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# Extemporaneous Speaking Questions



## International Extemporaneous Speaking

1. Is Hong Kong's democracy movement irreversibly damaged?
2. Does newly-appointed U.S. Climate Envoy John Kerry have the political capital to make a difference on climate change efforts worldwide?
3. Does the Biden election signal a fresh start for U.S.-China relations?
4. With the Tigray region back under control, can Ethiopia find peace once again?
5. Will the international community ensure that impoverished countries have access to COVID-19 vaccines?
6. Is Somalia better off without the presence of international troops?
7. What are the long-term implications of the assassination of Iran's top nuclear scientist?
8. Can Peru find leadership stability in President Sagasti?
9. Will the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement usher in tariff reforms worldwide?
10. Will President Biden be able to win back global trust of the United States?

## United States Extemporaneous Speaking

1. Is the 2020 election a referendum on U.S. democracy?
2. As lockdowns return, can leaders protect the mental health of the population?
3. Can Joe Biden succeed in his quest to bring more unity to the people of the United States?
4. Has the U.S. stock market become divorced from economic realities?
5. Is the rocky presidential transition undermining U.S. national security?
6. Should Joe Biden give the progressive wing of his party more influence in his cabinet?
7. Should the government do more to provide financial relief to small businesses?
8. How can the United States make COVID-19 vaccine distribution transparent?
9. What should U.S. policy makers do to lessen racial disparities in healthcare?
10. Why did Congressional Republicans outperform expectations on election day?