

# Questions Asked at the Presidential Candidate Debates

Party	Date	City	Candidates Present	Candidates Not Present	Host(s)	Focus	General Numbers			
							Total Questions	Questions Related to Human Rights	Questions Not Related to Human Rights	% of Questions Related to Human Rights
Democratic	04/26/07	Orangeburg, SC	8		NBC, South Carolina Democratic Party	First Democratic Debate	76	0	76	0.0%
Democratic	06/03/07	Manchester, NH	8		CNN, New Hampshire Union Leader		108	13	95	12.0%
Democratic	06/28/07	Washington, DC	8		PBS	Issues Concerning African Americans	65	8	57	12.3%
Democratic	07/23/07	Charleston, SC	8		CNN, YouTube, South Carolina Democratic Party, DNC	Questions from YouTube	124	7	117	5.6%
Democratic	08/08/07	Chicago, IL	7	Gravel	AFL-CIO, MSNBC		69	0	69	0.0%
Democratic	08/09/07	Los Angeles, CA	6	Biden, Dodd	Human Rights Campaign, Logo Network	Issues Concerning GLBT Community	32	0	32	0.0%
Democratic	08/19/07	Des Moines, IA	8		ABC, Iowa Democratic Party, DNC		77	0	77	0.0%
Democratic	09/09/07	Miami/Coral Gables, FL	7	Biden	Univision (Broadcast in Spanish only)	Issues Concerning Hispanics	56	4	52	7.7%
Democratic	09/20/07	Davenport, IA	5	Gravel, Kucinich, Obama	PBS, Iowa Public Television	Health Care and Financial Security	84	0	84	0.0%
Democratic	09/26/07	Hanover, NH	8		MSNBC		130	10	120	7.7%
Democratic	10/30/07	Philadelphia, PA	7	Gravel	NBC		90	0	90	0.0%
Democratic	11/15/07	Las Vegas, NV	7	Gravel	CNN, Nevada Democratic Party		90	7	83	7.8%
Democratic	12/04/07	Des Moines, IA	7	Richardson	NPR, Iowa Public Radio		102	7	95	6.9%
Democratic	12/13/07	Des Moines, IA	6	Gravel, Kucinich	Des Moines Register, Iowa Public Television, AARP		75	4	71	5.3%
Democratic Debate Totals							1178	60	1118	5.1%
Republican	05/03/07	Simi Valley, CA	10 (including Brownback, Gilmore)		MSNBC	First Republican Debate	158	0	158	0.0%
Republican	05/15/07	Columbia, SC	10 (including Brownback, Gilmore)		Fox, Republican Party of South Carolina		68	8	60	11.8%
Republican	06/05/07	Manchester, NH	10 (including Brownback, Gilmore)		CNN, WMUR-TV, New Hampshire Union Leader		106	0	106	0.0%
Republican	08/05/07	Des Moines, IA	9 (including Brownback)		ABC		80	10	70	12.5%
Republican	09/05/07	Durham, NH	8 (including Brownback)	Thompson	Fox, Republican Party of New Hampshire		71	7	64	9.9%
Republican	09/17/07	Fort Lauderdale, FL	7 (including Brownback, Cox, Keyes)	Giuliani, McCain, Romney, Thompson	World Net Daily	Values Voter Presidential Debate	88	3	85	3.4%
Republican	09/27/07	Baltimore, MD	6 (including Brownback, Keyes)	Giuliani, McCain, Romney, Thompson	PBS, Morgan State University	Issues Concerning African Americans	64	6	58	9.4%
Republican	10/09/07	Dearborn, MI	9 (including Brownback)		CNBC, Michigan Republican Party, University of Michigan-Dearborn	Economy	118	0	118	0.0%
Republican	10/21/07	Orlando, FL	8		Fox, Republican Party of Florida		57	0	57	0.0%
Republican	11/28/07	St. Petersburg, FL	8		CNN, YouTube, Republican Party of Florida	Questions from YouTube	107	5	102	4.7%
Republican	12/09/07	Miami/Coral Gables, FL	7	Tancredo	Univision (Broadcast in Spanish only)	Issues Concerning Hispanics	58	6	52	10.3%
Republican	12/12/07	Des Moines, IA	9 (including Keyes)		Des Moines Register, Iowa Public Television		100	1	99	1.0%
Republican Debate Totals							1075	46	1029	4.2%
Grand Total Numbers							2253	106	2147	4.7%
Grand Total Percentages										

\***Democratic Candidates:** Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, and Bill Richardson  
\***Republican Candidates:** Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, and Fred Thompson

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Party	Date	Human Rights Questions					Foreign Policy Questions			Primarily Domestic Questions										
		Darfur	Torture, Interrogation, Guantanamo	Promoting Democracy	Trade and Human Rights	Potential Genocide in Iraq	Ratifying the International Criminal Court	Iraq	9/11, Terrorism, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan	General Foreign Policy	Personal Politics, Politicians, Party Values	Economy (Including Taxes, Gas Prices, Social Security, Trade, Labor)	Social/Moral Issues (Including Same-Sex Marriage, Abortion, Prayer, Stem Cell Research, Evolution, and Religion)	Immigration	Health Care	Race and Domestic Policy	Education	Environment (Including Global Warming and Energy Conservation)	Crime and Gun Control	Misc
Democratic	04/26/07							11	9	6	22		6	1	5			3	3	10
Democratic	06/03/07	8		1		4		17	13	11	12	6	5	8	9					14
Democratic	06/28/07	8										16				33			8	
Democratic	07/23/07	7						17		5	23	15	9		6	5	15	8	2	12
Democratic	08/08/07							15		8	13	16		1	3	1	1	1		10
Democratic	08/09/07												32							
Democratic	08/19/07							11	5		33	12	8		4		4			
Democratic	09/09/07			4				5	2	2		2		17	7	14	3			
Democratic	09/20/07							5			5	38			34			2		
Democratic	09/26/07		9			1		17	9	6	19	17	13	8		1				30
Democratic	10/30/07							4	17		22	7		7	7		7	8		11
Democratic	11/15/07			7				4	5		22	20	10	14		4				4
Democratic	12/04/07					7			22	26		11		36						
Democratic	12/13/07					4		4		2	25	14					8	10		8
Dem. Totals		23	9	12	11	5	0	110	82	66	196	174	83	92	75	58	38	32	13	99
Republican	05/03/07							10	12		51	10	43	12	1	2		2		15
Republican	05/15/07		8					9	3		8	19	6	9		2		1		3
Republican	06/05/07							17	5		35		20	20	4			5		
Republican	08/05/07			10				11	4		30	11	6		8					
Republican	09/05/07		7					17	14		6	7	4	11					3	2
Republican	09/17/07	1			1		1			11	2	6	49	12	2					3
Republican	09/27/07	6						6				6		6	6	12	4		12	6
Republican	10/09/07							6	11		15	61		4	3	1		7	5	5
Republican	10/21/07							5	2	3	17		6		17		3			4
Republican	11/28/07		5					5		3	7	24	21	14		4			16	8
Republican	12/09/07			6				7						13	5	21	6			
Republican	12/12/07				1						40	34	2				13	10		
Rep. Totals		7	20	16	2	0	1	93	51	17	211	178	157	101	46	42	26	25	36	46
Grand Total Numbers		30	29	28	13	5	1	203	133	83	407	352	240	193	121	100	64	57	49	145
Grand Total Percentages		1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	X	9.0%	6.0%	3.7%	18.1%	15.6%	10.7%	8.6%	5.4%	4.4%	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%	6.4%

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