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Busing Changed Countless Lives. We Want to Hear From Those Who Have Experienced It.

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No one could have anticipated that one of the most striking moments of the second Democratic debate would be about busing.

But the practice, at the center of a heated exchange between Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Senator Kamala Harris, has been a sore subject for decades.

For some, busing was a lifeline, a policy that profoundly changed their future by creating more opportunity. Others have called it counterproductive, heavy handed and an unfortunate mistake.

Across the country, many Americans have argued that busing students to integrate schools was a failure, but research shows that integration measures like busing, when fully implemented, proved an effective tool in closing the achievement gap and building understanding across lines of race and class.

Today, desegregation efforts have gone beyond court-ordered busing to include a variety of methods, ones not necessarily mandated by law.

We want to hear from you. Do you or your children have experience being transported to a school as part of integration efforts, either in the past or today — voluntarily or by court order? How has that experience changed your life?

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