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Mayor [Pete Buttigieg](#), a [2020](#) Democratic presidential hopeful, weighed in on one of the most hotly debated topics among baseball fans earlier this week: the designated hitter in [Major League Baseball](#) (MLB).

The debate among [baseball](#) fans has been constant since the designated hitter (DH) was [added](#) to the American League in 1973. The National League does not have a DH and forces pitchers to hit.

It recently got even more heated after MLB [reportedly discussed](#) the possibility of instituting the DH in the National League as early as 2020, making the position universal across the entire sport.

Coincidentally, the season would overlap with some of the most important months of the 2020 presidential election.

Buttigieg was asked about abolishing the DH in all of baseball during an event on Wednesday.

"This is going to get me in all kinds of trouble. I mean, the good thing about the way we have it now, I guess you could go either way, depending on the league," the South Bend, Indiana, mayor said. "I feel like you ought to have to play both parts of the inning."

He added:

"But then again, I'm not involved in the professional management of baseball, so I guess it's not up to me. It just seems a little funny to me that all you've got to do is just be there for the hitting part. This has never come up before, I've got to think about this more. We got South Bend Cubs where I'm at, so we're National League. I'm going to think about

that some more, but my early take is that I'd rather not have designated hitters, but I'm not going to impose that on anybody else."

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While Buttigieg did hedge his bets by saying he wanted to think about his stance more, his initial stance against the DH got the attention of some people online.

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It's not unheard of for presidential aspirants to be linked with baseball—apparently former president George W. Bush [wanted to become the commissioner of baseball](#).

Given Buttigieg's stance on the DH, there [may be a large contingent of National League fans](#) who would support a hypothetical commissioner bid by the Indiana mayor.

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