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A Better Way to Debate

Are you tired of the baiting and frivolousness of the presidential debates? Intelligence Squared U.S., which holds real debates around the country, suggests an abbreviated Lincoln-Douglas format. They suggest one-hour debates on a single topic that, to quote them in The Wall Street Journal, “will show how well the candidates think on their feet, how deeply they know the subject, how well they understand the trade-offs, and how persuasive they are without teleprompters.”

Each candidate would have a seven-minute opening statement, there would be rebuttals and a two-minute closing argument. On average, they say, 46 percent of the attendees have changed their minds at the 117 such debates they’ve held. I like the idea. How about you?


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