

DEBATE SCORE CARD 2008

Debate #1 – Friday September 26 University of MS

| The Candidates | <i>Barrack Obama</i> Democrat | <i>John McCain</i> Republican |
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| <u>ADDING POINTS</u> [points are added on a 1 to 10 point scale] | | |
| 1. Did the candidate use their opening statement in a positive way [set their agenda, differentiate themselves, etc.] | | |
| 2. Did the candidate use sound arguments, evidence, and logic to support their positions? | | |
| 3. Did the candidate answer questions effectively? | | |
| 4. Did the candidate illustrate presidential quality or personal appeal? | | |
| 5. Did the candidate use their closing statement in a positive way [set their agenda, differentiate themselves, etc.] | | |
| 6. Did the candidate meet or exceed expectations? | | |
| 7. Did the candidate accomplish what he needed to? | | |
| 8. Did the candidate control the agenda and remain on the offence? | | |
| 9. Did the candidate get the better of the opposition in key exchanges or confrontations? | | |
| 10. Did the candidate answer questions effectively? | | |
| Total Points | | |
| <u>DEDUCTING POINTS</u> [deduct up to five [5] points in any area that is a problem for the candidate; DO NOT deduct points if there is not a problem – 1-2 points for a minimal problem, 3-4 pints for a somewhat serious problem, and 5 points if it is a serious problem]] | | |
| 1. <i>Candidate Appearance</i> | | |
| Hair & grooming | | |
| Tired & worn | | |
| Clothing inappropriate or sloppy | | |
| Make up not well done | | |
| Poor posture | | |
| Unpleasant, distracting facial expressions | | |
| 2. <i>Tone</i> | | |
| Too negative, nasty | | |
| Weak, uncertain | | |
| Humorless, too intense | | |

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| | Obnoxious, arrogant, or ornery | | |
| 3. Speaking Style | | | |
| | Garbled, confused expression of ideas | | |
| | Incomplete, fragmented statements | | |
| | Inability to stay within time limits | | |
| | Too automated, too rehearsed | | |
| | Too loud, too low | | |
| | Lack of energy level | | |
| | Monotone, no inflection | | |
| 4. General Matters | | | |
| | Unprepared, lack of knowledge displayed | | |
| | Nervousness | | |
| | Ineffective opening | | |
| | Ineffective closing | | |
| | Lack of alertness | | |
| | Stiff or wooden demeanor | | |
| | Disorganized presentation | | |
| | Other: _____ | | |
| 5. Major Blunders [may deduct up to 10 points each] | | | |
| | Serious gaffe, embarrassing misstatement, or erroneous declaration | | |
| | Loss of cool, unpleasant display of anger or irritation | | |
| | Poor handling of an exchange with opponent or questioner | | |
| Total Deducted Points | | | |
| Total Added Points | | | |
| Debate Totals | | | |

General comments about the debate:

What is your advice as to what each candidate needs to work on for the next debate?

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| Obama | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2. 3. |
| McCain | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2. 3. |