**Winter Chill 2023 Extemp topics**

Please do not show the student these topics until they are beginning their prep time.

Prep time does not need to be recorded.

Students should choose 1 of the topics listed.

Students have ½ hour to plan their speech. Internet usage is allowed.

The speaker has one half hour to prepare one topic. The speaker should announce the topic
choice as part of the introduction.

In giving his/her speech, the speaker may not use any notes

The time limit for this event is SEVEN (7) MINUTES. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period the contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit.

1. Is Russia successfully maintaining its influence in Central Asia?
2. Will Syria finally see peace with the fall of the Assad regime?
3. Why is China probing Nvidia for antitrust violations?
4. Will the election of former President John Mahama turn things around for Ghana?
5. Which political issue should Republicans address in California?
6. Should HR 9495 be passed, how can nonprofits likely to be targeted ensure they survive?
7. Will the Democratic Party see a significant shift in national leadership during Donald Trump’s next term?
8. How would a dismantlement of the Department of Education affect the US economy?