

United States Extemp – Round One

Politics / Government

1. Are U.S. voters entitled to see President Trump's past tax returns?
2. Should Rudy Giuliani step down as President Trump's attorney?
3. As governor of California, is Gavin Newsom successfully leading his state?
4. Are televised debates a meaningful component of the U.S. presidential election process?
5. Should members of the U.S. Congress be subjected to federally mandated term limits?
6. As a member of the United States Senate, what are Mitt Romney's major political objectives?
7. Do U.S. voters have confidence in the leadership ability of Vice President Mike Pence?
8. Is House Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff a major political adversary of President Trump?
9. What are the latest details of allegations regarding President Trump's contact with Ukraine leaders?
10. Who are the leading contenders for the 2020 Democratic Party presidential nomination?
11. Will Bernie Sanders' run for the White House be hampered by health concerns?
12. Who are the leading advocates in Congress for an impeachment inquiry of President Trump?
13. Why was the issue of busing of public school students raised during this year's presidential debates?
14. Is Donald Trump's presidency causing formidable divisions within the Republican Party?
15. Does the average U.S. voter fully comprehend the concept of socialism?

United States Extemp – Round Two Finances and Economics

1. What does the latest consumer price data indicate about current U.S. inflation levels?
2. Is the current federal budget deficit a cause of alarm for middle class Americans?
3. Are stock market investments too risky for the U.S. middle class?
4. Is international trade tension between the United States and China beginning to ease?
5. What factors are causing President Trump to disagree with Fed Chairman Jerome Powell?
6. Would lower interest rates help improve the business climate in the U.S. economy?
7. Why are direct Chinese investments in the United States on the decline?
8. Should the American public be concerned about the current state of the U.S. budget deficit?
9. Why is the number of bankruptcies by U.S. farmers on the rise?
10. Are U.S. automakers currently on solid financial ground?
11. What are the cause of the current dispute between Amazon and Disney?
12. Is the current U.S. labor force experiencing a major change in its demographic nature?
13. In today's business climate what kinds of issues most likely affect stock market prices?
14. How are Iran oil sanctions affecting U.S. petroleum production?
15. Has international trade become the driving force of the United States economy?

United States Extemp – Round Three Social Issues and Controversies

1. Is opioid addiction on the decline in the United States today?
2. Are major changes in store for food stamp distribution in the United States?
3. Is political corruption perpetuating poverty levels in Puerto Rico?
4. Why is racial diversity becoming increasingly more prevalent in major U.S. cities?
5. Is extremist politics becoming increasingly more common in the United States today?
6. Why did the Pacific Gas and Electric Power Company cut service to northern California residents?
7. Is the accuracy of news reporting in the United States compromised by political bias?
8. Should college athletes receive monetary compensation for playing sports?
9. What has Atlanta done to become a model of success for addressing the issue of homelessness?
10. Is the issue of migrant family detainment causing a legal battle between state and federal authorities?
11. Is the United States embracing a culture of “safetyism?”
12. Does the use of social media play a major role in the lives of U.S. teenagers?
13. What are the more alarming health risks associated with vaping?
14. Should student college loans be subjected to more stringent federal guidelines?
15. Should college athletes receive monetary compensation for playing sports?

United States Extemp – Finals

U. S. Foreign Policy

1. Should the United States have reduced its military presence in Syria?
2. Are traditional U.S. allies concerned about the President Trump's foreign policy objectives?
3. Is the United States currently engaged in a major trade war with China?
4. In what ways are current U.S. economic conditions affected by international trade?
5. What factors prompted John Bolton's exit from President Trump's foreign policy team?
6. Does the United Nations have a favorable view of U.S. policy toward Iran?
7. Is the United States making a major shift with respect to its policy regarding Syria?
8. Is the Trump administration seriously considering acquisition of Greenland?
9. Why did the United States withdraw from the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty?
10. Why did President Trump's comments about China investigating the Biden family draw criticism?
11. Is the U.S. military currently in need of modernization?
12. Who are President Trump's most trusted foreign policy advisors?
13. Does the United States have a key role with respect to NATO?
14. Should the United States steps to completely disengage itself from Afghanistan?
15. As U.S. Secretary of State, what are Mike Pompeo's most critical challenges?

International Extemp – Round One

The Americas

1. Has action by Ecuador's president Lenín Moreno successfully ended the protests throughout his nation?
2. Is Brazil's indigenous population facing major challenges as a result of Amazon region deforestation?
3. Should Colombia's leaders be concerned about renewed activity of the FARC rebel group?
4. What steps are Canada's leaders taking to address concerns of indigenous groups within the nation?
5. Are the environmental impacts of deforestation in Brazil irreversible in nature?
6. Are embargoes taking their toll on the Venezuelan economy?
7. What are the latest political challenges facing Argentina's President Mauricio Macri?
8. Has Evo Morales achieved success as Bolivia's president?
9. What steps are Canada's leaders taking to address concerns of indigenous groups within the nation?
10. Should Canada's leaders be concerned about mounting tension between their nation and China?
11. Are embargoes taking their toll on the Venezuelan economy?
12. Are government programs successfully reducing the level of violent gang activity in Honduras?
13. Is Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador concerned about the violent crime rate in his nation?
14. Why is Mexico's approach to "gendered violence" considered unique?
15. Should Zury Ríos have been allowed to run for president of Guatemala?

International Extemp – Round Two Europe / Russia

1. Why are Turkey's military forces becoming increasingly more involved in northern Syria?
2. If Brexit transpires without an official European Union agreement will the British economy suffer?
3. Why did Boris Johnson take the dramatic step of suspending the British Parliament?
4. Has political radicalization become a lasting characteristic of France's political system?
5. How has the Syrian conflict affected political conditions in Turkey?
6. Is President Vladimir Putin witnessing a decline in his popularity in Russia?
7. Why does the European Union support removal of controversial Facebook posts?
8. Should the European Union be concerned about Italy's increased economic engagement with China?
9. Has economic stability returned to Greece?
10. What changes are in store for the International Monetary Fund in the near future?
11. In spite of political setbacks, is Angela Merkel effectively leading Germany?
12. Has the separatist movement in Spain come to an end?
13. Is Russia continuing its attempts to influence Ukrainian affairs?
14. What effect has Meghan Markel had on British royal family tradition?
15. What factors have led to the spread of right-wing populism in Europe?

International Extemp – Round Three Asia/Australia/Oceania

1. What issues are fueling ongoing protests in Hong Kong?
2. As China attempts to deal with Hong Kong protests, are human rights violations occurring?
3. Is Pakistan's restriction of plastics setting an environmental standard for Asian nations?
4. Does North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-un, have any plans for abandoning his nation's nuclear program?
5. Why has the province of Kashmir become the focal point for conflict between India and Pakistan?
6. Is a diplomatic feud in the making between North and South Korea?
7. Is India currently experiencing sustained economic growth?
8. Have leaders in the Philippines failed in dealing with the spread of HIV in their nation?
9. Does the Taliban have a major voice in Afghanistan's government today?
10. Is persecution of Muslims becoming widespread in China?
11. Is Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn attempting to seize control of his nation's political system?
12. Has capital punishment proven effective as a tool for combating illegal drug trafficking in Malaysia?
13. Why has the province of Kashmir become the focal point for conflict between India and Pakistan?
14. Is India becoming the dominant economic power in Asia?
15. To what extent have recent typhoons affected Japan?

International Extemp – Finals Middle East / Africa

1. What are the causes of the border dispute between Cameroon and Nigeria?
2. Is a political power struggle looming in Zimbabwe?
3. Is Mali taking the lead in addressing Niger River pollution concerns?
4. Why was Ethiopia's Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, awarded the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize?
5. Are Saudi Arabia's forces committing war crimes in their conflict with Houthi rebels in Yemen?
6. Is political stability in Israel jeopardized by corruption among key leaders of the nation?
7. What obstacles are preventing improved diplomatic relations between South Africa and Nigeria?
8. Will the death of Robert Mugabe have any noticeable effect on Zimbabwe's current political condition?
9. To what extent is agriculture production in sub-Saharan Africa affected by water shortages?
10. Is deforestation currently having a major environmental impact on African nations?
11. Is a border conflict in the making between Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon?
12. Are women's rights becoming a reality in Saudi Arabia?
13. What factors have contributed to the longevity of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's political career?
14. Why is Iraq currently experiencing a new wave of anti-government protests?
15. Why was the African Continental Free Trade Area created?

