

US Democracy: dontcha lurve it?

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US Democrats have started the process of choosing their Presidential candidate and the media coverage is fab. It is a testament to the best and worst of US journalism. At times both magnificently earnest and majestically trivial. The first Presidential candidate debates were, of course, live on cable TV [MSNBC](#). By common consent no one candidate really got ahead, although Obama and Hillary are seen as favourites. The MSNBC coverage is a mixture of a political beauty pageant, a College debating society and The X-Factor Show. Everything from Hillary's pearls to Obama's policy on military intervention in Afghanistan is pored over. And, being America, there is the fantastically committed liberal media monitoring website [Media Matters](#) to provide endless discussion about the way that the debate was covered. Feast yourselves on digital democracy in action.

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