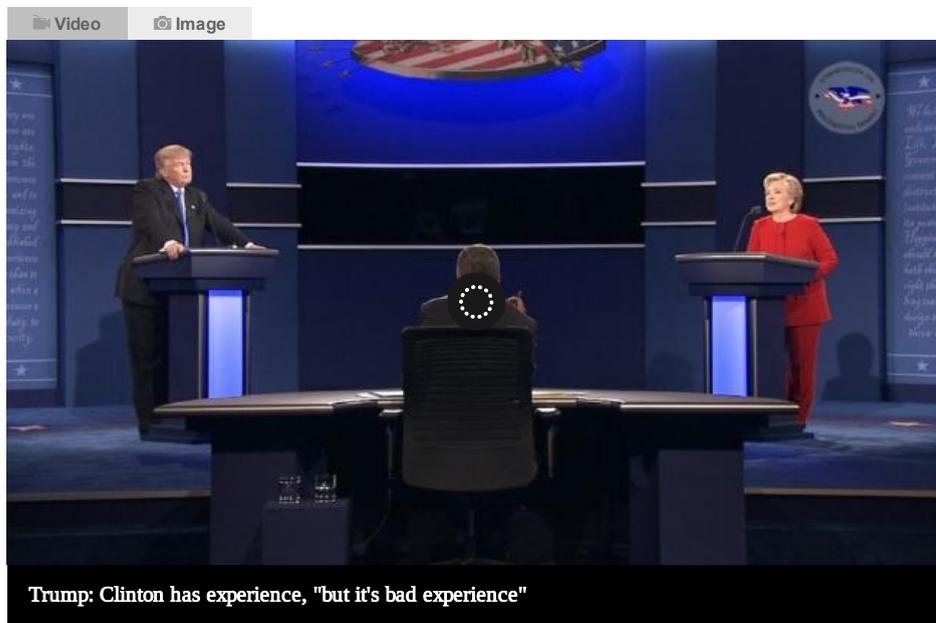


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Speech and body language expert scores Trump, Clinton in US presidential debate

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A BOMBASTIC, argumentative Donald Trump shouted down the moderator — and his own candidacy hopes — leaving Hillary Clinton to shine in the first US presidential debate.

Leading speech and body language expert Michael Kelly said Trump showed unpresidential qualities when he repeatedly interrupted [both Clinton and the moderator](#), speaking “very quickly” and showing “a lot of bombast”.

“If you’re talking very quickly the correlation is, ‘Is this guy in control?’ He stopped abruptly sometimes, almost like he had some stream of consciousness but then he stopped, he didn’t know where to close,” he said.



Hillary Clinton was calm, measured, and in control in comparison. Picture: Drew Angerer/Getty Images/AFP Source:AFP



Republican nominee Donald Trump was argumentative and bombastic during the debate, shouting down the moderator. Picture: AFP Source:AFP

Mr Kelly acknowledged that Clinton also on occasion interrupted the moderator, but Trump was the worst culprit.

Trump [has the swagger](#) but not the control, Mr Kelly said, scoring the republican presidential candidate an unremarkable 6.5 out of 10.

Clinton, who didn't lose her nerve even when Trump argued she didn't have the "stamina" to be president, scored 8 out of 10.

Mr Kelly said the Democratic nominee came back from an overly scripted opening to finish with a moving address to world leaders, looking directly into the camera.

"She was very measured speaking and that's a manner of presidential speaking," he said.

"She took the higher plane it seems on balance and she looked at Trump when he was barraging her with his attacks ... not flinching and looking away. She took it stoically."



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump had the swagger but not the control to win the debate. Picture: AP Source:AP

Mr Kelly said Clinton focused more on the wider group whereas Trump was also too “self-congratulatory”.

While he spoke passionately about racism, Trump was generally too preoccupied with highlighting his own personal achievements during the debate.

“I thought it was unpresidential that he was attacking people and institutions, *The New York Times*, Janet Yellen. It was not the higher plane,” Mr Kelly said.

Trump made a point of raising questions about Hillary Clinton’s health, but his incessant sniffing and snorting did not go unnoticed during his two minutes and was even pointed out over Twitter.

“He has this nasal snort which is distracting when he takes a breath,” Mr Kelly said.

“That was just something that I noticed.”



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