

A Cup o' Kapeng Barako

Did y'all watch the Democratic presidential candidates "YouTube" DEBATE Monday night on CNN? Those questions aired and fielded to the candidates were tough and direct, unusual and emotional ... thanks to a new format that put the questioning in the hands of the voters themselves who sent in home videos through the Internet, instead of the usual questions asked by polished news anchormen, the debate was down to earth.

First, a dyok.

A Barako dyok, that is.

This was sent to me by my cuz, Manuel, who is a fellow Barako. If you don't fall in this category, please mosey on to the next page, because I don't think you'd have the depth or the intelligence to understand and appreciate this dyok.

We've heard about people having guts or balls. But do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definition for each is listed below.

Guts – is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife at the door, with a broom in her hand, and having the guts to ask her: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

Balls – is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, with lipstick on your collar and slapping your wife on the butt and having the balls to say, "You're next!"

Medically speaking, there's no difference in the outcome, since both ultimately result in death.

(Smile, Sour Face).

Okey ngarud ... enough of that.

YouTube Debate

Questions that are on everybody's mind on race, same-sex marriage, Darfur and the Iraq war were asked.

Some questions put the candidates on the spot in a personal way ... questions like, Is Sen. Barack Obama truly black? Or ... is Sen. Hillary Clinton feminine enough by American standards or so feminine that those Arab leaders could never take her seriously?

Mr. Obama said he "never has to explain how black he is when trying to catch a cab." I think that was a good answer and it drew hoots, whistles and applause.

But Ms. Hillary drew the strongest applause for her reply to the question about whether she would "be taken seriously" as a female President in Arab and Muslim countries where people there view women as "second-class citizens";

She said she has met with kings, prime ministers and sheiks and "I believe there isn't much doubt in anyone's mind that I can be taken seriously."

After noting that many major nations have female leaders, like Germany and Chile, she said, "I have noticed that their compatriots on the world stage have taken them seriously. I think it would be quite appropriate for a woman President to deal with the Arab and Muslim countries on behalf of the United States of America."

Amen to that. I liked that answer.

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Speaking of the GENOCIDE in Darfur and on the plight of the children there, I also liked what Sen. Joseph Biden, Jr. of Delaware, said: "Those kids will be ALL dead by the time diplomacy is over."

The most revealing moments, I think, for the candidates was when they were asked if they would work in the White House as President for a MINIMUM WAGE of \$5.85 an hour rather than President's annual salary of \$400,000.

Former Sen. John Edwards said, "Yes." Senator Hillary answered, 'Sure."

Sen. Chris Dodd said he would NOT, because he has "two young daughters to send to school." Senator Obama said, "Yes." And added that "we can afford to work for the minimum wage because most folks on this stage have a lot of money." Then addressing Senator Dodd, he said, "You're doing all right, Chris. You don't have Mitt Romney money...." Senator Biden joined the fray and said: "I don't have Barack Obama money either."

The last question came from a lesbian couple, who asked if the candidates would "allow us to be married," followed by a minister's question who asked former Senator Edwards to explain his opposition to gay marriage.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich said he "supports gay marriage. Senator Dodd and Governor Richardson said they're for "civil unions, with full marriage rights."

But former Senator Edwards said he felt an "enormous personal conflict over gay marriage." And that it would be "wrong" to use his own faith to justify the issue and "impose" his own religious belief on other people." Sounds like an old John Kerry line to me.

On the Iraq war: I liked all their answers and their stand on it: Let's bring the troops home!!! But it was Representative Kucinich's rhetoric that reverberated clearly and drew the longest and loudest applause when he castigated his fellow candidates and said that

the Democrats have FAILED America when they joined the Republicans in funding the war.

The best rhetoric though came from the quietest one on the stage and the least well-known, former Sen. Mike Gravel, when he said this, or something to this effect: "There's nothing more worst than soldiers dying in vain in Iraq, but MORE soldiers dying in vain there...."

But I think it was Ms. Hillary who stood out among the eight candidates. I really think she will WIN the nomination. She put on a sterling performance. She's knowledgeable. Her words were superb and sincere. Her quick wit and intelligence surfaced to the core. She presented her arguments well. She was eloquent.

Obambi, I mean, Senator Obama next to her, looked naïve and inexperienced. The others, Edwards, Biden, et al, looked like her entourage.

Yes, even with that coral-colored jacket she had on, Ms. Hillary already looked ... **PRESIDENTIAL!**

Undoubtedly, assuredly, she's America's President-in-waiting, for January of 2009. And that's no dyok.

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