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Extemporaneous Speaking Questions



International Extemporaneous Speaking

1. Are Russia and Ukraine ready to engage in serious peace talks?
2. How can the effectiveness of the UN's security mission in Haiti be improved?
3. How seriously should NATO take Vladimir Putin's nuclear threats?
4. How should American allies prepare for Donald Trump's second term?
5. Is the humanitarian crisis in Sudan receiving enough international attention?
6. What are the likely effects of the Brazil-China relationship growing closer?
7. Why has Somaliland struggled to gain international recognition?
8. Why is air pollution a major problem in India?
9. Why is the Māori rights movement gaining support in New Zealand?
10. Will Olaf Scholz win a second term as Germany's leader?

United States Extemporaneous Speaking

1. Has the U.S. made progress in reestablishing public confidence in our electoral systems?
2. How could the new Department of Government Efficiency positively influence the federal government?
3. Is JD Vance the heir apparent for the MAGA movement?
4. Is X (formerly Twitter) at risk of being usurped by alternatives like Bluesky?
5. Should the federal income tax on Social Security retirement benefits be eliminated?
6. What are the most effective ways to combat youth gun violence at the local level?
7. What do President-elect Trump's cabinet appointments indicate about his plans for his second term?
8. What legal barriers will President-elect Donald Trump encounter if he pursues mass deportation?
9. What qualities helped elevate John Thune to Senate Majority Leader?
10. Why has the Democratic Party lost the trust of many working-class voters?