Extemp Prep for November 23, 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): [Election Lawsuit](https://www.cnbc.com/2020/11/21/trump-loses-l.html)

* Was the decision from a federal judge in the case between Trump and Pennsylvania, right?
* What happens next for the presidential election after a federal judge ruled in Pennsylvania’s favor?
* Given the recent decision in the lawsuit between Trump and Pennsylvania, who will win Pennsylvania?
* Was there any substantive evidence for voter fraud in Pennsylvania to call for a federal court decision in the first place?
* What was the reasoning for Judge Brann to dismiss the case between Trump and Pennsylvania?
* Is Trump right in saying that Pennsylvania voters were denied constitutional rights?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Open Skies Treaty](https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-exits-open-skies-treaty-moves-to-discard-observation-planes-11606055371)

* Why did President Trump exit the Open Skies treaty?
* Will President-elect Joe Biden join the Open Skies Treaty during his presidency?
* Will the exit of the Open Skies Treaty decrease the likelihood of war from Russia?
* What is the purpose of destroying the two OC-135B that the U.S. used to carry out Open Skies flights?
* Will the two OC-135B that are being destroyed, be replaced?
* What will be the world’s response to the U.S. exit from the Open Skies Treaty?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Student Loans](https://www.wsj.com/articles/student-loan-losses-seen-costing-u-s-more-than-400-billion-11605963600)

* How can student loans be changed to help students across the U.S.?
* What can the U.S. do now that student loan losses have passed $400 billion?
* Is the student debt loss for the U.S. a financial crisis?
* Should the U.S. start to take into account credit records before allowing federal grant money?
* Should the U.S. decrease the $100 billion it currently lends to students each year?
* What do you think would be an effective way to reduce the student loan debt in the U.S.?