47th Villiger Tournament at St. Joseph's U. 2026 Extemp Questions

Round 1: Americas

1. What should Pedro Alliana do to stabilize Paraguay's economy?
2. Will El Salvadorian peacekeepers help restore law and order to Haiti?
3. What will Flavio Bolsonaro's departure mean for Brazil's politics?
4. Will Maria Corina Machado's help bring democracy back to Venezuela?
5. Will President de la Espriella's Rescue Bill rescue Colombia's economy?
6. How much progress has Claudia Sheinbaum made against Mexico's cartels?
7. How will a Democratic Congress affect Latin America?
8. How should Mark Carney respond to the ongoing US-Canada trade dispute?
9. How can Chile's president improve his approval rating?
10. Is austerity helping or hurting Argentina's economy?

Round 2: Domestic & International Environmental Issues

1. Will melting polar ice caps change Russia's geopolitical position?
2. Will high oil prices increase the adoption of green energy technologies?
3. Will the Blue Wave result in more green energy in the US?
4. How does the AI industry affect the environment?
5. Has the world lost the battle to limit global warming to 1.5C?
6. Will COP31 result in meaningful action against climate change?
7. How should American coastal cities prepare for rising sea levels?
8. Has the United States abandoned the fight against climate change?
9. Why haven't wind farms grown as much as predicted in the US?
10. Will Saudi Arabia lose global influence as green energy grows?

Round 3: Europe

1. What will be the outcome of Spain's snap elections?
2. Does Teddy Riner have a shot at winning France's presidency?
3. How likely is the UK to rejoin the EU?
4. Should Ukraine cede territory to Russia to obtain a peace deal?
5. Have European social safety nets become unsustainably expensive?
6. How have high oil prices affected the EU's economy?
7. How will Serbia's opposition election victory change the country?
8. Are Portugal's new immigration restrictions a good idea?
9. Why is the far right gaining ground in Germany?
10. How can Poland resolve its crisis over the Constitutional Tribunal?

Round 4: Southwest Asia

1. Is Jordan facing a resurgence of jihadism?
2. Can Netanyahu and Eisenkot from a unity government in Israel?
3. How will Israel's latest election affect Palestinians?
4. Has the US-Iran war made Iran more powerful?
5. How should Gulf States prepare for the possibility of intensifying conflict between the US and Iran?
6. Are the Houthis becoming more independent from Iran?
7. How important is the UN's peacekeeping mission in Southern Lebanon?
8. Should Syria help Saudi Arabia fight the Houthis?
9. Will the withdrawal of US troops be good for Iraq?
10. Will Pakistan's crackdown on Imran Khan's supporters backfire?

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Quarter-finals: US Politics

1. **Should Pete Hegseth be impeached?**
2. **How should the American public respond to Trump's midterm election fraud claims?**
3. **What, if any, investigations should Democrats launch when they take the Congressional majority?**
4. **How will the Republican party change under Jim Jordan's leadership?**
5. **Will Congressional Republicans distance themselves from Donald Trump following midterm losses?**
6. **How will state-level victories by Democrats change policymaking in the US?**
7. **What should Democrats learn from Scott Colom's strong showing in Mississippi?**
8. **Why was Florida immune to the blue wave?**
9. **Who is Democrats' best potential presidential candidate?**
10. **Who is Republicans' best potential presidential candidate?**

Semi-Finals: US Foreign Policy & National Security

1. **Does the Iran War violate the law?**
2. **Should Congressional Democrats attempt to restrict aid to Israel when they take office?**
3. **Will Congressional Democrats attempt to increase aid to Ukraine when they take office?**
4. **Did Pete Hegseth's strikes on alleged Caribbean drug boats violate the law?**
5. **Can Congressional Democrats rein in the Iran War when they take office?**
6. **How concerned should we be about the affair between Nvidia's CEO and an alleged Chinese spy?**
7. **How important is a US-China agreement on AI regulation?**
8. **How will the depletion of weapons in the Iran War affect US military decision-making?**
9. **Is the United States' soft power declining?**
10. **Would reducing defense spending help or hurt the United States?**

Finals: US Legal & Constitutional Issues

1. **Does Mark Kelly's lawsuit against Pete Hegseth have merit?**
2. **Is Lyft guilty of discrimination against customers with disabilities?**
3. **Have Trump's attempts to weaponize the judicial system succeeded?**
4. **What will be the outcome of legal challenges to Donald Trump's construction projects?**
5. **Should Samuel Alito retire?**
6. **Have recent Supreme Court rulings deepened polarization?**
7. **How can the Supreme Court regain credibility with the public?**
8. **Will the blue wave result in meaningful changes to reproductive rights?**
9. **What, if any, steps should be taken to hold ICE agents accountable for abuses of power?**
10. **How has Donald Trump changed the balance of power between branches of the government?**