

JANUARY 2026

Extemporaneous Speaking Questions



International Extemporaneous Speaking

1. How much longer can Vladimir Putin [VLAH-dih-meer POO-tin] maintain support at home for the war against Ukraine?
2. How will increased military spending impact global stability in the years ahead?
3. Is Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement effectively dead?
4. What is the significance of Jose Antonio Kast's [hoh-SAY ahn-TOH-nee-oh KAST] victory in Chile?
5. What steps should India's government take to address air pollution?
6. Why have border tensions between Cambodia and Thailand intensified?
7. Why is the Alternative for Germany's (AfD) Party making gains?
8. Will Africa grow closer to China in 2026?
9. Will Australia's under-16 social media ban inspire a wave of similar restrictions?
10. Will Iranian security forces beating of Narges Mohammadi [NAR-gess Moh-ham-MAH-dee] achieve its desired effect?

United States Extemporaneous Speaking

1. How should cities attack the affordable housing crisis?
2. How will partisanship affect how the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary?
3. Is the \$12 billion tariff bailout for United States farmers the right response to current economic conditions?
4. Is the Trump Administration addressing the root causes of inflation?
5. Should federal, state, or both levels regulate artificial intelligence?
6. Who will be the Democratic Party's most important national voice in 2026?
7. Will 2026 mark a turning point in Donald Trump's [DON-uld TRUMP] political influence?
8. Will healthcare be a major voting issue in the 2026 midterms?
9. Will interrupting the supply of drugs entering the United States reduce overdose deaths?
10. Would Netflix's acquisition of Warner Bros. be in the best interest of consumers?