

Taylor Swift Tries to Put Her Finger on the Electoral Scale, Picks Between Trump and Kamala

If you're one of those hardcore Democrats who rage against NFL fans who are irked by cutaways to Taylor Swift taking away attention from Kansas City Chiefs games, all I have to say is this: Now you know how they feel.

On Tuesday night, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump met for the first presidential debate. I say first because things went well enough for Harris that, almost immediately following the match-up, her campaign said they were up for a rematch – something they hadn't agreed to.

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Like it or not, Trump fans, but Tuesday wasn't an unalloyed victory – nor, in fact, was anyone spinning it that way. After a strong start, the debate turned into a three-on-one in which both moderators repeatedly rebuked Trump for virtually every breath of air he took.

It didn't help matters any, either, that the former president managed to take the bait on a Harris dig about crowd sizes that literally nobody should have cared about – but that, unfortunately, Trump did, very much.

Trump regained his footing later in the debate, especially delivering a strong closing statement – but, by that point, the headlines had already written themselves.

Here are just a few from the front splash page of The New York

Times, pretty much the official party organ of the Democratic establishment: "Harris Puts Trump on Defensive in Fierce Debate." "Donald Trump Made a Raving, Rambling Fool of Himself in That Debate." "Over 90 Minutes, Trump Descended to His True Self."

It was nowhere near that bad, of course, but Tuesday night was going to be Kamala's night in establishment media-land. Or it was going to be her night, except for a scene-stealer and attention sponge that we've come to know (bad pun incoming) all too well.

Yes, on a night where the import thing should have been Americans deciding who they would vote for as the leader of the free world, Taylor Swift decided it was high time make America know who she was voting for to be said leader.

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"Like many of you, I watched the debate tonight. If you haven't already, now is a great time to do your research on the issues at hand and the stances these candidates take on the topics that matter to you the most. As a voter, I make sure to watch and read everything I can about their proposed policies and plans for this country," she said on Instagram.

"I will be casting my vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the 2024 Presidential Election. I'm voting for @kamalaharris because she fights for the rights and causes I believe need a warrior to champion them. I think she is a steady-handed, gifted leader and I believe we can accomplish so much more in this country if we are led by calm and not chaos. I was so heartened and impressed by her selection of running mate @timwalz, who has been standing up for LGBTQ+ rights, IVF, and a woman's right to her own body for decades," she continued.

"I've done my research, and I've made my choice. Your research is all yours to do, and the choice is yours to make. I also want to say, especially to first time voters: Remember that in order to vote, you have to be registered! I also find it's much easier to vote early. I'll link where to register and find early voting dates and info in my story."

She signed off as "Taylor Swift, Childless Cat Lady." Sigh.