

Extemp (Domestic Questions)

Does the assassination of Charlie Kirk represent a tipping point in American political polarization, or is it an outlier in an already tense political climate?
What actions should President Trump take in his aims to lower prescription drug prices?
Are states' rights being infringed by the federal government?
What changes to America's immigration system have been the most successful?
Are tariffs accomplishing the goals they were meant to?

Extemp (International Questions)

Will China's plan for the yuan to overtake the US dollar work?
Can the United Nations remain relevant in managing 21st-century conflicts and humanitarian crises?
What will it take to finally end Russia's war with Ukraine?
How should developing nations respond to rising global interest rates and tightening lending conditions from the IMF and World Bank?
Is there anything world leaders can do to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Extemp Commentary

political violence
China
journalism
polarization
American values

Prepared Prompt (Impromptu)

"Be skeptical of everything, especially your government. Ask questions, fight for your rights, and never surrender." – Charlie Kirk
"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." - Viktor Frankl
"Vision without execution is hallucination." - Thomas Edison
"You are in danger of living a life so comfortable and soft, that you will die without ever realizing your true potential." - David Goggins
Politics
Transition
Candy

Pro/Con Challenge

Students select one of the following resolutions and have up to 10 minutes to perform an affirmative speech on the resolution followed by a negation speech on the same resolution, recorded in one video back to back.

LD Sept/Oct: Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, plea bargaining is just.

LD Nov/Dec: Resolved: The United States ought to rewild substantial tracts of land.

LD Novice: Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be mandatory.

PF Sept/Oct: Resolved: The United Kingdom should rejoin the European Union.

PF Nov/Dec: Resolved: The United States federal government should require technology companies to provide lawful access to encrypted communications.

Policy '25-'26: Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

BQ '25-'26: Resolved: Moral systems rooted in theism are preferable to non-theistic moral systems.

Congress

Students produce and record a 3 minute aff or neg speech based on a congress bill. Students may submit speeches for any congress bill used in competition between August – October 2025, or can use the congress dockets provided by the NSDA for this school year.

Sept 2025:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Congress-Legislation-Sept2025.pdf>

Oct 2025:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Congress-Legislation-Oct2025.pdf>