Extemp Prep for October 26, 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): [Second Presidential Debate](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPiofmZGb8o&ab_channel=C-SPAN)

* What were the top highlights from the second presidential debate?
* What points did Joe Biden win in the second presidential debate?
* What points did President Trump win in the second presidential debate?
* How did the second presidential debate compare to the first debate?
* Did the second presidential debate successfully gain any new Trump voters?
* Did the second presidential debate successfully gain any new Biden voters?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Venezuela Oppositional Leader](https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuelan-opposition-leader-leopoldo-lopez-escapes-venezuela-opposition-officials-say-11603559016)

* Why did Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo López escape from Venezuela?
* Should the United States continue to support Venezuelan opposition?
* Should López’s strategy change in regard to the authoritarian government and the Maduro regime?
* What else can be done to defeat the socialist regime of Maduro?
* Will international pressure against Maduro ease because of López’s escape?
* How will the Maduro regime respond to the escape of Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo López?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Energy](https://www.wsj.com/articles/oil-industry-bristles-at-bidens-pledge-to-transition-away-from-crude-11603482883?mod=business_lead_pos1)

* What is the oil industry’s response to Joe Biden’s comments in the second presidential debate?
* How will citizens concerned with the oil industry’s success vote?
* Are gas prices down because of what President Trump has done for the oil industry?
* Should the U.S. transition to renewable energy?
* What is the renewable energy industry’s response to Biden’s comments about transitioning away from gas and oil?
* Will the U.S. transition away from gas and coal on its own or is public policy necessary?