Extemp Prep for August 24, 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): [DNC](https://www.nytimes.com/live/2020/08/20/us/dnc-convention-election#democrats-have-done-the-setup-work-now-biden-must-stand-on-his-own)

* How did the restrictions because of COVID-19 affect the DNC?
* Did Joe Biden come out on top after the Democratic National Convention?
* Will the democrats succeed in their ‘fall campaign’ against Trump?
* Was the segment of faith and religion beneficial for Biden’s campaign?
* Is Kamala the ideal vice president nominee for Joe Biden?
* Which DNC speaker was the most important when it comes to the democrats winning in 2020?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Alexei Navalny](https://www.bbc.com/news/topics/cpzyrklr4l8t/alexei-navalny)

* Is there a legitimate grievance against the government of Russia?
* Can we be sure that it was Russian officials who poisoned Alexei Navalny?
* Should Vladimir Putin accept his term limits in the wake of riots?
* What more can the Russian opposition do to halt the politically motivated arrests?
* Should Mr. Navalny have deleted his 2017 film when requested by Russian officials?
* Will the absence of a major Putin critic, Alexei Navalny, hinder the anti-corruption movement in Russia?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [U.S. Postal Service](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/08/20/postal-service-mail-sorters-removals/)

* Should the U.S. Postal Service go forward with removing hundreds of mail-sorting machines?
* How has the U.S. Postal Service issues affected Netflix costumers?
* How has the U.S. Postal Service issues affected Amazon costumers?
* How will the recent actions from the U.S. Postal Service affect the election in November?
* Should the U.S. get rid of mail-in voting?
* Is Trump right in saying that universal mail-in voting is potential for fraud?