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Dems Play "Chick, Black Dude, Metrosexual" to Pick New Prez

DES MOINES, IOWA- With the primaries just five months away, the time is fast approaching when young voters will have to make an important choice. On the Democratic side, the options are especially interesting since each of the top three front-runners represent a landmark first of some kind- the first woman (womyn) President, the first African-American President, or the first Southern Metrosexual President. For liberals deeply committed to this sort of thing, the selection of candidates is so good that it has actually posed a problem. A vote for Clinton, for example, could be seen as a bold step for the rights of women, but it would also be a vote against Obama- a move that might seem just a teensy bit racist. A vote for Obama might come off as sexist or a slur against not-quite-gay people.

In an effort to resolve some of this confusion and anxiety, Ridiculopathy-dot-com has developed a rock-paper-scissors-style game called "Chick, Black Dude, Metrosexual" to help people select a candidate. The game itself is very simple. On the count of three, two voters show their hand signs for a particular candidate (see photos below) and determine the winner of that round (see results table below).

Chick - "W" for "womyn"

Black Dude - Ungawa!

Metrosexual - Get used to it.

After counting to three and throw your candidate's sign, consult the chart below to determine the winner of that round.

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border-style: solid;
border-color: black;
border-collapse: collapse;
background-color: rgb(187, 187, 238);
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table.sample th {
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Math-upResult

Black Dude vs. Metrosexual *Power Salute crushes limp wrist - Black Dude Wins*

Chick vs. Black Dude *Millennia of sexism trumps 400 years of oppression - Chick wins*

Metrosexual vs. Chick *Metrosexual makes fun of Chick's outfit during a shoe shopping outing- Metrosexual Wins*

That's all well and good if there are just two of you, but what if there were five of you worrying about how to cast your primary votes? Well, consider that New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is rumored to be considering an independent run as a center-left candidate. There is also the extremely remote possibility that voters might become interested in actual diplomatic experience and governing ability, in which case former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson would become a serious contender.

In that case the game would expand to become "Chick, Black Dude, Metrosexual, Jew and Latino." The hand signs are as follows:

L is for Latino

Get it? "Jew horns" lol anti-Semitism is funny

In this expanded five-way version, the original match-ups apply in addition to the following:

Math-upResult

Jewish Guy vs Black Dude *Black Dude falls victim to global financial conspiracy - Jew wins*

Jewish Guy vs Chick *Chick cannot resist attraction to "good provider" - Jewish Guy wins*

Jewish Guy vs Metrosexual

Metrosexual's biting fashion advice makes Jewish Guy cry - Metrosexual wins

Jewish Guy vs Latino *Jewish Guy fined for hiring illegal immigrants - Latino wins*

Latino vs Black Dude *Africa deemed cooler than Mexico - Black Dude wins*

Latino vs Chick *Chick denies work visa - Chick Wins*

Latino vs Metrosexual *Latino landscapers decapitate Metrosexual's topiary- Latino wins*

Still, nobody likes to throw their vote away on a chance. So, to guarantee that you'll be voting for a winner, we recommend you put together a best three out of five or five of seven to determine the candidate with the best long-term "electability." For instance, you could call one round "Iowa" and the next "Nevada" and then "New Hampshire." Just like the real primary, the winner will probably emerge by the time you get to South Carolina.

Enjoy- or not.

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