The first presidential debate

Highlights from Sunday's presidential debate between President Clinton and Bob Dole:

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Taxes	Dole touted his plan to cut income taxes by 15 percent. He stated Clinton reneged on his promise to cut taxes and then backed the biggest tax increase in history.	• President Clinton said his targeted tax cuts were affordable and noted that a tax plan the then-Sen. Dole supported in 1982 was actually the largest tax increase in history accounting for inflation.
Foreign policy	Dole said Haitian democracy is not secure and Bosnia is still troubled. He also criticized Clinton's go-it-alone missile attack on Iraq, saying it left Saddam Hussein stronger.	• Clinton said his policies have helped bring peace to Haiti and Bosnia and made progress in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.
Education	Dole attacked Clinton's opposition to aid to people who send their children to private schools and defended his position that the Education Department should be abolished saying the money could be used for schlorships.	• Clinton said he supports school choice within the public schools but said the federal government cannot take money away from the public schools. He said it is important to have someone representing kids in the Cabinet.
Drugs	Dole blamed Clinton for increased teenage drug use during his term and said that under a Dole administration, the National Guard would be trained to stop drugs at the border. He noted that Clinton's former surgeon general suggested considering legalizing drugs.	• Clinton accepted some of the blame for the nation's drug problems. He criticized Dole for voting against the 1993 crime bill that imposed the death penalty for drug kingpins.

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Clinton, Dole back on campaign trial

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — Hustling back to the campaign trail after their first debate, Bob Dole pressed his comeback quest Monday by insisting he's the candidate voters can trust while President Clinton pursued business support in states that normally vote Republican.

Both candidates were trying to build on momentum they claimed from Sunday's showdown in Hartford, Conn., although early polls suggested the debate had produced little movement in the race.

Traveling across New Jersey in a bus caravan, an energized Dole underscored a line of attack he had sounded in the debate.

"When people think of Bob Dole, I want them to think of the word trust. Trust. Trust. And when they think of the word Bill Clinton, I want them to think of the word fear," Dole told supporters gathered on a high school football field. "I trust you, you trust me."

Dole pressed his plan for a 15-percent tax cut by campaigning with Republican Gov. Christie Whitman, who upset Democratic incumbent James Florio in 1993 largely on the promise of a big tax cut.

Clinton, for his part, all but ignored the debate in remarks to a business audience in Hartford, where he accepted the endorsement of 2,500 corporate leaders, many of whom already were known as Clinton supporters.

"I have wondered for years why the Democratic Party shouldn't have at least as much support in the business community as the other party," Clinton said. If the president was publicly ignoring the debate, not all his supporters were.

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A sign hanging from the balcony read, "One Down. Congratulations, Mr. President!"

Both campaigns unleashed new ads to complement the candidates' messages, Dole's casting Clinton as "a real spend-and-tax liberal," and Clinton's promoting his presidency as "moving people from welfare to work. Meeting our challenges."

Perot criticizes President

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ross Perot on Monday derided the first presidential debate as "pingpong" and proof of his contention he was kept out to keep the focus off issues such as campaign reform and the national debt.

"We were in the 1992 debates and we were excluded from the 1996 debates, and if you watched last night, you'll know why," Perot told the annual clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons.

"They didn't have to talk about the real issues. We kept dragging that little skunk up by the tail" four years ago.

Perot, who unsuccessfully challenged a bipartisan debate commission's decision to exclude him from the televised debate between President Clinton and Republican Bob Dole, said the panel wanted "a nice, tight little theatrical event, which you saw last night."

"If you listened last night, it was confusing because they were both playing pingpong, and denying what the other said, and not getting to the facts and the numbers," Perot told the standing room crowd of 2,000.

The Texas billionaire, returning to a favorite campaign theme, warned that the nation is headed for "financial meltdown" if tougher action isn't taken on the national budget, trade deficits and debt.

Perot flew cross-country after a post-debate appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live" to keep his longstanding speech commitment here. The public-shy Perot plans to make more personal appearances before Election Day, according to his campaign spokesperson Sharon Holman. She said a schedule of other speaking appearances, rallies and television spots is being put together.

Perot

Perot has complained about difficulty in purchasing prime-time television spots for his 30-minute campaign commercials, but an Oct. 12 buy has been made on Fox at 9:30 p.m. EDT, and another is in the works with CBS.

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Letbetter said products that fail receive approval bear unaccept- e artwork.

"Most of the problems my of- e experiences occur with the work manufacturers and what dents want to use on their ducts," Letbetter said.

Letbetter said the licensing process assures that product bearing the A&M name will positively represent the University.

Letbetter said he will not approve dorms who use the name of the University in a negative manner.

He said he has refused requests from dorms wanting to use Playboy bunnies, profanity or nudity on their T-shirts because he and his staff consider them offensive. Letbetter said when he rejects an item he is following guideline 14, which states that "any artwork found to be 'degrading,' 'demeaning,' or 'simply ugly' will not be approved to carry the University's trademarks."

Letbetter has been with the licensing office for 8 1/2 years and makes the final decision in approving a product after discussion with his staff. He also asks students' opinions of certain T-shirts and slogans seeking approval.

Letbetter said there are three purposes for the licensing office, but its primary goal is to protect the outstanding Aggie reputation.

These purposes include protecting University trademarks, promoting A&M and making a profit.

He said messages on A&M paraphernalia are a direct reflection of what Aggies are like.

"Some students feel I am too conservative," Letbetter said. "But remember that whatever is written on a T-shirt or a bumper sticker or anything else that says Texas A&M goes out into the world to say what kind of people Aggies are."

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