Extemp Prep for July 20, 2020

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*Directions: The following is a tournament worth of extemp questions focusing on three headlines from the previous week. Take time to practice answering each question, a simulation of current events at the time of this release, to keep you geared up for competition. Use the hyperlinks to read up on the latest for each topic.*

# Headline 1 (U.S. / Domestic): [Joe Biden](https://news.google.com/search?q=Joe%20Biden&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen)

* Will Joe Biden’s lead in the polls continue through November 3?
* Which of Joe Biden’s gaffs have hurt his standing among voters?
* Should Joe Biden be allowed to debate Donald Trump?
* Was Joe Bidens early adoption of mask wearing helpful to his public image?
* Does Joe Biden have a record to stand on?
* Which key issues does Joe Biden have a winning chance on?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [European Bailout](https://news.google.com/search?q=European%20Bailout&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen)

* Will the Macron solution for bolstering the European economy succeed?
* How devastating has the coronavirus lockdown been to the European economy?
* Is Norway’s demand to limit spending the real solution to Europe’s financial struggle?
* Is the coronavirus-recovery fund too little, too late?
* What negotiation hurdles await Germany Chancellor Angela Merkel?
* Will coming economic trouble cause a wave of populism within the EU?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Home Mortgages](https://news.google.com/search?q=Home%20Mortgages&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen)

* What are the reasons for the historic low interest rates of home mortgages?
* Will the drop in interest rates in home mortgages continue?
* Do the home mortgage boom equate to stronger buying power for new home owners?
* Will jumbo home loans follow suit of government-backed mortgage loans?
* Is the housing market keeping up with the demand from home buyers?
* Are the low rate of home mortgages good or bad for the economy?