

# CFL Speech 2: Extemp Live Doc

Sunday, December 8, 2024

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**Prep Room: 57 (band room)**

Hello everyone! This is the Extemp Draw Live Doc for the CFL League 2 Speech Tournament hosted at Westmont High School on December 8, 2024. Speakers MUST Prep in Room 57 (band room) or risk being disqualified. You are NOT allowed to Prep anywhere else on campus and must STAY in the Prep Room until you are dismissed.

Round 1B	Draw Time	Speak Time
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		
Speaker 4		
Speaker 5		
Speaker 6		
Speaker 7		

Extemp questions will be directly posted **ON THIS DOCUMENT** at the respective draw time. Please wait for your speaker number to be posted. **If you are LATE to viewing your questions, you have 30 minutes from the time the questions were posted, NOT when you have arrived.** This means you will have reduced preparation time. Those double entered should speak early in one event and late in their other event. ALWAYS watch your time and prioritize Extemp Prep Time as you will not be given extra time if you are late.

Please also ensure you have the correct speaking order and are looking at the CORRECT set of questions. Speakers who intentionally or unintentionally prep from the wrong set of questions risk forfeiting that specific round.

**PLEASE NOTE: SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM IN THE BAND ROOM! THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU ARE SPEAKER 5, 6, OR 7, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO PREP RIGHT AT THE START. WAIT UNTIL**

**SOME DESKS HAVE OPENED UP. YOU WILL ALL NEED TO TAKE YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE TO SPEAK SO AS TO CREATE SPACE FOR LATER SPEAKERS TO PREP.**

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## **ROUND 1 ASIA/POLITICS**

Speaker 1: Draw 9    Speak 9:30

IX:

1. Have Pakistani rebel groups grown too powerful for the military to deal with?
2. Will the Taliban be successful in its bid to erase the Durand Line?
3. Will Imran Khan return to power?

NX:

1. How will Trump's new proposed leadership at the CDC and NIH change America's approach to public health?
2. What went wrong for the Harris campaign?
3. How can the U.S. improve voter turnout in federal elections?

Speaker 2: Draw 9:10    Speak 9:40

IX:

1. What do Pakistan's mass protests say about the state of democracy in the country?
2. Why is right-wing extremism on the rise in India?

What steps must India take to secure its future as a world power?

NX:

1. How can the federal government increase accountability among law enforcement agencies?
2. Which Senate race result was the most surprising in the 2024 election?
3. Should the federal government increase funding for public media and journalism?

**Speaker 3: Draw 9:20      Speak 9:50**

**IX:**

1. How can Central Asian nations cooperate to preserve increasingly scarce water resources?
2. Is the era of rapid Chinese economic growth over?
3. How can Bangladesh properly implement anti corruption measures?

**NX:**

1. Should the Senate abolish the filibuster?
2. Did JD Vance play a meaningful role in helping Trump win the election?
3. What made Republicans so successful in the 2024 election?

**Speaker 4: Draw 9:30      Speak 10**

**IX:**

1. Is China's recent economic slowdown indicative of a broader weakening economy, or a simple one-off statistic?
2. How should the Japanese government allocate its new massive stimulus package?
3. Will BRICS succeed in being a point of reconciliation between India and China?

**NX:**

1. Should the Biden administration preemptively pardon individuals who have been threatened with retaliation by the incoming Trump administration?
2. Will Trump's approach to infrastructure development meaningfully differ from previous administrations?
3. In what ways, if any, will the new Trump administration be meaningfully different compared to his previous term as President?

**Speaker 5: Draw 9:40      Speak 10:10**

**IX:**

1. Was the declaration of martial law in South Korea a coup attempt?

2. Will Yoon Suk Yeol be impeached?
3. Would South Korea's National Assembly be successful in pressing treason charges against Yoon Suk Yeol?

**NX:**

1. What role, if any, should the federal agencies play in combating domestic hate crimes?
2. What is the significance of Trump being the first Republican to win the popular vote in 20 years?
3. Should Congress codify federal protections for reproductive rights?

**Speaker 6: Draw 9:50      Speak 10:20**

**IX:** Was the declaration of martial law and its swift end in South Korea a sign of a strengthened or weakened democracy?

1. How can the Kiwi government and its Maori constituents cooperate over potential Treaty changes?

How should the international community approach a potential end to the war in Myanmar?

**NX:**

1. What will be the implications of the tariff policies proposed by the incoming Trump administration?
2. How might the incoming Trump administration reshape U.S. relations with NATO allies?
3. How significant, if at all, are the long-term implications of Present Biden pardoning his own son?

**Speaker 7:      Draw 10      Speak 10:30**

**IX:**

1. Is ASEAN obsolete in the face of rising Chinese influence?
2. Is the threat of forceful Taiwanese reunification with China a myth?

Why have Indian and Russian relations remained so cordial?

**NX:**

1. What is the federal government's role in regulating cryptocurrency markets?

2. Should the incoming Trump administration expand the scope of presidential executive orders?
3. Should the Electoral College be eliminated?

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**ROUND 2: MIDDLE EAST-N AFRICA/SOCIAL ISSUES**

Speaker 1: Draw 12 Speak 12:30

IX:

1. Have North African states successfully harnessed the shift in Europe's energy demands away from Russia?
2. What can be done to fully mend relations between Morocco and Algeria?
3. Is the Libyan economy on the path to recovery?

NX:

1. Should the government provide more funding for community colleges?
2. Is a universal basic income a good idea to address poverty in the United States?
3. How, if at all, will the incoming Trump administration change immigration policy?

Speaker 2: Draw 12:10 Speak 12:40

IX:

1. What role, if any, does Egypt have to play in the future of Palestine?
2. Under Sisi, is the chance for true democratic reforms gone for good?

What future role will Turkey place as a power broker in the Horn of Africa?

NX:

1. How can the federal government ensure that America remains a leader in STEM research and innovation?
2. Would a single-payer healthcare system improve health among socioeconomically disadvantaged Americans?

3. What steps can state governments take to address food insecurity effectively?

**Speaker 3: Draw 12:20      Speak 12:50**

**IX:** In hindsight, was Abiy Ahmed the right choice for Ethiopia?

1. Will Ethiopia be successful in any of its various bids to secure port access?
2. Would the international community be justified in recognizing Somaliland as an independent state?

**NX:**

1. Does remote work help or harm workers' rights?
2. Should the United States attempt to replicate New Zealand's ban on social media for people under 16?
3. What, if anything, can be done to support public defenders across the country?

**Speaker 4: Draw 12:30      Speak 1**

**IX:**

1. Has Iran's "investment" in the Houthis paid off?
2. Will the US-led coalition be successful in securing shipping through the Bab al-Mandab Strait?

Why has the rebel offensive in Syria been so successful?

**NX:**

1. What steps, if any, should the federal government take to address the "epidemic of loneliness"?
2. Given the recent earthquake scare in California, is the state ready for a significant earthquake?
3. How can the government help address systemic racism in healthcare?

**Speaker 5: Draw 12:40      Speak 1:10**

**IX:**

1. Who holds the strategic advantage in Sudan: the SAF or RSF?
2. What must the international community do to hold perpetrators accountable for human rights violations in Sudan?

In the wake of its escalating conflict with Israel, will Iran accelerate its development of nuclear weapons?

**NX:**

1. Is rent control the solution to America's housing crisis?
2. How can California better prepare for wildfires?
3. What steps can the government take to address the gender pay gap?

**Speaker 6: Draw 12:50      Speak 1:20**

**IX:**

1. If the Israel-Gaza conflict concludes, will Netanyahu remain in power?
2. What does the issuance of ICC arrest warrants against Israeli leaders reveal about the international community's stance on the Israel-Palestine conflict?

What does the future hold for the Northern Gaza Strip?

**NX:**

1. Are plea bargains a net good or bad for our criminal justice system?
2. Should investments in charter schools be increased?
3. Will the push for a four-day work week effectively address worker's rights in America?

**Speaker 7:      Draw 1      Speak 1:30**

**IX:**

1. Has Assad been abandoned by his international supporters?
2. What do the recent territorial changes in Syria mean for future negotiations on potential reunification?

What role does Turkey have to play in the future of Syria?

**NX:**

1. How can rural areas attract and retain highly-skilled professionals in critical sectors like healthcare and education?
2. What should be done to address the root causes of homelessness?
3. How can high schools effectively address the mental health crisis among young Americans?

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**ROUND 3: AMERICAS/ECON**

Speaker 1: Draw 3:15      Speak 3:45

IX:

1. Will tensions rise between the US and Mexico over tariffs?
2. Should he become prime minister, what will be Pierre Poilievre's first move?
3. Three decades on, are Quebec's dreams of independence over?

NX:

1. What types of infrastructure require the most urgent investments?
2. Should Congress implement universal basic income to address economic inequality?
3. Do rural hospitals need more financial support from the federal government?

Speaker 2: Draw 3:25      Speak 3:55

IX:

1. As the Arctic melts, what does Greenland have to gain, or lose?
2. Why are anti-immigrant sentiments on the rise in the US and Canada?

Does China have a strategic advantage in its trade ties with South American nations relative to the US

NX:

1. What, if anything, can the federal government do to lower prescription drug prices?
2. Will cryptocurrencies become more or less relevant in the next ten years?
3. How big is the threat posed by inflation to the U.S. economy?

Speaker 3: Draw 3:35      Speak 4:05

IX:

1. Are the days of rampant Brazilian political corruption largely over?
2. Have the Amazon's indigenous tribes found a safe representative with Lula?

Was Javier Milei right all along?

**NX:**

1. Should states increase funding for public schools in disadvantaged communities?
2. How can states in the Midwest attract more technology start-ups?
3. Is growing student loan debt an issue that needs a solution led by the federal government?

**Speaker 4: Draw 3:45      Speak 4:15**

**IX:**

1. Why did the Mercosur-EU trade deal take so long to finalize?
2. Is the UN failing its mission to Haiti?

What led to Haiti's current levels of instability?

**NX:**

1. What reforms are needed to stabilize the Social Security program?
2. Should states adopt more progressive income tax systems to address inequality?
3. Should the federal government increase funding for workforce retraining programs?

**Speaker 5: Draw 3:55      Speak 4:25**

**IX:**

1. Is there a "strategic vacuum" for great power competition in South America?
2. What caused Bolivia's economic collapse?
3. Will Evo Morales' protest movement bear fruit?

**NX:**

1. What role should the federal government play in regulating the gig economy?
2. How should the federal government address the national debt?
3. What steps should state governments take to attract more tech startups?

Speaker 6: Draw 4:05      Speak 4:35

IX:

1. Why did Bolivia's Movement for Socialism split in two?
2. Do Venezuela's opposition have any shot at taking power?
3. What should the UN do to punish Maduro for election fraud?

NX:

1. What federal solutions can help address America's housing crisis?
2. What industries outside of the technology sector stand to gain the most from the development and proliferation of artificial intelligence?
3. Will Trump's proposed tariff policies help or hurt the United States's economy?

Speaker 7:      Draw 4:15 Speak 4:45

IX:

1. What geopolitical factors have created the trends of long-term violence present in the Colombian state?
2. Is FARC making a comeback?

How can Caribbean nations effectively prevent climate-related disasters on their islands?

NX:

1. In what ways, if any, does the federal tax code need to be modernized?
2. Should Congress raise the federal minimum wage, and if so, to what amount?
3. Should the federal government do more to support small businesses facing competition from large corporations?

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**NOTE: BE ATTENTIVE TO TOURNAMENT LIVE DOC AND TOURNAMENT BLASTS FOR INFO ON ROUND 4. IT WILL START WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO GET IT TO START. ALL PEOPLE COMPETING IN ROUND 4 SHOULD BE IN THE PREP ROOM AT THE START, NO ONE ELSE.**

## **ROUND 4: EUROPE/FOREIGN POLICY**

**Speaker 1: Draw 5:30      Speak 6**

**IX:**

1. Why is Sir Keir Starmer already so unpopular?
2. Have the Tories lost the mantle of opposition leadership to Reform UK?
3. Is Ireland on track to reunite?

**NX:**

1. How can the U.S. better support global health initiatives to prevent future pandemics?
2. Was the Biden administration successful in restoring America's global standing post-Trump administration?
3. Does the World Trade Organization require significant reforms?

**Speaker 2: Draw 5:40      Speak 6:10**

**IX:**

1. How will the UK navigate its relations with the US and EU in the wake of a Trump presidency?
2. Will Macron resign?

Who will be the next French Prime Minister?

**NX:**

1. How effective was the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan?
2. In what ways, if any, can the United States use “soft power” to help form new alliances in Africa and South America?
3. Is China’s Belt and Road Initiative still a meaningful threat to American economic primacy?

**Speaker 3: Draw 5:50      Speak 6:20**

**IX:**

1. What were the reasons behind the French government collapse?
2. Over the past decades, why have France’s centrist parties lost so much electoral ground?

What have been the primary drivers behind Poland's remarkable economic comeback?

**NX:**

1. How should the U.S. address the rise of authoritarianism globally?
2. What role should the U.S. play in mediating the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict?
3. How can the U.S. use trade agreements to strengthen global democratic values?

**Speaker 4: Draw 6    Speak 6:30**

**IX:**

1. What can other Eastern European nations learn from Poland's economic strategies?
2. How will a Trump presidency impact the notion of EU strategic autonomy?

Is there credence to the hypothesis of NATO-fueled Russian aggression?

**NX:**

1. Should the U.S. advocate for stricter global regulations on cryptocurrency?
2. Has the USMCA trade deal helped the American economy?
3. Would it be in America's best interest to pursue more direct engagement with North Korea?

**Speaker 5: Draw 6:10        Speak 6:40**

**IX:**

1. Is a hypothetical Turkish accession to the EU possible under Erdogan?
2. Why has the AfD become so popular?
3. What will be the long term impacts of the EU-Mercosur trade agreement?

**NX:**

1. Is there any chance of a new Iran Nuclear Deal?
2. How large is the threat posed by possible nuclear proliferation in the Middle East?
3. What should be the U.S. strategy for managing competition with China in the Indo-Pacific region?

Speaker 6: Draw 6:20      Speak 6:50

IX:

1. What were the stakes of Romania's election?
2. How can pro-Ukraine European nations push back against wartime fatigue in their voting populations?

Will Ukraine cede territory to Russia?

NX:

1. Which foreign policy initiatives, if any, from Trump's first term were most effective?
2. Will Trump be able to fulfill his promise to achieve a rapid end to the war in Ukraine?
3. Should the U.S. support the expansion of the United Nations Security Council?

Speaker 7:      Draw 6:30 Speak 7

IX:

1. Has Russia, from a strategic perspective, won the war in Ukraine?
2. Why did the ruble collapse?

Will North Korean troops make any decisive impact on the ground in Ukraine?

NX:

1. How well has the Biden administration handled the war in Ukraine?
2. Does the U.S. need a stronger presence in the Arctic.
3. How will the Trump administration's proposed tariff policies impact America's foreign alliances?