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NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS
March 2019

Domestic

Closed-Ended

1. Was Amazon's decision to cancel plans for its New York headquarters a good move for the company?
2. Will President Trump's national emergency declaration ultimately be upheld by the judicial branch?
3. Would a Joe Biden candidacy for President be good or bad for the Democratic Party?
4. Is Medicare for all Americans a realistic possibility?
5. Can William Weld mount a viable challenge to President Trump for the Republican presidential nomination?
6. Can the reputation of Anthony Weiner be rehabilitated?
7. Will some of the nation's increasingly restrictive abortion laws trigger a definitive Supreme Court review of *Roe v. Wade*?
8. Is there evidence to support the claim that the Justice Department and FBI tried to launch a "bureaucratic coup" against the President?
9. Should political candidates and government employees who previously employed undocumented immigrants be disqualified from government service?
10. Will the recent spike in measles outbreaks change parental behavior with regard to childhood vaccination?
11. Was Paul Manafort's sentencing appropriate for his crimes?

12. Should the Supreme Court permit the Trump administration to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census?
13. Should the United States adopt a paid family leave law?

Open-Ended

1. What should be Democrats' response to President Trump's declaration of a national emergency?
2. What is the significance for the Mueller investigation of Roger Stone's indictment?
3. How will the controversy over the alleged Jussie Smollett hate crime attack impact society's attitudes toward future victim claims?
4. What will be the consequences for existing military programming when resources are reallocated to building the wall on the Mexico border?
5. What must Bernie Sanders do to improve his standing with African American voters in the next election?
6. What must the State Department do to improve relations with America's European allies?
7. What must Democrats do to combat the negative connotations of the label "socialism" being attached to them by their political opponents?
8. How will the removal of Theodore McCarrick as a Cardinal and Priest in the Catholic Church impact American Catholics' confidence in their church?
9. What would be the consequences for the automobile industry of imposing tariffs on foreign-made vehicles?
10. What will be the political consequences for the President of an investigation into the finances of his presidential inaugural?
11. What did Congressional Democrats sacrifice to avert a government shutdown?
12. What did Congressional Republicans sacrifice to avert a government shutdown?

International**Closed-Ended**

1. Should Saudi Arabia disengage from Yemen?
2. Will Europe heed President Trump's demands and pull out of the nuclear deal with Iran?
3. Will Nigeria's next President be viewed as legitimate by the country's people?
4. Will the SNC-Lavalin scandal undermine the Premiership of Justin Trudeau?
5. Can the fragile peace be maintained in South Sudan?
6. Are India and Pakistan on the verge of war over Kashmir?
7. Could a "No Deal" Brexit result in Irish reunification?
8. Is support for the opposition in Venezuela as strong as the U.S. government would like the world to believe?
9. Should France withdraw its forces from Chad?
10. Will litigants in Japan succeed in forcing the legalization of gay marriage?
11. Will America's conviction of El Chapo have any impact on the drug trade in Mexico?
12. Can Nayib Bukele take the presidency in El Salvador's next election?
13. Is Saudi Arabia trying to acquire nuclear weapons?

Open-Ended

1. What steps should the international community take to address the plight of Uighurs in China?
2. What will be the impact on Albania's government of street protests by opposition groups?
3. What steps must the Haitian government take to restore stability in the country?
4. How will the candidacy of a Thai princess impact the nation's upcoming elections?

5. What steps must the Vatican take to stem the expanding number of sexual abuse scandals engulfing the global church?
6. What does a call for an April election in Spain say about the nation's political divisions?
7. What must Australian politicians do to heal the national divide over immigration policy?
8. How much longer can Teresa May cling to power in Great Britain?
9. With increasing uncertainty about the United States' commitment to Europe, what can we expect NATO nations to do to increase their security?
10. What can be done to break the military's dominance of Egyptian politics?
11. What will be the consequences for India of increased Internet censorship?
12. What steps must be taken to unify the territory of Libya as a single state with a national government?