



**** TODAY: NH-SEN OPEN DEBATE AT 8PM ET ****

Tonight's New Hampshire Open Debate Could Determine Control of US Senate

**Open Debate Coalition Partners with NH1 News on Face
Off Between Democrat Gov. Maggie Hassan and
Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte**

**50% of Questions to be Chosen from Top 30 Questions Submitted and Voted On
By the Public at OpenDebateQuestions.com**

Tonight, at 8pm ET, the cross-partisan Open Debate Coalition is partnering with NH1 News on a debate between New Hampshire U.S. Senate candidates Maggie Hassan (D) and Kelly Ayotte (R) -- the first ever Open Debate in a senate general election. NH1 moderators Paul Steinhauser and Keke Vencill will dedicate half of the 60-minute debate to questions submitted and voted on by the public at the bottom-up platform, OpenDebateQuestions.com. The people's top-voted questions could impact the race that could determine control of the U.S. Senate.

Yesterday, the Coalition partnered with NH1 News hold the first-ever gubernatorial Open Debate between Democrat Colin Van Ostern and Republican Chris Sununu -- where 7 bottom-up questions were used (see below). NH1 News Director Robb Atkinson said, "Several of the issues raised by the public in the Open Debate Coalition's submission and voting process were questions our news team never would have thought of ourselves."

The New Hampshire debates build on the Coalition's momentum after being prominently credited in two presidential debates in a row as a source of questions voted on by millions of people -- and having questions asked.

WHAT: First-ever general Senate Open Debate in NH

WHO: Maggie Hassan (D)
Kelly Ayotte (R)
Moderators:
Paul Steinhauser
Keke Vencill
Partners:
Open Debate Coalition
NH1 News

WHEN: Today, Oct. 27, 8pm ET

WHERE: NH1 Studios, Manchester, NH

TV: NH1 & C-SPAN

RADIO: 99.1 NH1 News, & 107.3 WEMJ-FM

ONLINE: OpenDebateQuestions.com, NH1.com, & C-SPAN.org

Open Debate Coalition Credited in Presidential Debates:

DEBATE #3: CHRIS WALLACE (FOX): The Bipartisan Open Debate Coalition got millions of votes on questions to ask here and this was in fact one of the top questions that they got. [How will you ensure the Second Amendment is protected?](#)

DEBATE #2: MARTHA RADDATZ (ABC): "This next question come from the public through the bipartisan Open Debate Coalition's online forum, where Americans submitted questions that generated millions of votes." As USA Today [reports](#), "Clinton was asked about a Friday Wikileaks release in a question from the public that emerged through the Open Debate Coalition's online forum."

The cross-partisan Open Debate Coalition was formed during the 2008 election cycle, and includes Americans for Tax Reform, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, FreedomWorks, MoveOn, Faith & Freedom Coalition, the National Organization of Women, Young Republicans, Young Democrats, craigslist founder Craig Newmark, Electronic Frontier Foundation President Cindy Cohn, Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, and many more (See full list of coalition members [here](#)).

Questions from OpenDebateQuestions.com Used in Last Night's NH-Gov Open Debate:

What will you do to make it easier for people in recovery to get jobs?

Many drug addicts have criminal records related to their addictions which prevent them from getting good jobs or from even being able to apply for most jobs. Unemployment leads to relapses.

Submitted by: **Bridget B. from NH**
Oct. 12, 2016, 10:27 p.m.
Issue area: **Questions for gubernatorial candidates**

Do you support cannabis decriminalization?

Decriminalization and legalization are two separate issues and should be separate questions. In NH you face a criminal record and one year in jail for even the smallest amount of cannabis.

Submitted by: **J C. from NH**
Oct. 13, 2016, 11:32 a.m.
Issue area: **Questions for gubernatorial candidates**

Would you support laws requiring health care providers to publish their prices?

Obamacare's a failure. Forced purchasing of insurance isn't the answer. Providers should publish prices & charge all the same, regardless of insurance.

Submitted by: **Cindy K. from NH**
Oct. 21, 2016, 3:52 p.m.
Issue area: **Questions for gubernatorial candidates**

Will you support a Paid Family and Medical Leave program for all NH citizens?

Paid Family and Medical leave will level the playing field for employees and employers and ensure that everyone who needs this support will get it. What would your plan for NH look like?

Submitted by: **Christina D. from NH**
Oct. 17, 2016, 2:04 p.m.
Issue area: **Questions for gubernatorial candidates**

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TONIGHT: **@ColinVanOstern** & **@ChrisSununu** face off in **#NHGov @OpenDebate!** Vote on questions and WATCH:



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