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I haven't seen the numbers yet on how many watched this week's presidential debate, but however many millions did, they got another glimpse of the candidates in what was called a "town hall" debate format.

I say "glimpse" of the candidates because that's about all it was—both Gov. Romney and President Obama continued to use talking points as they often failed to completely answer the question from a supposed uncommitted New York voter.

However, everyone should have learned at least one thing Tuesday—that the Libya situation may end up being a crucial factor if Obama loses re-election.

It was the most contentious part of Tuesday's debate when a man asked the President who denied the extra security request at the U.S. Embassy in Libya and why.

The debate format allowed the other candidate to respond to the response from the other.

President Obama said he was "ultimately responsible" for what happened in Libya—the burning of the Embassy and death of four Americans including the Ambassador— and emphasized he called it terrorism the next day. Romney asked why so much time after the attack then was spent on blaming it on a YouTube movie. Obama himself mentioned the movie and its effects in an address at the United Nations six days later, as did a spokeswoman with the State Department on several Sunday morning talk shows after the attack.

After that confrontation and others at Tuesday's debate, it appeared the two candidates might get into a brawl.

That didn't happen, but the Libya issue will not die down, especially since next Monday's debate will focus totally on the subject of foreign policy.

Some of the pundits talking about the debate afterwards said they didn't think women liked the confrontational tone and interruptions from both candidates in the debate, as they noted women may very well decide this election with their votes.

I don't agree with that assessment at all. What women do want, however, are direct answers to the questions they are given.

Both candidates could do much better on that point in next week's debate, the last one scheduled.

Confrontation is not bad, as long as the truth is being told. That's what women want, that's what all voters want, don't they?