



Questions in Context:

The First Republican Debate
By the Numbers

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With the first official Republican primary debate completed, this is a review of the topics covered in the questions. These are the results from both the debate among the top ten, and the debate among those outside the top ten.

General Topic Area	Outside Top Ten		Top Ten		Total	
	Number of Questions	% of Total Questions	Number of Questions	% of Total Questions	Combined: Number of Questions	Combined: % of Total Questions
Economy	1	3.8%	5	10.4%	6	8.1%
Education	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	1	1.4%
Electability	8	30.8%	10	20.8%	18	24.3%
Foreign Policy/ National Security	5	19.2%	12	25.0%	17	23.0%
Healthcare	0	0.0%	1	2.1%	1	1.4%
Immigration	1	3.8%	5	10.4%	6	8.1%
Other Candidates	3	11.5%	2	4.2%	5	6.8%
Presidential Priorities	1	3.8%	1	2.1%	2	2.7%
Social Issues	5	19.2%	8	16.7%	13	17.6%
Spending/National Debt	2	7.7%	3	6.3%	5	6.8%
Total	26	100.0%	48	100.0%	74	100.0%

We will be doing this after each debate and we will show the results from that debate as well as a running total across all the debates.

Additionally, there is also included in this report a list of the questions asked and to whom each question was directed. In future reports, we will expand the analysis similar to what we did in reviewing the 2012 Republican primary debates.

Debate Number – Location – Date – Sponsor(s)	Question	Asker	To Whom (or to whom it was directed by moderator)
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You were in charge of the 12th largest economy in the world, and you recently said that four years ago, you weren't ready for this job. Why should someone vote for you now?	Bill Hemmer	Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Carly, you were CEO of Hewlett-Packard. You ran for Senate and lost in California in 2010. This week, you said “Margaret Thatcher was not content to manage a great nation in decline, and neither am I.” Given your current standings in the polls, is the Iron Lady comparison a stretch?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Santorum, you won the Iowa caucus four years ago and 10 other states. But you failed to beat Mitt Romney for the nomination. And no one here tonight is going to question your conviction or your love for country. But has your moment passed, Senator?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Jindal, you're one of two sitting governors on the stage tonight. But your approval numbers at home are in the mid 30s at this point. In a recent poll that showed you in a head-to-head against Hillary Clinton in Louisiana, she beat you by several points. So if the people of Louisiana are not satisfied, what makes you think that the people of this nation would be?	Martha MacCallum	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Lindsey Graham, you worked with Democrats and President Obama when it came to climate change, something you know is extremely unpopular with conservative Republicans. How can they trust you based on that record?	Bill Hemmer	Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Pataki, four years ago this month, you called it quits in a race for the presidency in 2012, but now you're back. Mitt Romney declined to run this time, because he believed that the party needed new blood. Does he have a point?	Martha MacCallum	Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You were the last person on stage to declare your candidacy. You ran for the White House once and lost. You ran for the Senate one time and lost. You haven't held public office in 13 years. Similar question, is it time for new blood?	Martha MacCallum	Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	But he [Trump] is dominating this conversation. Governor Perry, you two have been going at it. But given the large disparity in your poll numbers, he seems to be getting the better of you.	Martha MacCallum	Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Donald Trump is – there's a huge disparity between the poll numbers that you have and the poll numbers that he has, given also the fact that Rudy Giuliani said he thought that there may be some Reagan qualities to Donald Trump. Carly Fiorina, is he getting the better of you?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina

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1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	This Saturday, August 8th, two days from now marks one year since the strikes began against ISIS in Iraq and followed in Syria one month later. This week, a leading general in the U.S. Marine Corps says, “One year later, that fight is at a stalemate.” Governor Jindal, give me one example how your fight against ISIS would be different over there?	Bill Hemmer	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	And the senator to your right has called for 20,000 American troops in Syria and Iraq so far today, Senator Graham, and I’ll give this question to you. Why should the American people after two wars in Iraq sacrifice yet again on a third war?	Bill Hemmer	Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Sixty-nine ISIS-inspired terrorists have been arrested in this country, in homeland plots, and the FBI assures us that there are likely many more to come...How far are you willing to go to root out this problem here at home? Would you put mosques, for example, potentially, under surveillance? And keep in mind that conservatives are increasingly concerned in this country with religious liberty.	Martha MacCallum	Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	The FBI director Comey says that terrorists can thrive here at home because they go dark and they recruit behind the cyber walls that are built by American companies like Google and Apple. Comey says this is a big problem. Rand Paul says that the government forcing these companies to bring down those walls would be a big privacy issue and a dangerous way to go on this. You’ve been a tech leader in this country. Which side are you on?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina, Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	We often talk about this issue on the abstract level in Washington, D.C., but you know how it’s being talked about in states like Iowa and New Hampshire among illegals in our country today – 11 million plus. And some are asking, what would you say to a child, born and raised in America, who could see their family broken apart by your policies?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum, Perry
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	There is an increasing willingness in this country to accept assistance. How do you get Americans who are able to take the job instead of a handout?...Do you believe that we need to change the culture in this country in terms of whether or not we should be encouraging people to get off of it and take the job when it’s available? Some are able and not doing that.	Martha MacCallum	Graham, Santorum

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1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You know, based on your record and what we’re discussing here, which is potentially cutting back some entitlement, cutting back benefits, it’s tricky business as we all know because people will argue that that’s their means to escape poverty. So they’re going to look at you when you want to do that and they will call you heartless. What will you tell them?	Martha MacCallum	Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	No Republican wins the White House unless you win here in the Buckeye state. Well, here in the Buckeye state, the Governor John Kasich took the federal money for Medicaid expansion under Obamacare. And Governor Jindal of Louisiana, you passed on those tax dollars. Why do you think Governor Kasich got it wrong here?...Governor Pataki, three term governor of New York, is he right?	Bill Hemmer	Jindal, Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Critics of the Iran deal say that it puts America on the same side as the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world, of Hamas, of Hezbollah, of the backers of those groups of people who chant ‘Death to America,’ in the street, that this deal puts on that side of the equation. But our traditional Middle East allies, led by Saudi Arabia, have also funneled support to Islamic radical groups who want to kill Americans. So which side do you believe we should be on?...This is a complicated situation. Are you OK with us being on their side?	Martha MacCallum	Perry, Fiorina
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	It’s been 42 years, Senator Santorum, since Roe v. Wade, and many consider, in this country, to be a case of settled law. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on same-sex marriage. Is that now settled law in America today?	Bill Hemmer	Santorum
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	To Governor Gilmore. For years, presidential candidates have not said they would have a litmus test for justices nominated to the Supreme Court. Recently, Hillary Clinton broke that precedent. She said she would apply that on the case of Citizens United, which deals with campaign finance laws in America today. Is it time for conservatives to impose a litmus test on abortion?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Pataki, you’re the only pro-choice candidate running. A Republican holding that position has not won a single primary in 35 years. With the recent Planned Parenthood videos that we have all seen, shedding new light on abortion practices, I know that you have said that you would defund Planned Parenthood. But has this story changed your heart when it comes to abortion?	Martha MacCallum	Pataki

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1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Carly Fiorina, also on the stage, said that she would go so far as to shut down the government over the issue of defunding Planned Parenthood. Would you do that? Would you be willing to shut down the government when it comes to defunding this group?	Martha MacCallum	Jindal
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Lindsey Graham, this conversation will no doubt go to the war on women, and that cutting funding to this group could be a very broad brush against all of you or anybody who will hold this nomination as being against women’s health, against these organizations that people will say provide positive things for many women.	Martha MacCallum	Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	On the second day of his presidency, January 22nd 2009, President Obama signed one of his first executive orders. That was close Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Still open today. What would be your first executive order?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore, Graham, Jindal, Perry, Santorum, Fiorina, Pataki
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	President Obama promised hope and change for the country, yet 60 percent of Americans are not satisfied with the shape that the country is in right now. Many think that America has lost its “can do” spirit and that it’s not the nation that it once was. On this level, Carly Fiorina, can you inspire this nation?... how would you do it?	Martha MacCallum	Fiorina, Santorum, Graham
1A (Outside Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I need a two-word answer to the following query. In 2008, then-Senator Barack Obama described Hillary Clinton as, quote, “likable enough,” end quote. What two words would you use to describe the Democratic frontrunner?	Bill Hemmer	Gilmore, Graham, Jindal, Perry, Santorum, Fiorina, Pataki

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1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Is there anyone on stage – and can I see hands – who is unwilling tonight to pledge your support to the eventual nominee of the Republican party and pledge to not run an independent campaign against that person?	Bret Baier	Trump, Bush, Walker, Huckabee, Carson, Cruz, Rubio, Paul, Christie, Kasich
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Your critics say that your inexperience shows. You've suggested that the Baltic States are not a part of NATO, just months ago you were unfamiliar with the major political parties and government in Israel, and domestically, you thought Alan Greenspan had been treasury secretary instead of federal reserve chair. Aren't these basic mistakes, and don't they raise legitimate questions about whether you are ready to be president?	Megyn Kelly	Carson
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Rubio, when Jeb Bush announced his candidacy for presidency, he said this: "There's no passing off responsibility when you're a governor, no blending into the legislative crowd." Could you please address Governor Bush across the stage here, and explain to him why you, someone who has never held executive office, are better prepared to be president than he is, a man who you say did a great job running your state of Florida for eight years.	Chris Wallace	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	But there are several opponents on this stage who get big-applause lines in early voting states with this line: quote, "the last thing the country needs is another Bush in the Oval Office." So do you understand the real concern in this country about dynastic politics?	Bret Baier	Bush
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	You've called women you don't like "fat pigs, dogs, slob, and disgusting animals."...Your Twitter account has several disparaging comments about women's looks. You once told a contestant on Celebrity Apprentice it would be a pretty picture to see her on her knees. Does that sound to you like the temperament of a man we should elect as president, and how will you answer the charge from Hillary Clinton, who was likely to be the Democratic nominee, that you are part of the war on women?	Megyn Kelly	Trump

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Cruz, your colleague, Senator Paul, right there next to you, said a few months ago he agrees with you on a number of issues, but he says you do nothing to grow the party. He says you feed red meat to the base, but you don't reach out to minorities. You have a toxic relationship with GOP leaders in Congress. You even called the Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell a liar recently. How can you win in 2016 when you're such a divisive figure?	Chris Wallace	Cruz
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Under your watch, New Jersey has undergone nine credit rating downgrades. The state's 44th in private sector growth. You face an employee pension crisis and the Garden State has the third highest foreclosure rate in the country. So why should voters believe that your management of the country's finances would be any different?	Bret Baier	Christie
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Would you really let a mother die rather than have an abortion, and with 83 percent of the American public in favor of a life exception, are you too out of the mainstream on this issue to win the general election?	Megyn Kelly	Walker
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Huckabee, like Governor Walker, you have staked out strong positions on social issues. You favor a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage. You favor a constitutional amendment banning abortions, except for the life of the mother. Millions of people in this country agree with you, but according to the polls, and again this an electability question, according to the polls, more people don't, so how do you persuade enough Independents and Democrats to get elected in 2016?	Chris Wallace	Huckabee
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Paul, you recently blamed the rise of ISIS on Republican hawks. You later said that that statement, you could have said it better. But, the statement went on, and you said, quote, "Everything they've talked about in foreign policy, they've been wrong for the last 20 years." Why are you so quick to blame your own party?	Bret Baier	Paul

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Kasich, you chose to expand Medicaid in your state, unlike several other governors on this stage tonight, and it is already over budget by some estimates costing taxpayers an additional \$1.4 billion in just the first 18 months. You defended your Medicaid expansion by invoking God, saying to skeptics that when they arrive in heaven, Saint Peter isn't going to ask them how small they've kept government, but what they have done for the poor. Why should Republican voters, who generally want to shrink government, believe that you won't use your Saint Peter rationale to expand every government program?	Megyn Kelly	Kasich
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I want to ask you about a statement that you made last year about illegal immigrants. And here's what you said. "They broke the law, but it's not a felony, it's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family." Do you stand by that statement and do you stand by your support for earned legal status?	Chris Wallace	Bush
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, it has not escaped anybody's notice that you say that the Mexican government, the Mexican government is sending criminals -- rapists, drug dealers, across the border... you have repeatedly said that you have evidence that the Mexican government is doing this, but you have evidence you have refused or declined to share. Why not use this first Republican presidential debate to share your proof with the American people?	Chris Wallace	Trump
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I know you don't like to talk about Donald Trump. But I do want to ask you about the merit of what he just said. When you say that the American government is stupid, that the Mexican government is sending criminals, that we're being bamboozled, is that an adequate response to the question of illegal immigration?...Is it as simple as our leaders are stupid, their leaders are smart, and all of these illegals coming over are criminals?	Chris Wallace	Kasich, Rubio
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, from 2002 until as recently as 2013, just two years ago, you supported comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship. Now you say that was a quick reaction to something you hadn't really thought about, and that you've changed your mind. Other than politics, could you explain why in the last two years you've changed your position on a path to citizenship, and are there other past positions that we shouldn't hold you to?	Chris Wallace	Walker

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Cruz, some 1,400 people submitted questions on this very hot topic of illegal immigration on Facebook, and a number of them were about the murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco, allegedly shot down by an illegal. Doug Bettencourt sent this question, "will you support Kate Steinle's Law," which would impose a mandatory five-year prison term for an illegal who is deported and then returns to this country? "And will you defund sanctuary cities for violating federal law?"	Voter	Cruz
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Christie. You've said that Senator Paul's opposition to the NSA's collection of phone records has made the United States weaker and more vulnerable, even going so far as to say that he should be called before Congress to answer for it if we should be hit by another terrorist attack. Do you really believe you can assign blame to Senator Paul just for opposing he bulk collection of people's phone records in the event of a terrorist attack?	Megyn Kelly	Christie
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	My question is, how would the candidates stop the treacherous actions of ISIS -- ISIL and its growing influence in the U.S., if they were to become president?	Voter	Cruz
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	To the families of those who died in that war who say they liberated and deposed a ruthless dictator, how do you look at them now and say that your brothers war was a mistake?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, in February you said that we needed to gain partners in the Arab world. Which Arab country not already in the U.S. led coalition has potential to be our greatest partner?	Megyn Kelly	Walker
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Dr. Carson, in one of his first acts as commander in chief, President Obama signed an executive order banning enhanced interrogation techniques in fighting terror. As president, would you bring back water boarding?	Megyn Kelly	Carson
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Now, 15 years ago, you called yourself a liberal on health care. You were for a single-payer system, a Canadian-style system. Why were you for that then and why aren't you for it now?	Bret Baier	Trump

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, it's not just your past support for single- payer health care. You've also supported a host of other liberal policies. Use -- you've also donated to several Democratic candidates, Hillary Clinton included, Nancy Pelosi. You explained away those donations saying you did that to get business-related favors. And you said recently, quote, "When you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do." So what specifically did they do?	Bret Baier	Trump
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	So the question is, at this point, is the government simply too big for any one person, even a Republican, to shrink?	Bret Baier	Huckabee, Carson
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	President Obama's secretary of education, Arnie Duncan, has said that most of the criticism of Common Core is due to a, quote, "fringe group of critics." Do you think that's accurate?... Senator Rubio, why is Governor Bush wrong on Common Core?	Bret Baier	Bush, Rubio
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	She will say that you, whoever it is, support the rich while she supports the middle class. That you want to suppress the rights of women and minorities. She wants to move the country forward while you, the Republicans, want to take the country back to the past. How will you, if you're the nominee, how will you answer that and take Hillary Clinton on?	Chris Wallace	Kasich, Carson
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	That many jobs, 19 million, would be triple what your father and your brother accomplished together. And four percent growth, the last president to average that was Lyndon Johnson during the height of the Vietnam War. So question, how on Earth specifically would you pull that off?	Chris Wallace	Bush
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, when you ran for governor of Wisconsin back in 2010, you promised that you would create 250,000 jobs in your first term, first four years. In fact, Wisconsin added barely half that and ranked 35th in the country in job growth. Now you're running for president, and you're promising an economic plan in which everyone will earn a piece of the American dream. Given your record in Wisconsin, why should voters believe you?	Chris Wallace	Walker

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1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Christie, I want to engage you and Governor Huckabee in a subject that is a big issue in both of your campaigns, and that is entitlement reform. You say that you -- to save the system that you want to raise the retirement age -- have to raise the retirement age, and to cut benefits for Social Security and Medicare, and you say that some of the candidates here on the stage are lying. Governor Huckabee says he can save Social Security and Medicare without doing any of that. Is he lying?...Please explain to Governor Christie how that would work, and how you could save these programs without the kind of painful reforms he says we need?	Chris Wallace	Christie, Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, you talk a lot about how you are the person on this stage to grow the economy, I want to ask you about your business records. From corporations, Trump corporations casinos and hotels, have declared bankruptcy four times over the last quarter-century...Question sir, with that record, why should we trust you to run the nation's business?	Chris Wallace	Trump
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Please describe one action you would do to make the economic environment more favorable for small businesses and entrepreneurs and anyone dreaming of opening their own business.	Voter	Rubio
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	If this deal is undone, what then?...would you tear up the deal on day one?	Bret Baier	Walker, Paul, Huckabee
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Many Republicans have been outraged recently by a series of videos on Planned Parenthood. You now say that you support ending federal funding for this organization, however, until late 2014, you sat on the board of a Bloomberg that quite publicly gave tens of millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood while you were a director. How could you not know about these well-publicized donations, and if you did know, how could you help a charity so openly committed to abortion rights?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten)– Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Rubio, you favor a rape and incest exception to abortion bans. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York just said yesterday those exceptions are preposterous. He said they discriminate against an entire class of human beings. If you believe that life begins at conception, as you say you do, how do you justify ending a life just because it begins violently, through no fault of the baby?	Megyn Kelly	Rubio

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Mr. Trump, in 1999, you said you were, quote, "very pro-choice." Even supporting partial-birth abortion. You favored an assault weapons ban as well. In 2004, you said in most cases you identified as a Democrat. Even in this campaign, your critics say you often sound more like a Democrat than a Republican, calling several of your opponents on the stage things like clowns and puppets. When did you actually become a Republican?	Megyn Kelly	Trump
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Bush, I want to ask you, on the subject of name calling of your fellow candidates, a story appeared today quoting an anonymous GOP donor who said you called Mr. Trump a clown, a buffoon, something else that cannot be repeated on television. Is it true?	Megyn Kelly	Bush
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	The subject of gay marriage and religious liberty. Governor Kasich, if you had a son or daughter who was gay or lesbian, how would you explain to them your opposition to same-sex marriage?	Megyn Kelly	Kasich
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	What will you do to ensure Christians are not prosecuted for speaking out against gay marriage and will Christians be forced to conduct business that conflicts with their religious beliefs?	Voter	Paul
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, many in the Black Lives Matter movement, and beyond, believe that overly-aggressive police officers targeting young African Americans is the civil rights issue of our time. Do you agree? And if so, how do you plan to address it? And if not, why not?	Megyn Kelly	Walker
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Candidates, you may not have seen the late developing news today our Fox Pentagon team broke earlier this evening about a top Iranian general traveling to Moscow to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. His name is General Qassem Soleimani, he's blamed for hundreds of U.S. troops death in Iraq, and Afghanistan. His trip to Russia appears to directly violate U.N. Security Council resolutions to confine him to Iran. So, Mr. Trump, if you were president, how would you respond to this?	Bret Baier	Trump
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Another new development today, Senior Defense officials tell Fox they strongly suspect Russia was behind the cyber attack on the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs office email. This comes in the wake of the Director of National Intelligence blaming the Chinese for the largest ever cyber attack, stealing personal data of tens of millions of Americans. Senator Cruz, in your view, have Russia and China committed of cyber war, and if you were president, what would you do about it?	Bret Baier	Cruz

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1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Dr. Carson, in August of 2012 President Obama famously declared Syrian President Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons, quote, "that's a redline for us," and that there would be enormous consequences. One year later, and with overwhelming evidence the Assad had, in fact, used chemical weapons and crossed that red line, President Obama declined to use military force against the Assad regime. As president, would you have used military force there?	Bret Baier	Carson
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Walker, as president, what would you do if Russian President Vladimir Putin started a campaign to destabilize NATO allies Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, mirroring the actions Putin took at the early days of Ukraine?	Bret Baier	Walker
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Governor Huckabee, the culture of the American military is definitely changing. Women are moving into combat roles. Don't Ask, Don't Tell has obviously been dropped. And now Defense Secretary Ashton Carter recently directed the military to prepare for a moment when it is welcoming transgender persons to serve openly. As commander in chief, how would you handle that?	Bret Baier	Huckabee
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	Senator Paul, the first budget your proposed as senator cut all financial aid to Israel. You have since changed your view on that issue. What made you change your mind?...Governor Christie, what do you think of that answer?	Bret Baier	Paul, Christie
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	I want to know if any of them have received a word from God on what they should do and take care of first.	Voter	Cruz, Kasich, Walker, Rubio
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	What about the veterans? I want to hear more about what these candidates are going to do for our nation's veterans.	Megyn Kelly	Rubio
1B (Top Ten) – Cleveland, OH – 8/6/15 – Fox News/Facebook/ Ohio Republican Party	One of the issues that the public was very interested in, and we touched on it earlier, is race relations in this country, and how divided we seem right now. And what, if anything, you would do as the next president to help heal that divide.	Megyn Kelly	Carson