Presidential Debates—Historic Overview

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1. Year of 1st TV Debate:

2. Candidates in 1st Debate?

3. Who was deemed the winner of the 1st debate? Why?

4. What year did debates become a fixture of the Presidential race?

5. What was the big issue in the 1984 election? How did Reagan deflect it?

6. What was the biggest problem for President Bush in 1992?

7. What did Al Gore do that was seen as a mistake in one of his debates?

8. According to the video, what are modern debates more about now?