

# Presidential Debate Quiz

1) Which Democratic candidate for President said their political hero was Cesar Chavez, the American labor leader and Latino civil rights activist who co-founded the United Farm Workers with Dolores Huerta?

- A. Pete Buttigieg
- B. Julián Castro
- C. Kristen Gillibrand
- D. Beto O'Rourke

2) In 1912, immigrant textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts went on strike for better pay and respect in what became known as the Bread and Roses strike. Which Democratic candidate kicked off their presidential campaign at the site of that historic strike?

- A. Bernie Sanders
- B. Tim Ryan
- C. Tulsi Gabbard
- D. Elizabeth Warren

3) Workers in SEIU and the Fight for \$15 and A Union have called candidates to support Unions For All. What is included in Unions for All?

- A. Bringing employers, workers and government together at industry-wide bargaining tables to negotiate wages, benefits, and working conditions.
- B. Establishing the federal labor law as the floor rather than the ceiling for laws governing worker organizing, allowing states and cities to empower workers to join together in a union beyond the limits of federal law.
- C. Ensuring that every public dollar is used to create good, union jobs and that every federal worker and contractor makes at least \$15 an hour and has the opportunity to join a union.
- D. Putting good union jobs at the center of any major economic proposal, such as Healthcare for All or the Green New Deal.
- E. All of the above.

4) The National Domestic Workers Bill of Rights would, among other things, extend federal labor and civil rights law protections to nannies, house cleaners and home care workers. Which presidential candidate introduced this bill in the U.S. Senate?

- A. Kamala Harris
- B. Bernie Sanders
- C. Elizabeth Warren
- D. Cory Booker

5) Which presidential candidate said, "If there is going to be class warfare in this country, it is time that the working class of this country won that war" in August 2019 when they released a plan calling for the end to "at-will" employment, doubling union membership during their first term in office, and advocating for industry-wide collective bargaining?

- A. Elizabeth Warren
- B. Amy Kloubacher
- C. Bernie Sanders
- D. Pete Buttigieg

6) SEIU invites presidential candidates to “Walk a Day in My Shoes” with an SEIU member or worker organizing to join the union so that they can understand that worker’s experience, challenges and joys. Which candidate worked side by side with April Perales, a home care worker in Las Vegas, doing caregiving tasks, washing dishes, vacuuming, and folding laundry in August 2019?

- A. Beto O’Rourke
- B. Andrew Yang
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Bill DeBlasio

7) At least six of the Democratic candidates for president are the children of immigrants. Whose parents did not immigrate to the United States?

- A. Michael Bennet
- B. Andrew Yang
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Julián Castro

8) Which presidential candidate has a collection of Converse Chuck Taylor sneakers?

- A. Steve Bullock
- B. Marianne Williamson
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Bill de Blasio

9) Who is the youngest candidate in the field, and, if elected, would be the youngest U.S. president in history by more than four years?

- A. Cory Booker
- B. Pete Buggieg
- C. Kamala Harris
- D. Tulsi Gabbard

10) Which presidential candidate is a self-avowed “Star Trek” fanatic?

- A. Cory Booker
- B. Elizabeth Warren
- C. Kristen Gillibrand
- D. Julián Castro

11) Many, but not all, of the Democratic presidential candidates support a Green New Deal which aims to achieve a “fair and just transition” to net-zero emissions and ties climate action to other progressive goals such as universal health care and a jobs guarantee. Which of the candidates below do not support a Green New Deal?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Beto O’Rourke
- C. Amy Kloubacher
- D. Steve Bullock

12) What percent of the citizen voting-age population reported voting in the last presidential election in 2016?

- A. 50%
- B. 61%
- C. 75%
- D. 80%

**13)** True or false, whichever candidate receives the most votes wins the race to be president.

- A. False
- B. True

**14)** While many of the 2020 candidates have siblings, only one has a twin. Who is it?

- A. Tulsi Gabbard
- B. Julián Castro
- C. Cory Booker
- D. Amy Klobucher

**15)** While many of the candidates running for president have won elections and prestigious honors, only one has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction, the nation's highest civilian honor. Who is it?

- A. Bernie Sanders
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Elizabeth Warren
- D. Cory Booker

# Presidential Debate Quiz Answers

1) Answer: B. Castro says the activism of Chavez and Huerta inspire him. His personal hero is his mom, Rosie Castro, a noted civil rights activist in San Antonio.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/us/politics/hero-democratic-candidates.html>

2) Answer: D. Elizabeth Warren is a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. The name Bread and Roses strike is inspired by a line from a James Oppenheim poem: "Hearts starve as well as bodies; give us bread, but give us roses!"

Source: <http://inthesetimes.com/features/democrats-2020-candidates-labor-stances-union-endorsements.html>

3) Answer: E. SEIU has called on all candidates to include these four points in their economic plans to ensure that all working people have the opportunity to unite in unions to bargain for better jobs and a better future for our families.

Source: <https://unionsforall.org/petition/4-things-all-candidates-should-have-in-their-plan-to-expand-unions/>

4) Answer: A. Sen. Kamala Harris and Rep. Pramila Jayapal introduced this bill in July 2019.

Source: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/11/29/opinions/domestic-workers-bill-of-rights-harris-poo-jayapal/index.html>

5) Answer: C. Sanders's "Workplace Democracy Plan" would end also federal contracts with employers that don't meet certain standards, like a \$15 minimum wage, end "Right To Work" laws, and push for a sectoral bargaining to set industry-wide minimum wages and benefits.

Source: <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/8/21/20826661/bernie-sanders-union-plan-labor-worker-rights-2020>

6) Answer: A. After the experience, O'Rourke said, "April has done such a good job explaining to me the importance of being a member of a union."

Source: <http://www.seiu.org/blog/2019/8/beto-orourke-walks-a-day-in-a-home-care-workers-shoes>

7) Answer: D. Castro's grandmother, Victoria Castro, came to the United States from Mexico when she was 7 years old.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/us/politics/family-history-democratic-candidates.html>

8) Answer: C. Of her collection, Harris says, "I have a black leather pair, a white pair, I have the kind that don't lace, the kind that do lace, the kind I wear in the hot weather, the kind I wear in the cold weather, and the platform kind for when I'm wearing a pantsuit."

Source: <https://www.aol.com/article/lifestyle/2019/01/22/kamala-harris-is-obsessed-with-converse-sneakers/>

9) Answer: B. Buttigieg is 37 years old. The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt, who became president at the age of 42 years.

Source:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/politics/dem-candidates-recognition-quiz/>

**10)** Answer: A. Booker credits his love to Star Trek to his dad who saw the show as a hopeful beacon. “My dad brought me up to understand that art—even in the most unconscionable, painful, degrading present—can help us pull ourselves and our society to a higher level.”

Source: <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/04/we-cant-make-our-elections-about-being-against-trump/554072/>

**11)** Answer: D. SEIU supports the Green New Deal because it makes unions central to accomplishing the ambitious goal of an environmentally responsible and economically just society.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/politics/policy-2020/climate-change/>

**12)** Answer: B. While overall 61% of the citizen voting-age population voted, participation varied greatly by age and race with the highest participation rates being among white voters and voters 65 and older.

Source: [https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2017/05/voting\\_in\\_america.html](https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2017/05/voting_in_america.html)

**13)** Answer: A. The president and vice-president are elected by the Electoral College, not by popular vote. While the Electoral College usually votes for the candidate that won the most votes, they have not always as in the case of Donald Trump who lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by 2.8 million votes.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Electoral\\_College](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Electoral_College)

**14)** Answer: B. Castro’s twin brother, Joaquin, represents Texas’ 20th Congressional District in the U.S. House. Joaquin once subbed in for his brother in a parade during Julián’s mayoral campaign in San Antonio.

Source: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/08/2020-candidates-president-guide/582598/>

**15)** Answer: B. President Obama awarded then Vice President Biden the medal in January 2017 saying, “To know Joe Biden is to know love without pretense, service without self-regard, and to live life fully.”

Source: <https://www.politico.com/story/2017/01/obama-surprises-biden-with-presidential-medal-of-freedom-233558>