Extemp Prep for September 7, 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): [Polls](https://www.wsj.com/articles/companies-recruit-350-000-poll-workers-for-u-s-election-11599384600?mod=hp_lead_pos1)

* What can be done about the shortage of poll worker in the United States?
* Is it appropriate for big companies to allow paid leave for their employees to be poll workers?
* How will volunteers from big companies effect election polls?
* Will polls be more accurate this year compared to the upset in 2016?
* Should employers be mandated to allow paid time off so employees can vote?
* What can be done about the staffing polling location issues?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Hong Kong Protests](https://www.wsj.com/articles/hong-kong-protesters-return-to-streets-over-postponed-elections-11599397539?mod=hp_lead_pos6)

* Will the protests for liberating Hong Kong effect China’s decision on the postponing of its elections?
* Is China attempting to take more control of Hong Kong?
* Is Hong Kong and China’s ‘one country, two systems’ proving to be unsuccessful?
* Why did protesters in Hong Kong camouflage themselves?
* Should protesters in Hong Kong risk being imprisoned for up to life?
* Should leaders in Hong Kong revoke its decision to postpone elections in the wake of pro-democracy protests and riots?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Big Tech Rally](https://www.wsj.com/articles/where-danger-lurks-in-the-big-tech-rally-11599397200?mod=hp_lead_pos4)

* Which stock-market sectors would be wise to invest in?
* Why are Apple stocks experiencing a drop this week?
* Is the lull in the stock market proof of an upcoming economic recession?
* How has the economy “opening back up” since Covid-19 reflected on the stock market?
* Is Trump’s prediction of the economy too optimistic?
* Are technology stocks that are increasing too quickly negatively effecting the rest of the market?