Extemp Prep for August 10, 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): [NRA](https://news.google.com/search?q=nra&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen)

* Is the New York Attorney General politically motivated in going after the NRA?
* Should corruption of the NRA justify the AG’s attempt to dissolve the group>
* What NRA spending drew the scrutiny of New York’s AG and is it justified?
* What is the NRA’s response to the New York AG and does it hold up to her accusations?
* What will the Trump Administration do to help the NRA’s defense?
* Is the AG’s claim of “brazen” corruption in the NRA warranted?

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

* What happened in Lebanon and why is it important?
* Who are the likely responsible parties in the Beirut explosion?
* Is the recovery effort following the Beirut explosion going well?
* How is Russia involved with the Beirut explosion?
* Will Hezbollah escape blame for the deadly chemical blast in Beirut?
* Are the Lebanese justified in blaming the Beirut explosion on political corruption?

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

* Should President Trump prohibit transactions with Bytedance to ban TikTok?
* Does Josh Richards’ leaving TikTok reflect a breakdown in the company’s stability?
* Should Mark Zuckerberg be worried that Facebook is next in social media bans?
* Are the use of national emergency powers to ban TikTok transactions justified?
* What other social media apps will replace TikTok?
* Is President Trump’s ban from Chinese-owned TikTok a precursor for other social media?