

## **The Fuggetaboutit debate/Joker breaks down Barbieri v Stransky**

Vito Barbieri and Cheryl square off inside Michael Coreleone's storage unit.

First observation is that these are the best dressed candidates to date. Vito rocks the navy suit without a tie, navy socks and shiny burgundy shoes. Cheryl wears the conservative business suit. Even moderator David Cole sports a sport jacket. Minor fashion quibble is that his brown shoes look weathered. Still, he's dressed 10 times better than his fellow reporter, Jeff Selle who looked like he got back from a BBQ competition.

Barbieri talks about water adjudication and Cheryl wisely agrees with Barbieri. No need to make the Godfather angry.

Cole asks why the Democrats are so lame in Idaho and I love this question. Quotes Barbieri saying that if you want a moderate Republican, vote Democrat. She agrees with Barbieri, keeping her friends close and her enemies closer.

Barbieri points out the family has a stronghold in his district – a dominant view.

Cheryl supports Obamacare expansion, carefully avoiding using the word Obamacare. Vito doing his best Brando impression as if he's listening to the Turk explain selling illegal drugs.

Cole throws a curve and asks about minimum wages.

Cheryl talks about hard work and getting paid (not in Idaho).

Barbieri condemns Medicaid. Wonders who is paying the taxes? Says small business can't afford to pay people more money. Talks about 8 year olds who can't run their lemonade stands without government interference.

Cole asks about what Barbieri has done or would do to help small business. Barbieri doesn't answer the question but he talks about the evil of regulations and how they need to be reject rules and regulations. Breaks out some Supreme Court mumbo jumbo that consigliere Tom Hagen knows about. Wants to create a line item regulation veto by Vito. This is awesome. People come down to the legislature, complain and the legislature fixes it on the spot.

Cheryl points out the facts of how Idaho doesn't have a strong economic engine and the facts don't lie. Vito smiles, Cheryl needs to be punished.

Vito points out that moderate Republicans are winning. Vito says there is political balance in Idaho. Cheryl says no way. Cheryl says Vito's approach has resulted in Idaho being at the bottom of the country.

Vito tilts his head and wonders what is at the bottom of the Spokane River.

Cheryl says we don't have to vote a party ticket and who will represent the best interests of the community. She says people are forced to vote a party ticket. Vito says he doesn't know how to respond to that (Luca Brazi does) and says he represents the his district and their conservative views.

Cheryl talks about living in Idaho her whole life.

Cole brings up Democratic Party view that spending more fixes a problem. Is that a fair criticism of the Democratic message.

Cheryl is irritated. Points out that the success of business and education are linked. Cole frowning during her response. Vito shaking his head. Not happy with Cheryl. Cole still frowning.

Barbieri points out Idaho spends more than half the budget on education. What needs to be addressed is innovation. Talks about choice for parents. Vito is pro-choice. He blames unions and others feeding off the public system. Wait, I thought, the teamsters were, oh never mind. Promotes home schooling. Onward Christian soldier!

Doesn't understand why there is a 30 to 1 student model. Suggests students self teach at their own pace. Vito says a lot of money should go to children so they can find other options for learning. Says the system needs to be addressed.

Cheryl points out the facts that we do have school choice and lack of restrictions for students in Idaho. Cheryl says quality education should be the priority. Says technology is not the solve all and that students need to be engaged and debate things.

Vito says students who debate things in class are punished. Cheryl fires back that she Vito's kids were all home school and she has a better perspective because her kids went through the public school

The big finish.

Vito falls back to how he represents his district and their conservative view. Doesn't want any government regulation.

Cheryl is committed to the community. She's looking for a community view. Says people she talks to are concerned about education and the economy. Says this is not a world election.

Fade to black like the Sopranos.

We then hear both candidates congratulating each other.

