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Clinton also brought up the case of the fatal shooting by police of a man who was sleeping in downtown Milwaukee's Red Arrow Park.

"As a mother and grandmother, my heart breaks for the family of Dontre Hamilton," she said, noting that Hamilton's mother was in the audience. "We need to restore the trust between law enforcement and the people they serve. We need to recognize that the ability of black mothers to raise their children in safety is a women's issue -- it's an American issue," she said.

"I know this is politically dicey," she added. "We need real solutions for ending gun violence. ... I'm not going to sit by and stay silent while more innocent people are killed in their churches, killed in movie theaters and walking down the street. We have to address it."

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Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett told the crowd that he enjoyed the first GOP debate, expecting the presidential hopefuls to "wrestle each other to see who could leapfrog over each other to the right" the most.

Barrett said he wants Hillary to be the one negotiating with other countries. "She's been there, she understands the world," said Barrett. "She doesn't have to look at a map to find out where the countries are."

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