did you think of her answer?	John Dickerson	Clinton, Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Governor, along with your answer, how many Wall Street veterans would you have in your administration?	John Dickerson	O'Malley, Clinton

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2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, you said that Senator Sanders is not tough enough on guns, but basically he now supports roughly the same things you do. So can tell us what the exact difference is going forward between the two of you on the issue of gun control?...You say that Senator Sanders took a vote that -- on immunity that you don't like. So if he can be tattooed by a single vote and that ruins all future opinions by him on this issue, why then isn't he right when he says your wrong vote on Iraq tattoos you forever in your judgment?...Senator, a mistake or not, your immunity vote?	John Dickerson	Clinton, Sanders; O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, but what is it in Secretary Clinton's record that shows you that she's been influenced by those [Wall Street] donations?...Final word, Governor O'Malley, before we go to commercial.	Nancy Cordes	Sanders, O'Malley; Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	You've said you'll have a revolution. But there's a conservative revolution going on in America right now. As John Boehner knows and as Democrats know, who have lost in state houses across the country. hose conservatives are watching tonight and probably shaking their heads. So how do you deal with that part of the country? The revolution's already happening, but on the other side?	John Dickerson	Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, you famously said in the last debate that you were sick and tired of hearing about your damn e- mails. But then you told the Wall Street Journal that the question about whether or not Secretary Clinton's e-mails compromised classified information were valid questions. So which is it? Is it an issue or is it not?	Kathie Obradovich	Sanders, Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	For Democrats, there's an FBI investigation going on. Can you satisfy Democrats, who might worry about an another shoe dropping, that you and your staff have been totally truthful to them, and that another shoe is not going to drop?	John Dickerson	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	The head of the FBI recently said it might be possible that some police forces are not enforcing the law, because they're worried about being caught on camera. The acting head of the drug enforcement administration said a similar thing. Where are you on this question? And what would do you if you were president, and two top members of your administration were floating that idea?	John Dickerson	O'Malley
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, one of your former colleagues, an African- American member of Congress, said to me recently that a young African- American man had asked him where to find hope in life. And he said, "I just don't know what to tell him about being young and black in America today." What would you tell that young African-American man?	John Dickerson	Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, you told some Black Lives Matter activists recently that there's a difference between rhetoric in activism and what you were trying to do, which was get laws passed that would help what they were pushing for. But recently, at the University of Missouri, that activism was very, very effective. So would you suggest that kind of activism take place at other universities across the country?	John Dickerson	Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Senator Sanders, we've heard a lot about this, you want to offer free tuition to public universities and colleges. A couple of questions about this: 63 percent of those who enroll graduate. First question, isn't this throwing a lot of money away if we're looking at a third of these people are not going to complete college? Well, one of the things you want to do is to have the states pay for about a third of this \$70 billion plan, correct? There are 16 states that are running budget deficits right now. Where are they expected to come up with this?...Governor O'Malley, jump in now.	Kevin Cooney	Sanders, O'Malley; Clinton
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	You'd prefer to scrap Obamacare and move to a single-payer system, essentially Medicare for all. You say you want to put the private insurance companies out of business. Is it realistic to think that you can pull the plug on a \$1 trillion industry?	Nancy Cordes	Sanders

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2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Secretary Clinton, back in 1994, you said that momentum for a single-payer system would sweep the country. That sounds Sanders-esque. But you don't feel that way anymore, why not?	Nancy Cordes	Clinton; Sanders
2 — Des Moines, IA — 11/14/15 — CBS News	Soon after your inauguration, you will face a crisis. All presidents do. What crisis you have experienced in your life that suggests you've been tested and can face that inevitable challenge?	John Dickerson	Clinton, Sanders, O'Malley