



Newt Gingrich & Laura Ingraham “Trump” Robert Reich & Jennifer Granholm at a no-holds-barred public debate on the US election.

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Tonight in Toronto some of the biggest names in U.S. politics and media debated Donald Trump’s candidacy for President of the United States. The result was a surprise victory by Trump’s defenders at the debate, **Newt Gingrich** and **Laura Ingraham** over their Democratically minded opponents **Robert Reich** and **Jennifer Granholm**.

The three thousand audience members attending the debate were polled at its start as to whether they agreed or disagreed with resolution *be it resolved Donald Trump can make America great again*. Initially, only 14% of attendees agreed with the debate motion.

After an hour and a half of heated on-stage debate, the audience voted again on the resolution. This time 20% were in favor of the motion – a shift of 6%.

Rudyard Griffiths, moderator of the debate, comments: “Given that Canadians recently elected as their Prime Minister, the progressive, Liberal, Justin Trudeau, this result is surprising. Interestingly, Newt Gingrich and Laura Ingraham’s arguments for a Trump presidency were able to sway opinion among an urban, urbane Toronto audience.”

Arguing **for the resolution** was former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, **Newt Gingrich**. He was joined by **Laura Ingraham**, nationally syndicated radio talk show host and the most-listened to woman in America.

Speaking **against the resolution** was **Robert Reich**, who served in three U.S. administrations, including as Secretary of Labor under Bill Clinton. His debating partner was the former two-term governor of Michigan, **Jennifer Granholm**.

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