

# AP US Gov: Election 2020: Media Polling and Documents

## AP GOV POLL

16 Democrats  
3 Libertarian  
4 Green Party  
5 Independent  
5 Unsure  
23 Male  
10 Female

3 American Indian or Alaska Native  
8 Asian  
4 Black or African American  
17 White  
9 Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin  
1 Other

CLIMATE CHANGE - 20

EDUCATION - 17

RACIAL DISPARITY - 14

HEALTHCARE - 14

POVERTY - 10

FIREARMS - 6

EMPLOYMENT - 5

MASS INCARCERATION - 5

FOREIGN POLICY - 3

NATIONAL DEBT - 2

REFUGEES - 2

WELFARE - 1

Society is most worried about climate change, education, racial disparity, and healthcare for the 2020 campaign. These are the current events and issues that must be addressed by each candidate for a successful campaign response.

## Third Party Hopeful, Ian Fefchak

By Sabina Idriz

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What sets candidate Ian Louis Fefchak-Robinson apart from his competitors? His confidence in being the only third party and non-democratic candidate in our election must mean he has a plan to garner support, especially since the Green Party has few supporters compared to the Democratic Party and receives little time in the political spotlight. Up against three Democratic candidates, his stump speech was an integral part in making a name for himself and his party, and it looks like he succeeded.

Fefchak's speech showed him to be ambitious, bold, and passionate about doing the best for the people. A trusted source said that he was the first ever candidate to take questions from the audience after the first speech. Perhaps this is his young age - thirty-six, only two years away from not being allowed to run - resulting in an inexperienced candidate stumbling his way through, but I believe it actually says something positive that he is already doing things like they haven't been done before. This country might need someone like that to bring a new outlook and strategy to the presidential office.

What matters more than his approach to the election is his platform; Fefchak admitted to having very liberal views, but also aligns with the Green Party in his passion for environmental issues, having helped with the Paris Climate Accord and expressing desire in increasing subsidies for clean energy. Fefchak is also adamant about securing human rights for everyone.

"Human rights is a really broad umbrella; whether you look at it from a racial or economic or LGBTQ standpoint, all of these groups have been oppressed in the past and human rights to me means fixing that and making sure that everyone who tries to get ahead in life has that opportunity regardless of who you are," Fefchak said.

It was also clear from Monday that he is adamant about gun control and unconcerned with an absence of NRA endorsement.

"... In terms of policy that I'm presenting, I want to increase the logistical background for gun ownership. It's ridiculously easy to get a gun in the United States, get a hunting license... and that's good if you want to do that, but it leads to a lot of problems," Fefchak said, those problems being suicide and violence by guns, as well as a lack of proper training in how to use them.

While this was a strong start to Fefchak's campaign, if he doesn't keep up the momentum and starts slacking off it could prove disastrous. Only time will tell, but right now, he looks like he has a great shot at winning the election.

Arif's Stump Speech  
By David Rider

As the first one to start, Arif Custovic began his speech about the foundations in which our founding fathers built this country on. He highly supported social equality and fixing the gap between rich and poor. Looking out into the crowd watching he seemed a bit nervous but pulled through his speech. Although he was able to state his opinions on public matters, I feel as if he did not put enough time into what his policies are. Even if this was just his stump speech I hope he pulls more effort into his political campaign.

## STUMP SPEECH REVIEW

Jolia Agok

The candidate Freddy Rosario started off his speech with a good connection with the audience. He was very engaging and kept the attention of the audience. Being Latino gives Freddy an advantage at understanding and communicating with our growing, diverse country. He would be able to personally relate to minorities and injustices happening in the country and be able to comment and act on it not coming from a place of privilege but a place of understanding. Rosario went into topics such as Debt, racial disparity, poverty, citizenship, controlled marijuana, and gun control. He however didn't provide solutions to these problems or elaborate on gun control. This leads me to ask does the candidate care about these problems or is he telling the public what they want to hear? How much do we really know about this candidate since he didn't introduce himself or the experience he has?