Extemp Prep for August 31, 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): [RNC](https://www.cnbc.com/2020/08/25/watch-rnc-tonight-live.html)

* What were the most important highlights from the RNC this week?
* What are the key takeaways from Nick Sandmann’s lawsuit?
* Were the republican sentiments on policing issues well address at the RNC?
* Has the RNC increased polling in support of Donald Trump?
* What were the key differences between the DNC and the RNC?
* What was the republican’s message in regards to abortion at the RNC?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Abe Shinzo](https://www.economist.com/asia/2020/08/28/abe-shinzo-resigns-leaving-formidable-problems-for-his-successor)

* Who will take Abe Shinzo’s place as Prime Minister of Japan?
* How should Shinzo’s successor deal with an aggressive China?
* What is next for the LDP once Shinzo resigns?
* Will relationships between America and Japan change once Shinzo resigns?
* What should the next Prime Minister of Japan do about its financial state?
* Can the population issues facing Japan be better addressed by Shinzo’s successor?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Airbnb](https://www.forbes.com/sites/jenniferleighparker/2020/08/28/airbnbs-ipo-opens-path-to-market-dominance/#764ac86f699a)

* Will Airbnb go public in September?
* How will an I.P.O affect Airbnb?
* Has there been a market success with companies like Airbnb?
* Has Airbnb experienced a decline in sales due to COVID-19?
* Why has Airbnb decided to go public in the middle of a pandemic?
* Will Airbnb continue to dominate the sector if it decides to go public?