



2019 MUNK LEADERS DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY

DEBATE RULES

Time and Location

Tuesday October 1, 2019
Roy Thomson Hall - Toronto
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ET

Invited Participants

Justin Trudeau
Andrew Scheer
Jagmeet Singh
Elizabeth May

Moderator

Rudyard Griffiths

Stage Setting

The Leaders will stand behind lecterns on stage before a live audience of approximately 2,700 members of the Munk Debates.

The leaders' lectern positions will be decided by draw.

There will be a stool behind each lectern.

There is no access to the set by any campaign before the day of the debate except for necessary security personnel.

Each leader and up to four campaign staff (not including any security personnel) will be afforded private time on the afternoon of the debate to see the set, check lighting, cameras, wardrobe, and visit the dressing room if time permits.

Private time is not a media event and times will not be made public.

The time for each visit will be determined in advance by draw.

If there are any concerns at this time, they should be brought to the attention of the executive producer.

He will endeavor to find a solution. His decisions are final.

Debate Format

There will be 4 major segments in the debate, interspersed with 4 smaller segments.

Each major segment will begin with a question to one of the leaders. That leader will have up to one minute to answer. A countdown clock will be in visual range of the leader to help guide the leader's use of time.

Once that leader has answered there will be a one on one debate with another leader. That will run approximately 6 minutes, but it could run longer or shorter based on the moderator's and producer's assessment of how the debate is flowing.

Then the other two leaders will join the debate for another 8 minutes. Again, that is an approximate timing.

The moderator may ask supplementary questions at any time to keep the debate flowing and on topic.

Each leader will handle the lead-off question once. Each leader will debate two of the other leaders one on one.

The four smaller segments will begin with a question to one of the leaders. That leader will have about 45 seconds to answer. This will not be timed precisely, but if the leader goes far beyond 45 seconds, the moderator will step in to bring in the other leaders.

Once the answer is given, there will be a four-way debate for about 5 minutes.

Language

Leaders have the opportunity to speak in either official language at any time during the debate.

Moderator's Role

The moderator will have sole discretion over the flow of the debate.

The moderator will ensure that each leader has a reasonable and fair opportunity to be heard during each segment. The leaders will respect each other's right to speak in order to make points uninterrupted.

Preparation

The Munk Debates will provide a general list of potential topics to be covered during the debates. This information will be provided to the leaders at least 5 days prior to the debate.

Other Details

The leaders will be allowed to bring pens, blank paper or cards on stage for note taking. No other print or electronic resources will be permitted.

Each leader will be provided with a dressing room and a staff room

Each campaign will provide its own makeup needs.

Up to four staff may accompany the leader backstage, plus immediate family, security detail and makeup.

A dedicated media room will be provided. The campaigns will have access to this facility only after the debate is over.

The Munk Debates will make its clean, natural sound, live feed of the debate available free of charge to any broadcaster or website. It will also allow free use of excerpts for news coverage but only once the debate is completed.

After the Debate

The Munk Debates will arrange for each leader to answer questions from the media at a designated location if he or she so chooses. Each session will run for about 5 minutes. The order of appearance will be decided by draw.

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