

United States Extemp Prelims - Silver Bowl 2026

- 1) What should the United States do about the rise of sports betting?
- 2) Has AI been more of a positive or negative influence in US K-12 schools so far?
- 3) Should the US repeal section 230 of the Communications Decency Act?
- 4) How should US colleges and universities respond to rising usage of AI Chatbots?
- 5) Should US states continue to implement phone bans in K12 schools?
- 6) What will be the legacy of the Department of Governmental Efficiency?
- 7) What is the largest problem facing the American Public School System?
- 8) Have microschoools improved education in the US?
- 9) Will JD Vance be the 2028 Republican Presidential nominee?
- 10) Who will be the Democratic 2028 Presidential nominee?
- 11) Has decriminalization of drugs in several US states been successful?
- 12) Should the United States reduce its reliance on private military contractors?
- 13) Does the US need to tighten its regulation of cryptocurrency?
- 14) Is America moving in the right direction?
- 15) What can be done to reduce gun violence in the United States?
- 16) Should the United States transition to a single-payer healthcare system?
- 17) How will AI affect healthcare in the United States?
- 18) What can be done to improve public transportation in the United States?
- 19) What has been the biggest foreign policy success of the Trump administration so far?
- 20) What has been the biggest foreign policy blunder of the Trump administration so far?
- 21) What should be done to reduce political polarization in the US?
- 22) How can public education in the US do more to protect students from radicalization?
- 23) Will campaign finance reform ever be successful in the US?
- 24) What does the election of Zohran Mamdani tell us about the future of the democratic party?
- 25) Should states get rid of "right to work" laws?
- 26) Does the US capture of Nicolas Maduro spell the end of the liberal order?
- 27) What is the future of the First Amendment in an age of social media, AI, and disinformation?
- 28) What would be the implications of the U.S. attempting to seize Greenland through coercion?
- 29) Is U.S. economic data accurately telling the story of the state of the nation's economy?
- 30) Was it wise for the U.S. federal government to take a 10% stake in Intel?
- 31) Will California voters approve killing the state's redistricting commission?
- 32) Is an AI bubble forming in the U.S. economy?
- 33) What should be the role, if any, of public schools in handling student mental health needs?
- 34) Should the U.S. designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization?
- 35) Should SNAP recipients be able to buy high sugar drinks and foods?
- 36) How concerned should the Democratic Party be about declining voter registration numbers?
- 37) Should the U.S. recognize Somaliland?

- 38) Should ICE be reformed?
- 39) How might Trump's expressed support of Iranian protestors affect interest groups in the US?
- 40) Will Mary Peltola be the saving grace for Senate Democrats in 2026?
- 41) How are rising water levels affecting Native American tribal sovereignty?
- 42) How has the assassination of Charlie Kirk affected American political dialogue?
- 43) Will Trump actually end up invoking the Insurrection Act?
- 44) What will be the political implications of Trump's mass rural healthcare subsidies?
- 45) What is behind the surge in US data center demand?
- 46) Are environmental groups succeeding in pushing a national standard for clean energy?
- 47) Is there any potential for the utility of the American train system in the next decade?
- 48) Following an invasion of JD Vance's home, is it time to beef up security services for government workers?
- 49) How can cases of assault against police officers be tackled without emboldening police aggression?
- 50) Is the FBI's use of AI to address national security threats a good idea?
- 51) How should homeless shelters prepare for the worsening affordability crisis?
- 52) Should higher education institutions finally abandon tenure?
- 53) Fifty years later, what grade does the federal IETC deserve for its support of American households?
- 54) Are Senate Republicans likely to meaningfully rein in war powers of the Trump administration?