Extemp Prep for November 30, 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): [Failing Students Increase](https://www.theepochtimes.com/failing-grade-spike-with-remote-learning-in-virginias-largest-school-system-report_3590055.html)

* What can be done about the failing student percentage skyrocketing due to online learning?
* Why is Virginia’s largest school seeing such a high percentage of students failing with the switch to online learning?
* Should parents consider homeschooling because of the failure to switch to online learning?
* Should Virginia allow students to go back to in-person classes?
* Would a hybrid model of schooling fix the failing student population in Virginia?
* Should taxes that are directed toward federal and state education be decreased due to online learning?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Mohsen Fakhrizadeh](https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/29/opinions/iran-nuclear-scientist-killing-biden-relationship-andelman/index.html)

* What does the death of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh mean for Iran and Israel relationships?
* What should the U.S. president do in regard to the recent death of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh?
* Is there proof that Israel played a role in the death of Iran’s nuclear scientist?
* With the death of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, what are the implications to Iran’s nuclear capabilities?
* Does the recent murder of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh have anything to do with Biden’s announcement to re-enter the Iran nuclear deal?
* How will Iran respond to the recent murder of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [COVID Thanksgiving](https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-zoom-thanksgiving-using-techniques-from-working-remotely-11606215600?mod=hp_featst_pos4)

* How can the government deter the spread of COVID-19 during the holidays?
* Did people follow Thanksgiving COVID rules?
* How effective were the guidelines to have Thanksgiving over Zoom?
* Was Thanksgiving celebrated at home because of the stay-at-home orders?
* How was Thanksgiving different this year in the midst of a pandemic?
* Should families take the risk to see each other during the pandemic instead of staying home?