## CLOSE UP ELECTION 2020: DEBATE REFLECTION GUIDE

Now that you have watched the debate, you can reflect on your expectations for the debate and how they compare to what actually took place. It is important to note that this was only one of several debates, so it is possible that issues that went unaddressed could still be addressed during an upcoming debate. As you answer, even if you are clear on which candidate you support and the positions you favor, please also keep in mind the perspective of an undecided voter.

To reflect on your debate-viewing experience and the implications of the debate on the election, respond to the prompts below.

1) Who did you expect would "win" the debate, and who, in your view, actually did win the debate? If your answers are the same, consider why that is, taking into account both the quality of the candidate's performance and your own bias. If your answers are different, in what ways were your expectations different than the reality?

2) Did you feel that one candidate presented more policy proposals than the other or answered the questions they were asked more directly? Did one candidate seem to focus more on attacking their opponent than putting forward their own ideas? In your opinion, did any candidate have a particularly strong or weak response to a particular question/moment in the debate? 3) What issues could have been addressed more thoroughly? Was there a response given by a candidate that you felt particularly spoke to your views on an issue? Was there a response that you particularly did not approve of?

4) What impact do you think the performance of each candidate in this debate will have on the election? Do you feel that undecided voters at home are more likely to have a favorable impression of one candidate over the other? Were any of your views changed by something that took place during the debate?