Extemp Prep for October 5, 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): [Presidential Debate](https://www.c-span.org/debates/)

* Who won the recent presidential debate?
* Should the presidential debate rules be rewritten?
* Was the presidential debate influential for swing-voters?
* What will be the results of the comments about white supremacy from Trump?
* How do the polls reflect viewers’ opinions on the recent presidential debate?
* What were the strong points for Joe Biden in the recent Presidential debate?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [South Africa](https://www.wsj.com/articles/south-africas-promise-of-racial-equality-falters-under-pandemic-11601031600)

* How has coronavirus affected South Africa’s promise of racial equality?
* What can South Africa do to provide support for black workers in the midst of a pandemic?
* Why has COVID-19 disproportionally effected black workers in South Africa?
* How will South Africa fight COVID-19 and recover its economy?
* Should South African leaders be more concerned about the coronavirus spreading than they are about the economy bouncing back?
* Should South Africa continue its efforts to enforce homelessness laws despite the overwhelming poverty?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [The Social Dilemma](https://variety.com/2020/digital/news/facebook-netflix-social-dilemma-documentary-1234791015/)

* Who should bear the responsibility for spreading fake news on social media platforms?
* What are the impacts of Netflix’s new documentary, The Social Dilemma?
* Has social media gone too far in manipulating its users?
* How can social media platforms be regulated to avoid targeted advertising?
* Has social media caused an increase in teenage suicide rates and decreases in mental health?
* Should social media platforms be regulated or should individuals practice responsibility when it comes to using social media?