You’re invited to participate in DebateWatch2020! In collaboration with the Commission on Presidential Debates, The Rosenfield Program and PPPE are sponsoring discussions after each of the first two presidential debates (September 29 and October 7). We’ll ask you to watch the debate, turn off your TV before the commentary begins, then join in a focus-group discussion. It’s not about judging who won or lost, but rather about making sense of what you saw in the debate through respectful conversation with others in your group.

The post-debate discussions will occur on Webex immediately after the September 29 and October 7 debates, each of which begins at 8:00 CST. Focus groups will vary in size from 4-6 people, along with a facilitator. Discussions will run for 20-60 minutes. Individuals from across the political spectrum are encouraged to participate. While there are a number of credible strategies for grouping people together for productive discussions, in this case we aim to pull together people who share general political leanings. To do this, the registration form will ask if at this point you lean toward one debate participant or the other, if you are genuinely undecided – or if you would prefer not to say. For further information, contact Barbara Trish (trish@grinnell.edu).

Students and employees interested in participating in DebateWatch2020 should register by Tuesday, September 22.