



# OPINION

VIEWS FROM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE H-Z

## **Debates will add nothing**

In a previous issue, Byron York discussed presidential debates. He says they have been effective. He argues there is a continuing need for them.

Two counter points to be made. First, as every English teacher will tell you, they are not true debates. They are nothing more than joint press conferences sprinkled with raised eyebrows, frowns and snarkiness.

Second, in past elections there were many undecided at this point. That is not true now. Just ask around. Most minds are made up.

We have the ever-Trumpers will vote for him no matter what. The never-Trumpers will vote for anyone but him.

Meanwhile the few voters in the middle are disgusted. In a country with so much talent they ask, "Are these two the best we can do?"

For example, they note that one candidate said it would be easy to train out-of-work miners in a declining coal industry to be computer programmers. And then the other

candidate thinks that Colorado and Mexico share a common border.

Those few undecided voters are also tired of all the negativity. They do not look forward to even more harangues. Therefore they are not likely to watch the shows.

The obvious conclusion is that this year, unlike previous years, 'debates' will be a waste of time.

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