

OATS #1 (2026-27)

Extemporaneous Speaking

The questions for Extemporaneous Speaking are presented in ascending order of four levels of Bloom's Taxonomy: (1) Explain, (2) Analyze, (3) Recommend, (4) Predict. We encourage coaches to explain the taxonomy to students as preparation.

Students should record one video and submit it to the tournament. We trust all students and coaches to adhere to Limited Prep guidelines and ethical competition choices for preparation. Extemp prep should not be included in the performance video.

1. What factors are driving the Republican candidates to distance themselves from the Trump administration?
2. What does the Blue Collar Brigade's political messaging say about the current state of the Democratic Party?
3. How should Vivek Ramaswamy work to rebuild his political image in the wake of recent projections?
4. Which individual midterm election result will have the largest impact on American politics?