

The Ten Democrats plus One

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Version 2.0 after the third debate.

For earlier backgrounders on this primary please read the original documents [here](#) and [here](#).

The third debate is over and it is now apparent that it's Biden versus Warren as the leaders in my current handicapping on the choice for the Presidential nominee with only Bernie hanging in there. Everyone else, according to the polls, is wiped out for good with Kamala Harris and Julian Castro as epic failures.

This means there are many possibilities for balanced tickets with one leading the way and that would be a Biden/Warren ticket.

If this happens it should prevent Hillary from joining the fray in October as both Biden and Warren gracefully did not run against Hillary in 2016, thus she will now be obliged not to run again them. I would keep an eye out for dirty tricks that may be employed by Hillary supporters to change this dynamic.

These updates will now concentrate on calling the ticket starting with the most obvious and that would be Biden/Warren. While an obvious pairing it presents two annoying problems. They are both east coast elites from Delaware and Mass respectively so there is no nationwide balance. Worse they are two old white people, just what the Democrats do not want.

Warren is trying to make people think she is from Texas and Oklahoma, but this will not fly. Since it is likely that Biden as President might not live out his term, the VP choice is very important. Warren is the best choice to take over.

Unless Biden has a medical condition that hampers him before the Iowa primary or before super Tuesday he should be a shoe-in. If something happens it will push Warren to the top. There is no good VP pick for her when you go down the list although I like Pete Buttigieg in that slot.

Here is the last list of candidates with some recent mods.

Joe Biden – He has no enthusiasm and appears to be making gaffes on purpose. He does not want this nomination. Not a VP candidate. Still leads in most polls much to his chagrin. He should win it.

Elizabeth Warren – Heading up the polls by using populist rhetoric and following Bernie Sanders lead regarding socialist promises. She'd be the next in line after Biden if

the party were to anoint a nominee. If she ran and lost to Trump this would be the third time the Democrats had a white woman on the ticket and lost and this would be a setback. (Geraldine Ferraro is the first). Possible VP candidate on a Cory Booker ticket or even a Hillary ticket.

Bernie Sanders – Simply put, the Dem powers are lined up against him. The Democrats do not want this sort of Socialist as the head of the party. The voters love him and he even leads one poll. His populist promises are not hot air like the others, which is why he is an actual threat. The party cannot take a chance by letting him get the nomination. Should do well in the primaries until the right counter measures are developed. My traditional pick to win it all and possibly beat Trump. Not a VP contender.

Hillary Clinton -- remains in the first tier and may still emerge in October if things go as planned. The machine is intact and it would take little time to get her back in shape to run.

Second Tier.

There is nothing to suggest any of these candidates could perform well enough in the debates to move up. These are all really VP candidates. None will perform well in the primaries. They are listed in no particular order.

Corey Booker – While party could see him as a return to a winning formula, he does not have the humor or charm of Barrack Obama. Nobody can recall a memorable speech by Booker and only recall his Senate shenanigans. He would be an excellent VP choice for Warren or Hillary or Biden.

Pete Buttigieg - Gimmick candidate not going anywhere, but a good campaigner, presentable and a good VP choice for most candidates.

Kamala Harris – She is done in every way and has positioned herself to not fit with either Biden or Warren. The Democrats are not going to run two women. She should quit now.

Julian Castro – A non-starter at this point. Unlikely to do well in primaries. Should just drop out. Possible VP choice for Warren and Clinton or Sanders to add color to the ticket..

Beto O'Rourke – His act and weird and haughty way of speaking was a gimmick that is not working any more. His message has moved around. It's now all about gun control. Not a good VP choice for anyone.

Amy Klobuchar – I have no idea who this woman thinks she is kidding or what she is hoping to accomplish. She cannot get traction. She is unlikeable and apparently deluded. Not a good VP choice for anyone.

Andrew Yang – You have to give this guy credit for hanging in there while more famous people were sent packing. The party does not want this guy at the top of the ticket but he would be an excellent ticket balancer as VP especially for all the candidates from the East Coast.

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Biden-Warren

Biden-Booker

Warren-Booker

Warren-Buttigieg

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