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About Last Night

I thought the morning crew from Morning Joe on MSNBC did a fair job of assessing Democratic candidates participating in yesterday's Presidential debate in Charleston, SC. Here we go:



Joe Biden – Turned in his best performance of the election cycle, even if his gun homicides number was off by 150 million or so. Biden helped his cause.



Pete Buttigieg – The Cal Ripken of debates. Always shows up, usually good, and one of the only candidates on stage not in a wrestling match with the English language.



Bernie Sanders – Sure he screams. And yes, he was shaky last night. But Bernie's still got the best shot of winning his party's nomination and inviting Lee Greenwood to sing the Nicaraguan national anthem to kick off Sandinista-style in Milwaukee at the Democratic convention.



Amy Klobuchar – The Senator was solid and steady, even if the moderators forgot she was on stage for most of the night. The end is nigh.



Elizabeth Warren – After a solid start, the Massachusetts senator repeated her same attacks a week later against the guy with zero delegates. Warren's strategy remains a riddle, wrapped in mystery, inside a short man joke.



Michael Bloomberg – The successful three-term New York City mayor looked as confused at times as Brick Tamland in Anchorman; and that was before Senator Warren unsheathed her rhetorical axe and went to work.



Tom Steyer – The billionaire might end up funding successful Democratic campaigns, but not his own. Steyer's performance last night made it clear that the businessman didn't belong on the big stage.

Here's the latest delegate count:



Sanders

36



Buttigieg

23



Warren

8



Biden

13



Klobuchar

7