Extemp Prep for July 27, 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): [Seattle](https://news.google.com/search?q=seattle&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen)

* Are there signs for the reduction of violence in Seattle?
* Will the deployment of federal police help or hurt Donald Trump’s reelection campaign?
* Is the unsettled chaos in Seattle the fault of city leadership?
* What differentiates protesting from rioting, and how should government respond to each?
* Does Seattle help or hurt Joe Biden’s run for presidency?
* Is the deployment of troops to Seattle an overreach of federal power?

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

* Do the demonstrations in Khabarovsk mark the beginning to the end of Putin’s rule?
* Will the oligarchs sitting in the Kremlin have their day of reckoning?
* Are the raids on anti-Putin leaders a sign of weakness or strength of Russia?
* Is there validity to Russia’s recent string of treason arrests?
* Are the tests of Russian tanks in the North Atlantic a threat to NATO?
* Will Russians vote to keep Putin in power through 2036?

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

* Are Wells Fargo’s layoffs reminiscent of a coming economic downfall?
* Which banking giants will follow suit of Wells Fargo?
* How does Wells Fargo’s downturn show a different stimulus under Trump than past stimuluses under Obama or Bush?
* Will Wells Fargo pull out of the economic mess it finds itself in?
* Has Wells Fargo successfully rebuilt its image following scandals of the past several years?
* Is Wells Fargo setting the standard for other banks to help ride out the coronavirus?