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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton shake hands at the start of the year's first general election season presidential debate in Hempstead, N.Y., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. (AP Photo/John Goldman)

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[Clinton puts Trump on the defensive in combative debate](#)

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Donald Trump aggressively tried to pin the nation's economic and national security problems on Hillary Clinton during the first general election season presidential debate Monday night.

Hillary Clinton in the first presidential debate, belittling the former senator and secretary of state as a "typical politician" of delivering the change many Americans crave. But Trump found himself on the defensive for much of the 90-minute debate Monday night.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's habit of peddling hype and fabrication emerged unabated in the first presidential debate while Hillary Clinton played it cautiously in her statements, though not without error. They both denied making statements they are on the record as saying.

Debate Takeaways: Clinton gets under Trump's skin in debate

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Donald Trump repeatedly clashed with Hillary Clinton during Monday's first presidential debate, interrupting her and appearing agitated at times as they tangled over the economy, her use of a private mail server and his unwillingness to release his income tax returns. Clinton maintained an even demeanor, smiling indulgently when Trump was aggressive. Clinton and Trump engaged in a vigorous back-and-forth on the debate stage at Hofstra University as they locked in a tight race.

ICYMI

A bipartisan group of friends and colleagues of two former Colorado lawmakers from both sides of the aisle, former U.S. Rep. Spencer Swalm, and former U.S. Rep. Joe Miklosi, a Democrat, listen to the first presidential debate during a watch party at Swalm's house in Centennial, Colo., Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

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