

## Rushmore Challenge 25

### UNITED STATES EXTEMP

1. Should the House impeach the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem?
2. What are the lasting impacts of Operation Metro Surge?
3. How has Operation Metro Surge changed public opinion of ICE?
4. How have the protests in Minnesota changed the perception of the Trump administration?
5. Why is this the first administration where ICE has come over this level of scrutiny?
- 6. Why does the Catholic Church fear Patrick Pope's rise to fame?**
7. What do the reactions to the Super Bowl Halftime show say about the state of US politics?
8. What led to the politicization of the Super Bowl halftime show?
- 9. Why didn't the Seahawks kicker win MVP?**
10. Have the changes made by the FAA been enough to make aviation safer?
11. Will the US workforce be able to adapt to growing AI capabilities?
12. Is there an AI bubble?
13. What American industries benefit the most from AI incorporation?
14. What role should the federal government play in regulating AI development?
15. Should the House impeach RFK Jr.?
16. Is the CDC doing enough to curb the current measles outbreak?
17. Why is the US seeing a huge resurgence in measles?
18. Why are certain states seeing a much larger measles outbreak than others?
19. How can states combat growing healthcare consolidation?
20. What are the impacts of the US pulling out of the WHO?
21. Should the government invest more in public health measures to prevent future health crises?
22. Should the Democratic Party support Universal Healthcare in the next election cycle?
23. Have recent attacks on the Federal reserve damaged its independence with investors?
24. What impacts will the investigation of Jerome Powell have on the Federal Reserve?
25. What have recent winter storms revealed about infrastructure in the South?
26. How can the Pentagon expand support mechanisms for disaster relief?
- 27. Is -35°F really that cold?**
28. What do recent winter storms reveal about the need to diversify energy sources?
29. Should states be responsible for regulating social media use for minors?
30. What is the future of TikTok in the US?
31. Is social media more helpful or harmful to the American public?
32. Is the forced divestiture of TikTok adequate to address national security risks?
33. What impact will current Supreme Court rulings have on social media's future?
34. Should the federal government act more aggressively against the increasing cost of housing?
35. Are certain states handling the cost of living crisis better than others?
36. How is increased state-level abortion legislation affecting national electoral strategies?
37. How might extended executive power claims hurt the balance of power?
38. Is there any way to punish all of the perpetrators in the Epstein files?
39. What has the public reaction to the Epstein files revealed about the current state of American citizens?
40. Will US manufacturing jobs still exist in 100 years?
41. Which manufacturing sectors are the most important to the American economy?
42. How will international tensions impact American manufacturing?
43. How can the US fix its immigration process?
44. Is there a better way for the US Government to process asylum seekers?
45. What impact will student loan forgiveness have on 2026 midterms?
- 46. How many people here have Valentines to celebrate with?**
47. How is political polarization influencing public trust in democratic institutions?
48. What are the long-term implications of declining bipartisan journalism for U.S. democracy?
49. What are the political risks of Trump's discussion over Greenland?
50. What was the purpose of sending ICE agents to Italy for the Olympics?
51. Should athletes representing the US at the Olympics be expected to show support for American politics?
52. How has the rise of the "trad-wife" culture shown a shift in gender norms in the US?
53. How much political pressure can the FBI withstand before leadership changes occur?
54. Who will be the democratic nominee for the 2028 presidential election?
55. Who will be the republican nominee for the 2028 presidential election?
56. What will be the legacy of the democratic party during Trump's second term?

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57. Will there be a shift towards moderate conservatism once Trump's term ends?
58. How do sanctuary policies impact local economies?
59. How do sanctuary laws affect how local police work?
60. Is nuclear power a good alternative source of energy?
- 61. Which Dahle was the favorite child: Travis, Darin, or other?**
62. Should political parties change their approach to crime?
63. Will the United States restart its nuclear testing programs?
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65. What will the 2026 farm bill hold for U.S. rural communities?
66. Are teenagers scared to express their political opinions?
67. Is Instagram story activism an effective way to raise awareness for issues?
68. How can the US reduce teen suicide?
69. Which party will win the 2026 midterm elections?
70. Which party will win the 2028 presidential election?
71. Does the US need new legislation on voting rights?
- 72. Are Lewis Hamilton and Kim Kardashian endgame?**
73. Does the US need age limits for Congress?
74. Are lifetime appointments in the Supreme Courts fair?
75. How can the U.S. better work with indigenous tribes to better solve issues on reservations?
76. Why do most Americans struggle with geography?
77. Is it sustainable to keep growing suburban communities in deserts?
78. Will climate change redistribute the population of the U.S.?
79. Is the American public concerned about climate change?
80. Should more states put a hold on the construction of new data centers?
81. Should the United States government do more to support public media?
82. What more should the government do to fight disinformation?
83. What is the largest threat to the United States economy?
84. Should the public do more to hold people in the Epstein files accountable?
85. Who is the most fit candidate for the 2026 SD governor position?
86. How can the United States fix its relationship with Canada and Mexico?
87. Is the DOJ appropriately releasing the Epstein files?
88. How will a reduction in the US Environmental Protection Agency affect the United States' efforts towards fighting climate change?

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### INTERNATIONAL EXTEMP

1. Who would the leader of a new global order be?
2. Who should the leader of a new global order be?
3. Do the Olympics have a real impact on peace on the global stage?
4. Should Olympians be expected to support the politics of their home country?
5. Does Italy allowing ICE at the Olympics set a dangerous international precedent?
6. **Who came up with the Olympic Luge event and did they know sleds exist?**
7. Should Russia be allowed to compete in international sports and cultural events while the Ukraine war continues?
8. How effective was the World Economic Forum in addressing international economic and domestic tensions?
9. **Is Max Verstappen going to reclaim the WDC this year?**
10. Why did Giorgia Meloni not attend the World Economic Forum?
11. Why did most BRICS leaders avoid the World Economic Forum?
12. How will expanding BRICS membership challenge Western-led economic institutions?
13. Is dollar dominance ending?
14. Is the US declining on a global stage?
15. Will Canada's recent school shooting have any impact on their gun policies?
16. Will China's anti-corruption probes undermine Xi's grip on power?
17. Should the UK try to increase trade with China?
18. Will continued sanctions push Russia toward deeper dependence on China?
19. How might escalating tensions in the South China Sea impact ASEAN unity?
20. How will the removal of Zhang Youxia from China's top military post impact the direction of the People's Liberation Army?
21. Is China's growing influence in Africa more beneficial or more harmful to African nations?
22. Is the world moving toward a new Cold War between the U.S. and China?
23. Should Taiwan increase its military spending in response to rising tensions with China?
24. Is economic engagement with China still viable for Western democracies?
25. Should Japan maintain its pacifist stance amid rising regional security threats?
27. **How is K-pop any different than 2000s boybands?**
28. Should the international community work to regulate AI?
29. Should international treaties govern the development and use of AI to prevent conflict and inequality?
30. Which country is set to be the global leader in artificial intelligence?
31. Does the advancement of AI pose a risk to international stability?
32. How will AI change international conflict?
33. To what extent is climate migration reshaping regional security dynamics?
34. How will the EU's blocking of Balkan cargo transportation impact European economies?
35. Is the European Union prepared to handle another major energy shock?
36. How do U.S. policies toward Europe affect political parties in European countries?
37. Should regional security organizations like the EU avoid unilateral steps that could escalate tensions in the Middle East?
38. Should the European Union take a harder stance against authoritarian governments within its borders?
39. Should the United Nations reform its veto power system in response to repeated gridlock over global conflicts?
40. Has NATO become more effective or more fragile in the past couple of years?
41. Are economic sanctions still an effective tool of foreign policy?
42. Should countries ban or restrict TikTok and other foreign-owned social media platforms on the basis of national security?
43. Are global anti-authoritarian efforts working?
44. **Is it immoral to have to debate on Valentine's Day?**
45. Should Western democracies seek closer economic relationships with authoritarian states to stabilize global markets?
46. Should powerful nations respect the autonomy of smaller territories even when strategic interests are at stake?
47. What does the future for Venezuela look like post the United States capture of Maduro?
48. Should external countries intervene diplomatically or economically in support of Iranian protesters?
49. Should external countries intervene diplomatically or economically in support of United States protesters?
50. Which countries are capable of intervening in foreign conflicts?
51. Is there an effective regulator of international justice?
52. What is the ethical responsibility of the international community when responding to prolonged conflicts?

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55. Do countries have a moral responsibility to involve themselves in unrelated foreign disputes?
56. Should access to water be considered a fundamental human right that obligates international enforcement?
57. Should the world prioritize free trade agreements or protective economic policies during economic instability?
58. Should climate policy prioritize mitigation or adaptation?
59. Is absolute international climate cooperation possible?
60. How should international environmental policy balance economic development with marine conservation?
- 61. Do Kathy Tyler and Travis Dahle sit next to each other at Thanksgiving?**
62. Who should be responsible for managing ocean pollution?
63. How will Trump's Gaza plan shape the future of governance in the Palestinian state?
64. What are the biggest remaining barriers to peace in Gaza?
65. Did the Israel-Hamas war permanently destabilize the Middle East?
66. Is the two-state solution still viable amid shifting Middle East power dynamics?
67. Has recent protest activity in Iran affected the power of its government?
68. Has international law failed to prevent humanitarian crises in Gaza and Sudan?
69. Is there any way for the international community to punish perpetrators in the Epstein files?
70. How will renewed instability in the Red Sea affect global trade routes?
71. Has the war in Ukraine reached a strategic stalemate, or is one side gaining a decisive advantage?
- 72. Why was Alix Earle in Bad Bunny's halftime show?**
73. Should Western nations place stricter limits on military aid to Ukraine in order to encourage negotiations?
74. Has international support for Ukraine weakened over time?
75. How is Africa's growing youth population influencing political reform movements?
76. Should global institutions impose consequences on countries that restrict press freedom?
77. Is globalization retreating in the face of nationalism and protectionism?
78. What does the future of US-Venezuela relations look like?
79. Is the US at a turning point over Greenland?