NYCFL Fall Spectacular 2026 Extemp Questions

Round 1: Foreign Politics and Foreign Affairs

1.1. What are the implications for US-Israel relations of the Israeli elections?
1.2. Should Eisenkot attempt a coalition that includes Israeli Arab parties in a new government?
1.3. Is Trump wise to be forging ties with Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik?
1.4. Are Trump's economic incentives for Russia a wise strategy to end the war in Ukraine?
1.5. Are recent riots in Europe part of a larger problem, or are they responses to country-specific issues?
1.6. Do recent demonstrations and riots in India represent a significant threat to Modi's government?
1.7. What is at stake in the fight over Poland's constitutional court?
1.8. Is there a way to end the Iran conflict peacefully?
1.9. What is behind the US withdrawal of financial aid for Israel?
1.10. How serious are Russian veiled threats against Poland?

Round 2: Economics

2.1. Should prediction markets be regulated like gambling?
2.2. Are financial markets – filled with hype and debt – headed for a 1929-style crash?
2.3. Is AI a bubble that is bursting?
2.4. How will the elections affect Elon Musk's business empire?
2.5. Are there any lessons to be taken from the Binance crypto-hack?
2.6. How should the Democratic Congress address inflation?
2.7. How worried should Americans be by the soaring federal debt?
2.8. Should we be pursuing a billionaires' tax?
2.9. How worried should we be about the recent volatility of the stock market?

Round 3: Domestic Politics and Policies

3.1. What should be Democrats' first priority for Congress in January?
3.2. Should Democrats impeach Pete Hegseth?
3.3. Should Democrats attempt a third impeachment of Donald Trump?
3.4. In retrospect, was the push for mid-decade redistricting wise?
3.5. How should Republicans respond to this week's electoral wipeout?
3.6. Are JD Vance's presidential aspirations fatally wounded?
3.7. How much of the election results were triggered by national mood and how much by local candidate issues?
3.8. Is Jon Ossoff the Democrats' best hope for president in 2028?
3.9. Is Marco Rubio the best bet for the Republicans for president in 2028?
3.10. Did Trump lose or did Democrats win, this week?

Finals: Education, Health, Society, Culture

4.1 Is it time to ban football, in light of recent studies of CTE in professional players?
4.2 Is historian Ken Burns right, that America is dealing with its "Fourth Great Crisis?"
4.3 How should the Supreme Court decide *St. Mary Catholic Parish v. Roy*, the Colorado preschools case?
4.4 Has Elon Musk become too powerful?
4.5 Is RFK wise to allow unapproved peptides to be distributed?
4.6 Is the longevity bio-tech boom a wise use of resources?
4.7 Are the "Great Books" and liberal arts education still relevant in a world being built with AI?
4.8 Are Americans done with venomous political rhetoric?
4.9 Is it time to abolish the death penalty?
4.10 Are fraternities and sororities a net positive or negative on campus?
4.11 How should Congress be addressing the "business" of college sports?