

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING QUESTIONS CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS 2016

I. Presidential Campaign

Can Chris Christie win the New Hampshire primary?

Do the Republicans have a candidate who can win the 2016 election?

Is Donald Trump's nativist agenda un-American?

Is Ted Cruz a good choice for the Republican nomination?

Why is Marco Rubio gaining in polls?

Can Jeb Bush revive his campaign?

Has Hillary Clinton already secured the Democratic Party's nomination?

Was the *Washington Post* wrong to publish the cartoon depicting Ted Cruz's daughters as monkeys?

Can Bernie Sanders persuade Trump supporters to switch their votes to him?

Can Ben Carson salvage his wavering campaign?

II. Europe

Why is Angela Merkel considered to be Europe's outstanding leader?

Is Recep Tayyip Erdogan a danger to Turkish democracy?

Why is French influence in the European Union declining?

Will Britain remain in the EU?

Will recent terrorist attacks lead to increased border restrictions in Europe?

Why did British doctors go on strike?

Why are Europeans concerned about Poland's new government?

What should European nations do about the migrant problem?

Is the European Union crumbling?

Is the Vatican making a mistake in putting journalists on trial for procuring leaked documents?

III. United States Business

Will Hewlett Packard's breakup solve the company's problems?

How will the emission scandal affect Volkswagen?

Will Slack replace e-mail in the business world?

How has Satya Nadella revitalized Microsoft?

E-coli and norovirus—how will these health problems affect Chipotle?

Why are chemical firms requesting increased federal regulation?

Why are farmers concerned about the proposed Dupont-Dow merger?

Are new federal regulations necessary to reduce accidents involving trucks?

Why is *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* breaking attendance records?

How does a minimum wage increase affect businesses?

IV. China

What are the likely outcomes of the meeting between Xi Jinping and Ma Ying-jeou?

What will be the effects of China's abandonment of the one-child policy?

How successful are Xi Jinping's efforts to improve relations with China's neighbors?

Can COMAC compete successfully with Airbus and Boeing?

Why are China experts watching Lu Hao?

Should Western nations be concerned about China's influence in Africa?

Will increased regulation solve the problems of China's financial system?

Why has Shanxi province not boosted China's economy?

Is China doing enough to curb pollution?

Why are Washington officials concerned about China's new anti-terrorism law?

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING QUESTIONS REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS 2016

I. Federal Government:

Can Paul Ryan break the Congressional gridlock?

How will Congressional changes to education legislation affect American schools?

Can the United States afford to fund current college loan repayment programs?

Does the Transportation Security Administration need reform?

Should the Defense Department allow more women in combat roles?

Should the federal government be more aggressive in dealing with the extremists occupying Malheur National Wildlife Refuge?

Why is the Pentagon tightening medal criteria?

Is the court martial of Bowe Bergdahl justified?

Why are former drone pilots urging abolition of the United States military drone program?

Can Congress and President Obama reach consensus on tax reform in 2016?

II. Middle East:

Will recent arrests in Iran doom Hassan Rouhani's attempts to change his country's image?

Is the West Bank headed for another intifada?

How will the removal of sanctions affect Iran?

What is the motivation for Russian attacks in Syria?

Should the United States provide aid to Yemen?

Can the Iraq army drive the Islamic State out of that country?

What will be the effects of fractured relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran?

Will the Israeli military's tough new measures against Palestinians bring peace to that region?

What should the global community do about starving Syrians?

How has Islamic State's rise affected al-Qaeda?

III. Health and Security:

What should the federal government do to control heroin use in the United States?

Should Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act?

Would allowing university students to carry guns make campuses safer?

Why are data breaches so common?

Does evidence support the phenomenon labeled the "Ferguson effect"?

Will WHO's report on meat persuade Americans to change their eating habits?

Why is the American Heart Association recommending that people aim for systolic pressure below 120?

What should Jeh Johnson do to improve the safety of Americans?

Does the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 give the government unwarranted power to invade the privacy of citizens?

What must TSA do to improve airport security?

IV. Western Hemisphere:

Why does Brazil have so few immigrants?

Should the United States approve the Keystone XL pipeline?

Should Mexico continue to extradite drug traffickers to the United States?

What is the significance of Mauricio Macri's victory in Argentine elections?

How will the impeachment of Dilma Rousseff affect Brazil?

Is Guatemala on the road to reform?

What should Mexico do with Joaquin Guzman?

What will be the outcome of the struggle between Nicolas Maduro and Venezuela's congress?

Why are so many Brazilians refusing to hook up to Rio de Janeiro's new sewer system?

How much has Cuba changed in the past year?

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING QUESTIONS STATE TOURNAMENT 2016

I. Asia

Can the National League for Democracy keep its promise to transform Myanmar?

What is the likely outcome of Asia's nuclear arms activities?

How effective are sanctions aimed at limiting North Korea's nuclear development?

How will India's pursuit of submarines with ballistic missile capability impact the balance of power in Asia?

What impact will North Korea's recent launch of a satellite have on its relationship with China?

Will Shinzo Abe's administration survive the bribery scandal surrounding his finance minister?

Will Joko Widodo be able to keep his promise to strengthen the Indonesian economy?

Is it time for India to abolish the caste system?

Will Malaysia's corruption scandal lead to the resignation of Najib Razak?

What will be Aung San Suu Kyi's role in Myanmar's new government?

II. US Politics

How much influence will Hispanic voters have over the outcome of the 2016 elections?

What will be the political consequences of Senate Republicans blocking a Supreme Court nominee chosen by President Obama?

What can mainstream Republican leaders do to prevent the success of candidates they perceive to be on the party's fringe?

Can President Obama succeed in getting a Supreme Court nominee confirmed before he leaves office?

Should Michigan's governor resign because of the Flint water scandal?

Should Congress block the closing of the Guantanamo prison?

Will Rep. Sander Levin's opposition doom the Trans-Pacific Partnership?

How will a Republican delay of the vote on a nominee affect Supreme Court decisions?

How will millennials affect this year's elections?

Who should be responsible for deciding the limits of Congressional districts?

III. Africa

What steps should Western nations take to combat ISIS in Libya?

What can be done to increase African nations' cooperation with the International Criminal Court?

Is Algeria's president still in control of his government?

Does Eritrea's record on human rights warrant action by the International Criminal Court?

Why is the opposition party disputing the results of Uganda's election?

Are South Sudan's tribes justified in mistrusting President Salva Kiir?

Should the United States halt aid to Uganda?

Is Nigeria winning the battle against Boko Haram?

Given that El Niño caused Zimbabwe's drought, why are critics blaming Robert Mugabe for food shortages?

What has caused the resurgence of Somalia's Shabab movement?

IV. Science and Technology (Emergency Round)

Can cryopreservation solve the shortage of transplantable human organs?

How has new science changed advice for maintaining a healthy heart?

How are social media affecting American teenage girls?

Was Apple right in refusing to unlock Syed Rizwan Farook's iPhone?

Will virtual reality games be successful?

Is Virgin Galactic's new Space Ship Two safe enough to take passengers?

What have scientists learned about the factors that help people extend their healthy lives?

Will smart cars make driver's licenses obsolete?

How has technology changed democracy?

Why is Comcast expanding its low-cost internet program for low-income families?