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The Presidential Debates missed focusing on the job held by 155 million Americans: parenting. Way before a worker's first paycheck, parents are the front line to achieve the much-touted goal of developing a workforce with the skills and savvy to keep America competitive and leading in the global economy. How well parents are supported in raising their children will have more impact on the strength of our future workforce than most "job-related" decisions the next President will make.

Wendy Lazarus and Laurie Lipper pose [five questions](#) that the candidates should have answered—and still can.