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**I know who will win the debate
(sent before the debate)**

Greetings Friends,

I remember **September 26, 1960** as if it were yesterday, even though that was 60 years and three days ago. A few of you are old enough to remember the **Nixon-Kennedy debates** as well, the first ever televised presidential debate.



Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon

The problem was that Vice President Richard Nixon did not understand that “image” often trumps “substance.” Nixon “lost” the debate, or so it is claimed. **How did he lose?**

- 1) Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy was not nearly as well known, thus people were still forming opinions about him. Nixon was well known, thus he had the most to lose.
- 2) Kennedy was a Catholic. Many were afraid of electing a Catholic. The debate seemed to largely dissolve the issue.
- 3) Kennedy came off cool. The imagery of Camelot was about to arise.

4) Outgoing President Dwight Eisenhower appeared old at 69. Kennedy was youthful and young at 43. American was (unknown at the time) in for a massive cultural shift. “Youth” became more valued than the wisdom of older persons.

But the most important issues were these last two:

5) Kennedy came off calm, while Nixon, under the hot lights, was noticeably perspiring.

6) Nixon looked less presidential in a gray suit, while Kennedy appeared more presidential in a dark suit.

Are those substantive issues? Of course not. But most people don’t think about the issues. Many are emotionally impacted, based on image. They often vote on “likeability.” They “liked” Kennedy. And Mayor Daly in Chicago was ready to do what he had to do to make sure the election went to Kennedy, thus waited to turn in Cook County votes until way into the night to see how many votes were needed.

And then, sometimes a debate is summarized by one remark. The classic line of all time, when Ronald Reagan was considered to be too old to be running for the presidency, was delivered by him against Walter Mondale. Reagan was 69, and would later be the oldest to ever be inaugurated as President at that time. (By the way, Trump was older, at 70, and Biden is now 77.) Ronald Reagan, when challenged about his age, delivered the classic punchline, “I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent’s youth and inexperience.” [VIEW IT BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

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And now comes the first debate between former Vice President Joe Biden and President Trump. Biden has been doing political debates for almost a half century. Donald Trump did a number of them three years ago.

Who will win? Well, I am not a betting man, so I won't bet. **But there is a 99.9% chance that the New York Times, the Washington Post, ABC, NBC, CBS, NPR, CNN and MSNBC will declare Biden the winner.**

Joe will make an appeal that hits the heart of all: that he feels their pain because he has lost a wife and a son.

Allow me to be personal. As one who has lost a wife, and one who grew up in a family of five children in which two never made it past age 19, I (like most of you) know the pain of loss. And **Joe Biden is to be affirmed for walking through life's pains.** He is to be congratulated for raising his family.

However, that alone does not qualify one to lead the country. Empathy is to be valued, for sure. But there is something odd about the portrayal of Biden's empathy. I would think that any man who has dealt with such horrific pain would be mindful of those in our midst who are least able to defend themselves, yet are, with no anesthesia, ripped to pieces. I speak, as you know, of the **60+ million babies that have been murdered in the womb.** Wouldn't a man who has such compassion (as we are told he does – as that was the central theme of the entire Democratic National Convention), have empathy for these most defenseless ones? Apparently not.

But – back to the topic at hand?

**The “Main Stream Media” has their candidate.
And they will declare him a winner tonight.**

But what matters is November 3rd...

(newsletter sent at 5:15pm PT)

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