



# Some people were betting on Monday's debate — literally

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**A TV van with pictures of both candidates at Hofstra University.**

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What's going to happen in [Monday night's high-stakes showdown](#) between Donald Trump and

## Hillary Clinton?

A lot of people are dying to know.

Online wagering websites, normally focused on sports games, think they have some answers.

For example, popular sports gambling website Bovada listed this wager: “Which event will have a higher Nielsen rating [a measure of television viewership]?” The choices: the debate, which starts at 9 p.m., or the Monday Night Football game at 8:30 p.m., which will feature the Atlanta Falcons and the New Orleans Saints.



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As of Monday morning, the oddsmakers were strongly favoring — with a 96.15 percent probability — that the debate would draw better ratings than America’s favorite sport.

Other bets and probabilities listed on the site:

- Will Trump say “Crooked Hillary”? (Yes was favored, at 60.78 percent)

- Will Clinton say “bigot” or “bigotry”? (Yes was favored, at 69.7 percent)

- Will Clinton say “deplorable”? (No was favored, at 66.67 percent)

- Will Trump say “build the wall” or “build a wall”? (Yes



was favored, at 77.78 percent)

The website had in recent days posted bets on what color tie Trump would wear and the color of Clinton's jacket, but neither wardrobe wager appeared on the site Monday morning.


The site also lets users bet on the outcome of the election.

The site puts "Democratic party" as a favorite (68.25 percent) over the "Republican party."

(A word to the wise: It's not clear whether it's legal to make these kind of bets in Massachusetts. Among other things, there is [a state law](#) against betting on the outcome of a political election.)

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