Extemp Prep for February 1, 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): [COVID-19 Vaccine](https://www.wsj.com/articles/mass-vaccination-sites-will-mean-scaling-up-logistics-coordination-11612004400)

* How will President Biden’s vaccine plan differ from the previous administration?
* Should U.S. citizens have to pay for the COVID-19 Vaccine?
* Will the U.S. COVID-19 vaccine be mandatory?
* Will President Biden’s vaccination program achieve its goals?
* What can the U.S. do to maximize the roll out strategy for the COVID-19 vaccine?
* Will President Biden’s $20 billion national vaccination program succeed?

# Headline 2 (World / International): [Protests in Russia](https://www.wsj.com/articles/navalny-protesters-detained-across-russia-for-a-second-weekend-11612103421)

* Why are there thousands of Russian citizens protesting the government of Russia?
* Should Alexei Navalny continue to protest Russia’s government?
* Should the Russian government release Alexei Navalny from prison?
* Is Russia approaching another wave of dictatorship and government overreach?
* What can the party-opposition in Russia do to effectively change the government of Russia?
* Does the growing movement in Russia pose a threat to President Vladimir Putin?

# Headline 3 (Economy / Business / Tech): [Exxon and Chevron](https://www.wsj.com/articles/exxon-chevron-ceos-discussed-merger-11612126203?mod=hp_lead_pos1)

* Will Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp decide to merge?
* How will the Exxon and Chevron merge effect the oil and gas market?
* What would be the benefits of Exxon and Chevron merging?
* Are Exxon and Chevron going to merge because of COVID-19?
* If Exxon and Chevron decide to merge, will their company break the rules against monopolies?
* Will the Biden Administration enforce anti-trust laws and stop Exxon and Chevron from merging?