

# THE ABC DEBATE: AN OPPORTUNITY?

As it happens, the two Pennsylvania voters I had visiting and I missed the debate last night. Thankfully. Though I've watched most of it at NYT. And I agree with the general consensus that the debate marks a low point in American journalism.

Still, I wonder whether it can't be turned into a public good.

I've argued for a long time that journalists need to clean up their own house, first, before they