

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 1

1. Iran: Is the nuclear agreement a worthwhile deal?
2. Afghanistan: Is the United States doing more harm than good in Afghanistan?
3. South Sudan: Can the United States make a difference in the South Sudan crisis?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 2

1. Israel: Was defense minister Moshe Yaalon's scathing remarks against John Kerry justified?
2. France: Is France the most vulnerable economy in the European Union?
3. Mexico: Will Mexico's latest effort in the war on drugs succeed?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 3

1. Somali: What has led to the dramatic drop in piracy off the African coast?
2. Pope: Is Pope Francis the world's new moral leader?
3. Egypt: Can the new constitution help restore order in Egypt?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 4

1. India: Are US-Indian relations headed towards a deep chill?
2. China: Can China reverse the dramatic environmental damage caused by its economic growth?
3. Thailand: Can protestors take down the government in Thailand?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT- Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 5

1. Syria: Can Geneva II provide a solution the crisis in Syria?
2. Haiti: Has international aid done enough since the earthquake four years ago?
3. Pakistan: Is Pakistan headed for a sectarian civil war?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT- Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 6

1. South Korea: Are US-South Korean military drills an unnecessary provocation?
2. Russia: Is Russia headed towards superpower status once again?
3. Libya: Will there be fallout from the Senate report on Benghazi?

2014 Close to the Coast - SAT- Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 7

1. European Union: Does Ukraine's turn away from Europe show the EU is in decline?
2. Cambodia: Can United Nations intervention help solve Cambodia's political crisis?
3. Germany: Will Germany's energy transition hurt its economy?

Extemp – National Topics/Saturday Round 2

Speaker 1

1. Will Bridge-gate harm Chris Christie chances in 2016?
2. Should the US Congress sanction Iran?
3. Will the West Virginia chemical leak lead to more regulations?

Speaker 2

1. Will the Tea Party Republicans in the Senate block the Congress spending bill?
2. Is gun control reform a dead issue?
3. Is there anymore to learn about Benghazi?

Speaker 3

1. Has Obama used his executive power appropriately?
2. Will rising fuel prices harm the US economy?
3. Will Governor Scott Walker win reelection in Wisconsin in 2014?

Speaker 4

1. Will Governor John Hickenlooper win reelection in Colorado in 2014?
2. Will we see immigration reform in 2014?
3. Will the US economy improve in 2014?

Speaker 5

1. What are the impacts of Goldman Sachs reporting a decrease in quarterly profits?
2. Is net neutrality DOA?
3. Will Jeb Bush run for the Republican Presidential nominee in 2016?

Speaker 6

1. Will the Tea Party survive the 2014 midterm elections?
2. Will the debate over increased sanctions harm negotiations with Iran?
3. Should we be concerned that Oil giant Shell saw a decrease in profits in 2013?

Speaker 7

1. Will Benghazi hurt Hillary Clinton's chances in 2016?
2. What are the ramifications of the West Virginia chemical spill?
3. Will the recent school shooting in New Mexico finally lead to gun control reforms?

Extemp – Final Round Saturday

Speaker 1

1. Is Kim Jong Un even more dangerous to regional stability than his father?
2. Was the American public misled about Obamacare?
3. Will the U.K. pull out of the E.U. in 2017?

Speaker 2

1. Will we see gun control reform in 2014?
2. What more can Pope Francis and the Vatican do to combat global poverty?
3. Will Senator Wendy Davis become the new Governor of Texas in 2014?

Speaker 3

1. Will the expansion of the Israeli settlements on the West Bank doom the Middle East peace process?
2. Is “Abe-nomics” working in Japan?
3. Will we see a minimum wage increase in 2014?

Speaker 4

1. Will Governor Jerry Brown run for reelection in California in 2014?
2. What more can the international community do to combat copyright violations and the theft of intellectual property in China?
3. Has Greece finally recovered from its economic crisis?

Speaker 5

1. Is Germany the new political and economic superpower in Europe?
2. Will the resignation of President Djotodia throw the Central African Republic into chaos?
3. Should we be concerned about net neutrality?

Speaker 6

1. Is Voter ID Laws the Achilles heel of the Republican Party?
2. Will we see more states approve the use of recreational marijuana in 2014?
3. Will the Iranian government’s refusal to attend the Syrian peace talks lead to the talk’s failure?

Speaker 7

1. How should Israel respond to the nuclear deal the international community is negotiating with Iran?
2. Is Rob Ford politically invincible?
3. Will Pope Francis be able to reform the image of the Catholic Church?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 1

1. Olympics: Will Russia benefit from hosting the winter olympics?
2. European Union: Should Croatia regret its decision to join the EU?
3. Saudia Arabia: Is Saudia Arabia helping or hindering peace in the Middle East?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 2

1. Canada: Was the Supreme Court correct in striking down anti-prostitution laws?
2. England:Is England's central bank adopting sensible policies?
3. South Africa: Will upcoming parliamentary elections lead to dramatic political changes?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 3

1. Nigeria: How should the world community respond to Nigeria's anti-gay laws?
2. China:Does the recent lunar landing show China will be the new leader in space?
3. Australia:Does Australia's heatwave provide proof of global climate change?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 4

1. Turkey: Will internal political challenges stop Turkey from joining the European Union?
2. Italy: Did Italy make a mistake in adopting the Euro 12 years ago?
3. Israel: Should Israel continue to use military force in Gaza?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 5

1. NAFTA: 20 years later, has NAFTA been a success?
2. United Nations: Can the UN be an effective force for peace in Palestine?
3. Iraq: Why are moderates unable to lead the country?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 6

1. NATO: Is NATO still serving a valuable purpose in 2014?
2. Tunsia: Is Tunsia the model for Arab countries on the path to democracy?
3. Brazil: Will Brazil be able to successful host the world cup and olympic games?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - ROUND 1 - SPEAKER 7

1. France: Will President Francois Hollande survive 2014?:
2. TPP: Is the Trans Pacific Partnership a good deal for the United States?
3. Myanmar:Are reforms working to bring democracy?

Extemp Round 2 – Sunday

Speaker 1

1. Will Obamacare help or hurt the middle class?
2. What are the ramifications of Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law being struck down?
3. Will the spill in West Virginia lead to substantive changes in environmental legislation?

Speaker 2

1. Can Chris Christie move beyond Bridge-gate?
2. Will the final spending bill in Congress help or hurt the US economic recovery?
3. Could anyone beat Hilary for the Democratic Presidential nominee in 2016?

Speaker 3

1. Will the Democrats be able to hold the majority in the Senate with the upcoming Midterm elections?
2. Will the changes to the N.S.A's Phone Data Collection Program harm the US National Security?
3. What are the impacts of Intel reporting that they don't expect revenue growth in 2014?

Speaker 4

1. Should Obama sign the Congress budget bill?
2. What will the fallout be of TMZ releasing photographs that shows Marines burning dead Iraqis?
3. Will congress face any backlash for being a "do-nothing Congress" in the 2014 midterm elections?

Speaker 5

1. Will the recent execution in Ohio lead to reforms in the use of the death penalty?
2. Is Ted Cruz back as the front-runner for 2016 Republican Presidential nominations?
3. Is Obamacare the Achilles heel of the Democratic Party?

Speaker 6

1. Is Obama officially a lame duck?
2. Will former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates new book hurt the Obama administration?
3. Will Obama's changes to the N.S.A's Phone Data Collection Program do enough to protect our privacy?

Speaker 7

1. Has Obama gone too far when using his executive power?
2. Is Iraq in danger of becoming a failed state?
3. Should Congress restore the Voting Rights Act?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 1

1. South Africa: What will be Nelson Mandela's legacy?
2. Congress: Can partisan gridlock be broken in 2014?
3. Tech Stocks: Is Silicon valley a wise investment?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 2

1. Israel: What will be Ariel Sharon's legacy?
2. Marijuana Laws: Will more states legalize recreational use of marijuana in 2014?
3. Unemployment: Should Congress have renewed long-term unemployment insurance?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 3

1. New Jersey: Can Governor Chris Christie survive the bridge scandal?
2. Olympics: Is Russia doing enough to ensure a secure winter olympics?
3. Student loans: Are rising student loan debts a risk to the US economy?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 4

1. Philippines: Did the international community do enough to respond?
2. NSA: Can the US trust President Obama's NSA reforms?
3. GDP: Should the United State expect robust gross domestic production growth in 2014?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 5

1. Terrorism: Does al-Qaeda's success in Syria indicate a resurgence?
2. Budget Deal: Did Representative Ryan or Senator Murray get a better deal out of the house budget agreement?
3. Stock Market: Should we expect stock market volatility in 2014?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 6

1. Drones: Should the United States continue to utilize drones in its fight against terrorism?
2. Presidential Elections: Will Hillary Clinton win the presidential election in 2014?
3. Housing: Can a housing recovery help revive the US economy?

2014 Close to the Coast - SUN - Extemp - FINAL ROUND - SPEAKER 7

1. NSA: What will be Edward Snowden's legacy?
2. Obamacare: Has the administration fixed the Obamacare rollout debacle?
3. Manufacturing: Is United States manufacturing coming back?

