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The only criterion for appearing in the debates should be ballot access, which is significantly more difficult for independent/3rd party candidates than for the Republican and Democratic parties. I think that if a candidate is on the ballot he/she has a right to be heard and therefore be included in the presidential debates.

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