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DEBATE
WATCH
PARTY
TOOLKIT

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HOST A DEBATE WATCH PARTY

Launched in 1998, the #YallaVote campaign is the foundation of our grassroots voter mobilization and education programming.

Regrettably, as this election season progresses, the presence of bigoted rhetoric has made its way to the campaign trail. We’ve been using #NoBigotry on social media to challenge hate speech in the 2016 cycle from both Republicans and Democrats alike, and to keep our candidates accountable.

Watching debates is one of the best ways to educate ourselves before we head to the polls on November 8th. Watching the debates with a group of people, however is even better, because it allows you to engage in discussion during and after the debate is over. And everyone knows discussion begets more discussion which begets education and eventually progress. So, how do you watch a debate with a group of people, discuss the issues debated and have fun doing it? Lucky for you, AAI has come up with this brilliant toolkit to help you host your own debate watch party fit for this unique election year.

Here are some ways to step up your debate watch party experience!
OPEN INVITATION

Invite guests to your house, local cafe, or university student center. Keep in mind that inviting people with different political leanings always makes for a more interesting discussion. Always remember to keep your discussions lively—and respectful.

BINGO!

Keep your guests involved as much as possible, encouraging them to share their opinions and reminding them to register to vote, if they’re not already registered. One fun way to keep them engaged in the debate is to pass out a topical debate Bingo sheet before the debate. Lucky for you, we’ve made one that you can use and share below!

KEEP SNAPPING

Remember to document your watch party—extensively. Make sure to share photos and videos of your watch party with us on Facebook and Twitter, using the hashtag #YallaVote. To make matters even more entertaining, we’ve provided a few cut-outs for a phoobooth fitting for any voter—especially an Arab American one. Be sure to cut them out, paste them on some coffee stirrers or tongue depressers and you’re good to go! Yalla Vote!
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