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CNN

The decision to live fact-check the candidates during the high stakes telecast marked a departure from recent debates and stood in contrast to the first presidential matchup of the 2024 season, hosted by CNN and moderated by anchors Jake Tapper and Dana Bash. During the June debate, the moderators did not correct false claims made by Trump and President Joe Biden.

EURONEWS

The WHO authorised an mpox vaccine for the first time, calling it an important step toward fighting a rapidly growing outbreak in Africa. The approval of Danish vaccine maker Bavarian Nordic's jab means that donors, such as UNICEF, can buy doses and send them to Africa, where an outbreak centred in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has led to thousands of cases.

BBC NEWS

Greenland tsunami shook earth
for 9 days

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pAZEg30qPY>



to live [aɪ] **fact-check** : procéder à une vérification en direct, en temps réel
- ▲ *Notez la prononciation du mot live prononcé ['lɪv] lorsqu'il est à sa forme verbale, mais ['lɑːv] lorsqu'il fonctionne comme un adjectif.*

high stake [eɪ] : à haut risque

'telecast ['telɪkɑːst] = TV programme

a de'bate [dɪ'beɪt] = a discussion

to stand (stood, stood) in 'contrast ['kɒntræst] : différer

a 'matchup ['mætʃʌp] : un match

an 'anchor ['æŋkə] = a host

a false claim [eɪ] : un propos erroné

WHO = the World Health Organisation is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for public health. Its official mandate is to promote health and safety while helping the vulnerable worldwide.

mpox (= monkeypox) : la variole du singe

a 'vaccine [iː] : un vaccin (la substance) ≠ **a jab** : un vaccin (une piqûre)

a step to'ward : un pas vers

an 'outbreak [eɪ] = an epidemic

The UNICEF, created in 1953, is another agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide.

'doses ['dəʊsɪz]

to send (sent, sent) **sth to sb** : envoyer qqc à qqn

0:04 – **to shake the earth** : secouer la planète

0:09 – **a 'massive 'land,slide** : un énorme glissement de terrain

0:17 – **a remote fjord in Greenland** : un lointain glacier au Groenland

0:24 – **a land carved and molded by vast glaciers** : un territoire creusé et formé par d'immenses glaciers

0:37 – **how the seismic signal traveled around the world** = comment le signal sismique s'est propagé à travers le monde

0:40 – **to run sth** : faire fonctionner qqc (une machine)

0:44 – **to baffle sb** = to puzzle, to confuse sb

0:49 – **to pick up sth** : relever des informations

0:57 – **to puzzle over sth** : s'interroger sur qqc

1:09 – **the mountain top** = le sommet de la montagne

1:22 – **the depth and shape** : la profondeur et la forme

1:34 – **to bounce back and forth** : rebondir dans un mouvement de va-et-vient

1:37 – **to slush** : clapoter

1:44 – **a large scale movement** : un mouvement de grande ampleur

1:50 – **remote** = distant, isolated

1:53 – **vessels** = boats, ships

Taylor Swift's Call to Vote Sent Hundreds of Thousands to Registration Tools

By Maggie Astor | Sept. 12, 2024 | *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

Taylor Swift's endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday and her call for her fans to vote drove hundreds of thousands of people to voter registration resources.

Her post on Instagram included a link to Vote.gov, a website run by two federal agencies, the General Services Administration and the Election Assistance Commission. About 406,000 people clicked on the link in the 24 hours after Ms. Swift posted it, according to a spokeswoman for the G.S.A.

That link accounted for more than half of the roughly 727,000 visitors Vote.gov received from Tuesday to Wednesday. The remainder was likely driven by the debate itself. Last week, from Sept. 3-9, the site received an average of about 30,000 visitors per day, according to the agency.

Vote.gov serves as a clearinghouse that directs prospective voters to their state's registration website. Since people cannot register to vote directly on the site, it is not possible to determine how many of the people who clicked the link also registered.

Two other organizations that provide similar clearinghouse resources also had big spikes in traffic coinciding with Ms. Swift's post.

Celina Stewart, the chief executive of the League of Women Voters, which runs Vote411.org, said that as of Thursday morning, the number of people using its voter registration tools had more than doubled since Tuesday — and the people who visited were on average younger than the site's typical visitors.

“Whenever a celebrity uses their platform to encourage civic participation, that's a win for democracy,” she said. “We applaud Taylor Swift for encouraging Swifties and fans to research candidates and issues this election season.”

Vote.org, another prominent resource, saw a nearly sixfold increase in people using its tools for registering or verifying an existing registration from 9 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday — when the debate began — to midnight, a spokesman said. That number reflects both the debate itself and the influence of Ms. Swift's post, which came around 11 p.m.

“Taylor Swift's impact on voter engagement is undeniable,” Andrea Hailey, the chief executive of Vote.org, said in a statement. “The important thing to remember is that Taylor's work serves as a model that everyone with a platform can use to encourage Americans to participate in civic engagement.”

Ms. Swift wrote in her post, which was made shortly after the debate ended, that she would be voting for Ms. Harris, but she urged her fans to register and cast a ballot regardless of whom they supported.

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an en'dorsement : un soutien, ici politique.

Vice President Kamala Harris is the Democratic candidate for the upcoming US presidential election after President Joe Biden abandoned his campaign for a second term (= *mandat*). ▲ *Notez la capitalisation des titres et fonctions, ici « Vice President », lorsqu'ils sont couplés à un nom propre.*

to drive [aɪ] (**drove**, driven) **sb to sth** : pousser qqn quelquepart **a 'spokeswoman**: une porte-parole
'roughly = approximately

a 'clearinghouse : un centre d'information

on 'average [ɪ] : en moyenne

a 'sixfold increase [i:] : une multiplication par 6

to urge [ɜ:] **sb to do sth** : pousser qqn à faire qqc

whom ▲ *Notez l'emploi du pronom relatif 'whom', qui correspond au complément, et qui est assez peu utilisé de nos jours, sauf derrière une préposition.*

to su'pport : soutenir

the re'mainder [eɪ] = the rest

spikes [aɪ] = peaks

'platform : une tribune

en'gagement [eɪ] = involvement

to cast a ballot = to vote