Candidates Face Off In 1st Dem Presidential Debate At South Carolina State University


Illinois Sen. Barack Obama displayed knowledge, compassion and even a little humor in the first democratic debate held on the campus of historically Black South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC.

The 90-minute debate, which was broadcast live on MSNBC, was fast-moving, as each candidate had 60 seconds to answer each question.


With the candidates standing in a semi-circle behind individual podiums, all eyes were on front-runners Obama and Clinton. The two have traveled throughout South Carolina, many times meeting with large gatherings of Blacks, in hopes of winning one of the nation’s first primaries.

Both Obama and Clinton answered questions on topics ranging from the Iraq war and health care to abortion and terrorism.