

## October 14 Debate: Herschel Walker vs Raphael Warnock in Savannah, Georgia Write-up by Mike Walters

There were at least two surprises from Friday's debate between Senate candidates Walker and incumbent Warnock. First, the host network on the debate, NBC a mainstream media outlet and presumed biased entity, took a balanced approach, even broaching some troubling questions for Warnock. But the biggest surprise was that Walker actually won the debate, in my opinion. Many had very low expectations from him, as he never graduated college, joining professional football after his junior year at the University of Georgia, having won a Heisman trophy. (He was an academic honor graduate at his high school in Georgia.)

Herschel's opening gambit was on the failing economy under Biden, and tying Warnock to that poor record, with his 96% support of Biden's policies. Herschel's first solution would be to make the U.S. energy independent again. Warnock's approach was to blame corporations for price gauging, especially drug companies.

Warnock still alleged there is voter suppression in spite of Georgia's 50% increase in minority voting in the past four years. His unprovable claim is that voting would have grown even more. Walker said the new law made it easier to vote but harder to cheat.

### Abortion Issue

First, Walker flatly denied he paid a girlfriend to get an abortion. Further he supports the Georgia Heartbeat Bill. Warnock ducked the allegation he has supported abortion until the moment of birth, claiming killing a fetus could save a black woman's life. He alleges that black mothers are four times more likely to die in childbirth. Yet the Heartbeat Bill allows for life of the mother to be considered. Walker's response was that 100% of the black babies in an abortion are killed, implying that abortion amounted to racial genocide against the black population.

Warnock stumbled further by saying the only people that should be involved in the abortion decision should be the woman and her doctor. Walker chimed in that the baby is involved too, which drew some audience applause. Also Warnock asserted that God supports a woman's choice on the abortion issue. Asked to explain that anomaly, he merely said it was self-explanatory. (Editor's note: Warnock does not appear to be all that sharp, using platitudes whenever he doesn't have a relevant answer.)

On forgiving student loan debt, Warnock ducked why it was not done via legislation and how it is to be paid for. Walker said the \$400 billion cost will be paid for by hard working people who did not go to college. They would never agree to paying off those loans for those who got to go to college.

On a federal minimum wage, their differences could not be more stark. Walker opposes these blanket federal solutions. On hurting low-income workers, he highlighted Warnock's foolish support for moving the All-Star game from Atlanta, harming many black owned Atlanta businesses and their workers.

Walker also slammed Warnock's opposition to bail, name calling of police forces and supporting an open border.

Regarding cruel eviction of tenants from Warnock's church's properties. Warnock called it a false claim by his opponents. Walker remarked that this was a newspaper expose, not a story made up by Warnock's opponents.

## **Health Insurance Issues**

With an alleged 1.5 million Georgians without coverage. Walker was asked if he would support the federal government insuring healthcare for all. He flatly opposed that, decrying more people becoming dependent on the federal government. (Editor's note: He could also have said that ObamaCare was supposed to get insurance for all. Why are there still 1.5 million uninsured?)

Warnock was asked who is paying the \$50 billion it would cost to expand the Medicaid gap that the ObamaCare legislation offered. No answer from Warnock, just platitudes that help is needed, or people will die. (Editor's note: as for those states that fell for the "free" federal subsidies to get more people into Medicaid, nothing is free. It will be paid for the taxpayers in every state.)

Next Walker was asked how Congress could get insurance and access for all. Walker highlighted that, with Warnock's complicity, Biden rejected Governor Kemp's offer to use state Medicaid funds from the federal government to help. What he could have said is the federal government does not have the Constitutional authority to solve this problem. It is solvable, however, by state, with federal funding support. Auto liability insurance guaranteed availability with subsidies is solved at the state level via assigned risk plans.

On foreign policy and Putin's threat of nuclear attack, Warnock again ducked the issue. He countered he is not just a rubber stamp of Biden policies. He helped Buddy Carter to keep an army unit in Georgia. Walker straightforwardly proclaimed he wants the U.S. to stand up to Putin's bullying.

Regarding whether Warnock would support a Biden rerun, he again avoided the issue. Same question on a Trump rerun, Walker said he would support his friend Donald Trump.

On expanding the Supreme Court size, Warnock avoided the question once again, but Walker showed decisiveness by giving an unequivocal no.

In the recap, Warnock just asked for votes. Hershel Walker reminded the voters that traditional Democratic politicians have produced the disaster the country is in now. It's time for a conservative newcomer to make changes in Washington.

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