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2024 Presidential Debate

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Joe Biden

Donald Trump

Dana Bash

Jake Tapper

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Sentinel intercontinental missile program

No-first-use of nuclear weapons treaty with China

Russia and tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine

Iran's nuclear program / Iran nuclear deal

Nuclear weapons modernization / new Cold War

Nuclear weapons in space

CLIMATE CHANGE

Extreme temperatures, storms, wildfires

The Inflation Reduction Act

The Paris climate agreement

Small modular nuclear reactors

Electric cars (or a sinking electric boat with a shark)

"It's weather"

DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

AI and disinformation as threats to democracy

Using AI in military command and control

Regulation of AI research / managing superintelligence

Regulation of social media / warning labels

Elon Musk, X, or baby X

ChatGPT

BIOSECURITY

H5N1 / avian influenza / bird flu (or infected cows)

Global WHO pandemic accord

AI, synthetic biology, and the potential for biological terrorism

Regulation of risky biological research (or COVID lab leak theory)

New vaccines for emerging disease threats

Vaccine skepticism (or RFK Jr.)

BONUS POINTS

Classified documents in bathrooms or garages

"Existential"

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