Extemp Prep for October 19, 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): [COVID-19 Relief Deal](https://www.wsj.com/articles/pelosi-tells-white-house-it-has-until-tuesday-to-reach-relief-deal-before-election-11603042667?mod=hp_lead_pos2)

* Should the democrats and republicans compromise to get a relief bill passed?
* Why can’t congress get a relief deal passed before the election?
* Is a COVID-19 relief deal necessary for the American people?
* Should the republicans compromise with the democrats to pass a relief deal?
* Should the republicans listen to Pelosi’s demands for coming to an agreement about the COVID-19 relief deal this week?
* How will the lack of a stimulus package impact Trump’s campaign?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [French Rallies](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/18/thousands-rally-across-france-in-tribute-to-dead-schoolteacher)

* What does it say about France that thousands rallied in tribute to a murdered schoolteacher?
* How will the France government respond to the honorary killing of a secondary schoolteacher?
* What should France do about the Islamic terrorism in the country?
* What does the story of the murdered secondary teacher say about the freedom of speech in France?
* How can France protect citizen’s freedom of speech from Islamic terrorists?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Fiscal Year Projections](https://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2020/09/03/newsletter-soaring-debt-big-layoffs-and-a-booming-stock-market/)

* The U.S. debt is the highest it’s even been. What can be done to reduce it?
* What can be said about the reports that the U.S debt will exceed its economy size in 2021?
* Is the surge of borrowing in the U.S. impacting the stock market and investors actions?
* In what ways can the U.S. federal government limit borrowing?
* Why is unemployment going down in the midst of a global pandemic?
* The U.S. trade deficit is expected to grow. What can the U.S. do to narrow the trade deficit?