

## To Mr. Lester Holt:

We write on behalf of UltraViolet--a community of 1 million women and men mobilized to fight sexism and expand women's rights, from politics and government to media and pop culture--to ask you to remedy the lack of coverage of issues that primarily impact women during this election cycle in the upcoming September 26 presidential debate.

With the nomination of the first woman to a major party ticket and the unprecedented role of sexism in a presidential race, we strongly urge you to end the media's poor coverage of these issues as you moderate the first of these debates. As you know, women's votes are decisive in elections.

With over 1,000 questions submitted, and over 44,500 votes cast, the women and men of UltraViolet chose the following questions for your consideration:

- As President, will you commit to keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers? What specifically will you do to address domestic violence against women?
- Would you guarantee the right to have safe and effective access to abortions and sexual health services to all women?
- Quality child care is increasingly unaffordable, especially for Black and brown families, what will you do to fix that?
- What is one policy that you will enact that will make a tangible impact on the daily lives of working women?
- Will your Department of Justice challenge state laws that contravene Roe v. Wade, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, or Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, making abortion unavailable?
- What will you be doing to ensure equal pay for equal work for women?
- Food insecurity disproportionately impacts women. How will food insecurity and recent SNAP cuts be addressed?
- Should politicians have the power to ask doctors to give medically inaccurate information regarding abortion to women?
- What will you do to expand pre-K education and improve working conditions for teachers?

You can find all questions UltraViolet members believe to be most urgent at <u>debates.weareultraviolet.org</u>.

As the moderator tasked to launch the debates between the presidential nominees, you have the ability to propel into national conversation the issues paramount to women all over the country--issues that continue to be ignored in mainstream media coverage, despite the crucial role women are playing during this particular election cycle.

We look forward to your moderation and will be watching carefully on September 26.

Sincerely,

Nita Chaudhary and Shaunna Thomas, Co-Founders, UltraViolet