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# **Make Candidates Debate the Debt**

CRFB president Maya MacGuineas has an op-ed on CNN.com today calling for the presidential candidates to debate the debt. And we are giving Americans a chance to lend their voice to this call with a new website - www.debatethedebt.org.

The op-ed clearly makes the case for why a debt debate is necessary and lays out exactly what is expected from the candidates.

We should devote one of the three presidential debates to the topic of how, specifically, each candidate would change the budget, cut spending, and reform entitlement programs and the tax system to fix the debt. Candidates must debate the debt, not duck it.

We think a lot of people will agree with this simple request. The new website provides concerned Americans with the opportunity to get involved and create a groundswell of support. We encourage everyone to sign the petition supporting a debt debate and spread the word to their friends and colleagues. There are also links to educational materials on the website.

We hope that you will join this growing effort and encourage your friends to do so as well.

Presidential candidates must <u>Debate the Debt</u>.

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Read Maya MacGuineas' op-ed.