Extemp Prep for January 4, 2021

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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): [Stimulus Package](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/second-stimulus-check-600-dollars-eligibility-2021-01-04/)

* Was the recent stimulus package passed by the American government beneficial for all citizens?
* How is this stimulus check different from the last one?
* Will the stimulus check prove successful in helping failing businesses and struggling families?
* Why were college students denied a stimulus check?
* What are the pros and cons of the most recent stimulus package?
* Should there be a limit for 2019 income to qualify for the stimulus package?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Venezuela](https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuela-opposition-debilitated-as-biden-set-to-take-office-11609772400)

* How will the new U.S. Administration effect relationships with Venezuela?
* Will President-elect Biden further Trump’s negotiations with Venezuela?
* What should Juan Guaidó do in respect to the transition of presidency in the U.S.?
* Is it a wise policy for President-elect Biden to call Maduro a dictator and side with the citizens of Venezuela?
* Should the U.S. increase sanctions on Venezuela?
* What can Mr. Juan Guaidó do in attempt to rid the dictatorship from Venezuela?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Package Thieves](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/02/realestate/stolen-packages.html?action=click&module=Features&pgtype=Homepage)

* What can be done with the recent increase of packages being stolen from doorsteps?
* What can citizens do to protect their packages from being stolen?
* Have the lockdowns increased the package thievery issue?
* What has been Amazon’s response to the increase in stolen packages?
* Should landlords be required to provide their tenants with locked mailboxes?
* What is the economic cost of package thieves and how can they be prevented?