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# CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS

BRADLEY WILSON, PH.D. | CONTEST DIRECTOR  
2024-2025

SESSION 551

## **CURRENT ISSUES & EVENTS: GETTING STARTED.**

For those who have been coaching CI&E for a while, we'll share ideas on how to study and how to keep with all that's going on in the world. We'll also look at some data from past tests to see how this might impact how students prepare.



# LOOK BACK AT 2024



# STATE PARTICIPATION

**2024 – 144**

2023 – 155

2022 – 160

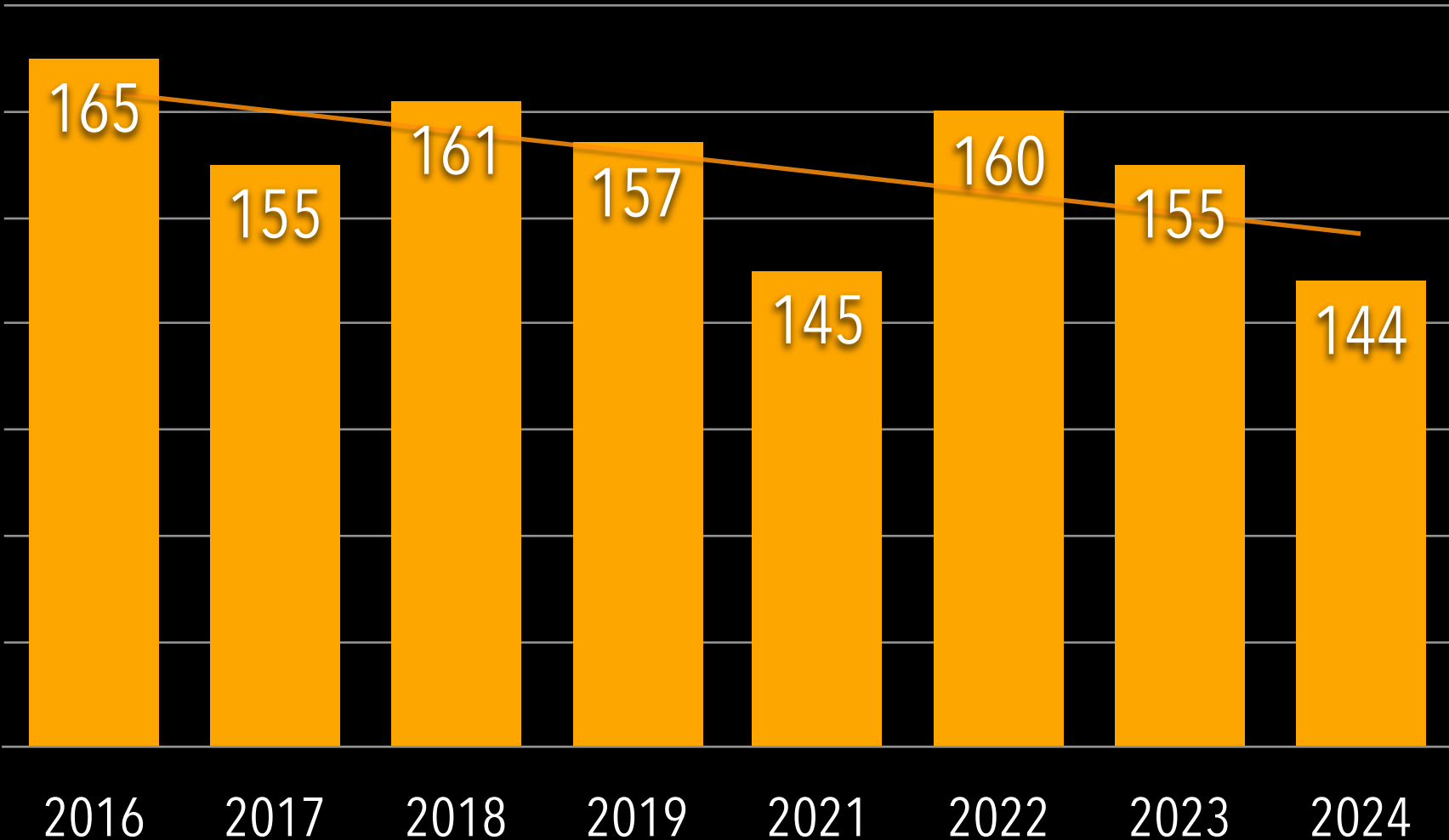
2021 – 145

2019 – 157

2018 – 161

2017 – 155

2016 – 165



# THE NUMBERS: STATE 2024

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# THE NUMBERS: STATE 2024

	<b>1A</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>4A</b>	<b>5A</b>	<b>6A</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Contestants</b>	24	24	22	24	26	24	24.0
<b>High Overall</b>	83	81	90	85	89	84	85.3
<b>High Objective</b>	66	70	72	72	74	74	71.3
<b>Low Objective</b>	34	46	38	36	52	16	37.0
<b>High Essay</b>	17	16	18	17	19	16	17.2
<b>Low Essay</b>	6	4	11	8	2	9	6.7



# MOST MISSED QUESTION

**Under the current voting system, 90 counties in Texas use countywide voting centers on Election Day. SB990 – if approved by the state House – would eliminate countywide voting centers on Election Day. Where would people vote?**

- a. at one central location approved by the county judge
- b. at an assigned precinct, typically in their neighborhood**
- c. at one central location approved by the Texas legislature
- d. at the office of the county judge with approved observers watching all interactions

MISSED BY 25% OF STUDENTS  
STATE 2023

# MOST MISSED QUESTION

**U.N. member states finally agreed in March on a treaty to protect what area against the loss of wildlife?**

- a. the moon
- b. the area inside the Arctic Circle
- c. the high seas**
- d. Antarctica

MISSED BY 25% OF STUDENTS  
STATE 2023

# MOST MISSED QUESTION

**The U.S. economy grew faster than any other G7 economy in 2023 and is on track to do so again in 2024. But which G7 country was the only one to have negative estimated gross domestic product for 2023?**

- a. France
- b. Germany**
- c. Japan
- d. United Kingdom

MISSED BY 71% OF STUDENTS  
STATE 2024



# MOST MISSED QUESTION

**According to a study published in *JAMA Pediatrics* in late April, what did scientists find may protect against developing depressive symptoms, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children and adolescents?**

- a. cutting social media use
- b. having an imaginary friend
- c. **physical activity**
- d. avoiding popular, and violent, computer games such as Mortal Kombat

MISSED BY 78% OF STUDENTS  
STATE 2024

# MOST MISSED QUESTION

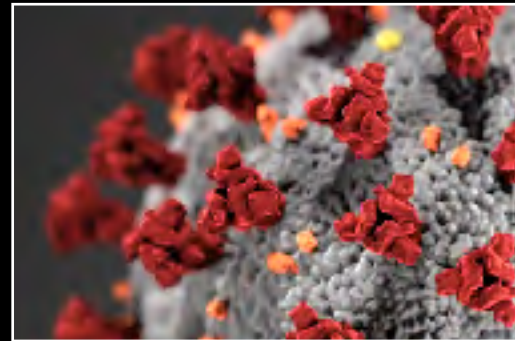
**The Justice Department said it had recommended easing restrictions on marijuana in what could amount to a major change in federal policy. What change?**

- a. It ends the criminalization of the drug.
- b. It moves the drug from Schedule III to Schedule I.
- c. It liberalizes marijuana policy, meaning it could be prescribed by a doctor.**
- d. It defines the drug as having no medical use.

MISSED BY 74% OF STUDENTS  
STATE 2024

# RATIOS

**Business • International • National • Science • Texas**



No. I play it by ear depending on news flow. In an election year, you can expect a lot of national news. And, you might expect to see questions regarding Texas implications to a national story or event.



# ANY RATIOS?

**Business • International • National • Science • Texas**

Number Of Questions

	2021	2022	2023	2024
T=Texas	5	1	3	2
N=National	21	17	14	20
I=International	9	8	7	8
B=Business	2	7	10	7
S=Science	3	7	6	3
	40	40	40	40

# ANY RATIOS?

**Business • International • National • Science • Texas**

Percentage Of **Wrong** Answers

	2021	2022	2023	2024
T=Texas	3%	0%	1%	3%
N=National	15%	15%	4%	9%
I=International	9%	8%	2%	5%
B=Business	2%	4%	1%	6%
S=Science	4%	8%	10%	5%

# WHAT'S NEW FOR 2025

 **Will**  
@willscoggins06

Follow back

First place 3A team in the State!!! @uilciande @bradleywilson09 #uilstate




 **Michele**  
@redbirdblue29

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Dr. Wilson @bradleywilson09 is a household name with our family! We love the Current Issues and Events competition! @uiltexas @uilciande #UILState @benscoggins09 @willscoggins06 Way to go! State Champions!



 **abbey**  
@abbey\_thelen

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finally met the man behind the test after 4 years of taking them @bradleywilson09 @uilciande

ALSO @YoyoJiang25 MEDALED !! 🥳





WHAT'S NEW

NOTHING

# WHAT'S NEW

## WELL, NOT MUCH ANYWAY.

Contestants may bring **lined paper** as long as it is presented to a test proctor for inspection prior to the start of the contest.

Judges must read and assign a score individually **before** conferring collectively to determine a final consensus score. If there is more than one judge, each judge must read the essay and assign a score individually.

# ABOUT THE CONTEST



- 40 objective questions (2 pts. each)
- Essay (20 points)
- 60 minutes
- Top score individual (objective plus essay)
- Top score team (objective only; top three individuals constitute team score)



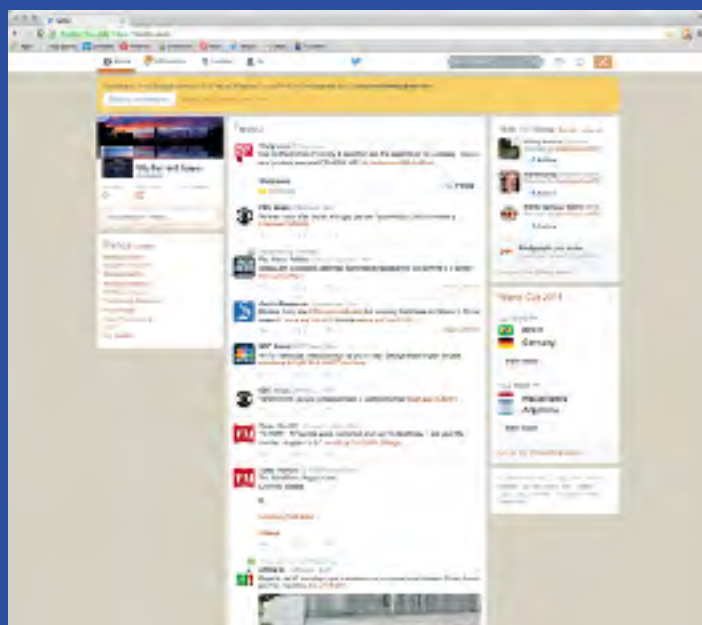
# TIES

- Overall all six classifications in 2024 at State Meet, we had **52 students** (out of 144) or 36% involved in a tie.
- Overall all six classifications in 2023 at State Meet, we had **44 students** (out of 155) or 28% involved in a tie.

# SOCIAL MEDIA



Texas UIL Current Issues  
and Events



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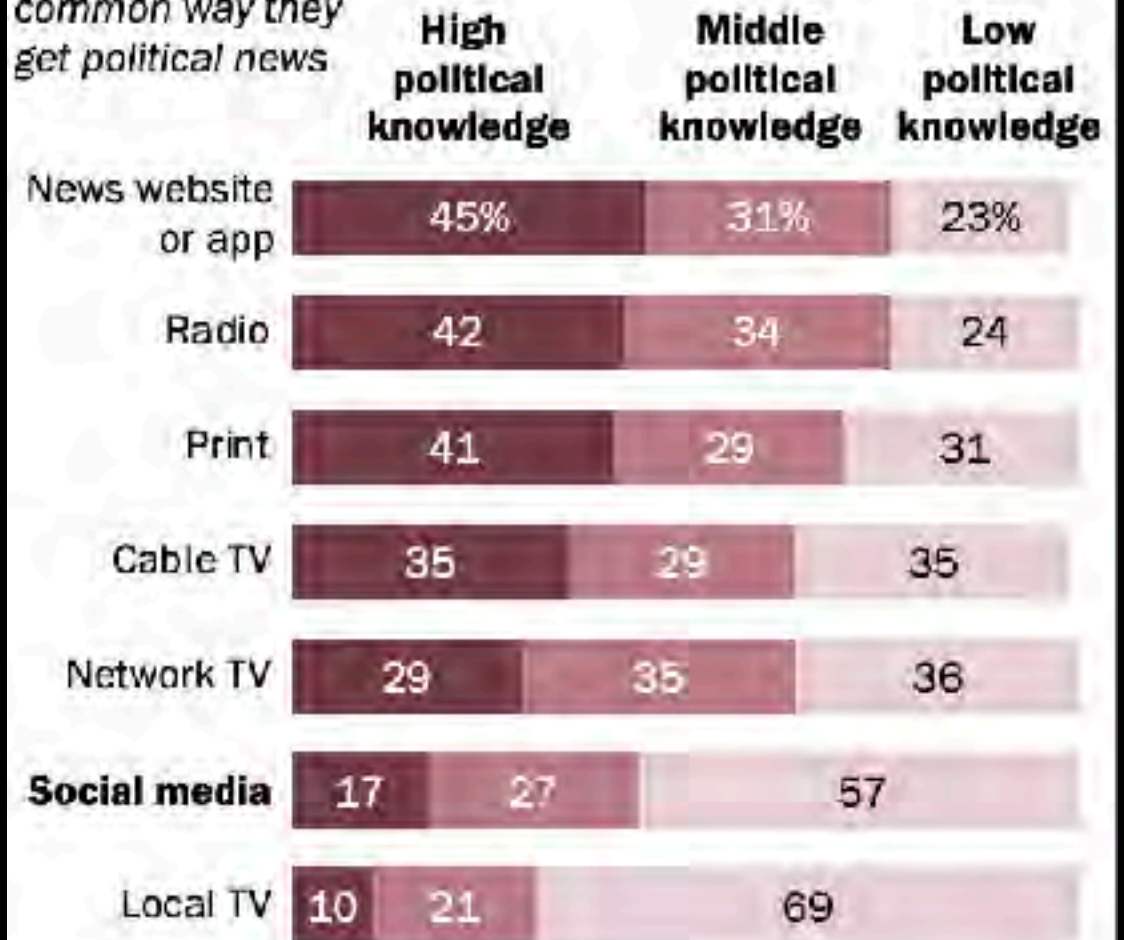
# SOCIAL MEDIA

Those who relied on social media for news were less likely than most others to be knowledgeable about current events.

## Americans who primarily get political news from social media are among least knowledgeable about politics

% of U.S. adults who have \_\_\_\_, according to an index of nine knowledge questions

Among those who say \_\_\_\_ is the most common way they get political news



Note: Knowledge Index created from nine political knowledge questions. Respondents with high political knowledge are those who answered eight or nine questions correctly, middle knowledge are those who answered six or seven questions correctly and low knowledge are those who answered five or fewer questions correctly.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 29-Nov. 11, 2019. "How Americans Navigated the News in 2020: A Tumultuous Year in Review"



# SOCIAL MEDIA



**UIL Current Issues**

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Southern Brazil has been hit by the worst floods in more than 80 years. At least 39 people have died (from @AP)



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Mexico awaits results in an election likely to choose the country's first female president (from @AP)



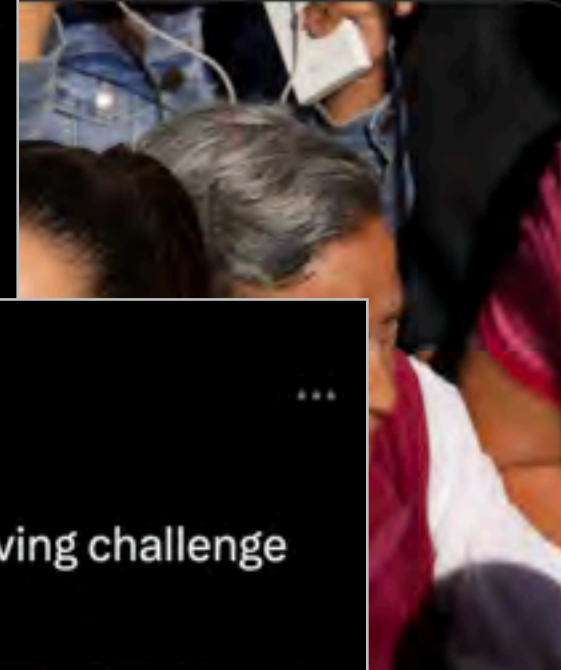
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**UIL Current Issues**

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Dozens arrested on California campus after students in Texas detained as Gaza war protests persist (from @AP)



Dozens arrested

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**Texas Tribune**

@TexasTribune

Breaking: House Speaker Dade Phelan wins runoff, surviving challenge by Texas GOP's far-right forces.



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**CNN Breaking News**

@cnnbrk

The first parents to be held criminally responsible for a mass school shooting committed by their child were each sentenced to 10-15 years in prison







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to count - the most amazing coaches in  
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came to an end. I'm so proud of all he's  
accomplished!



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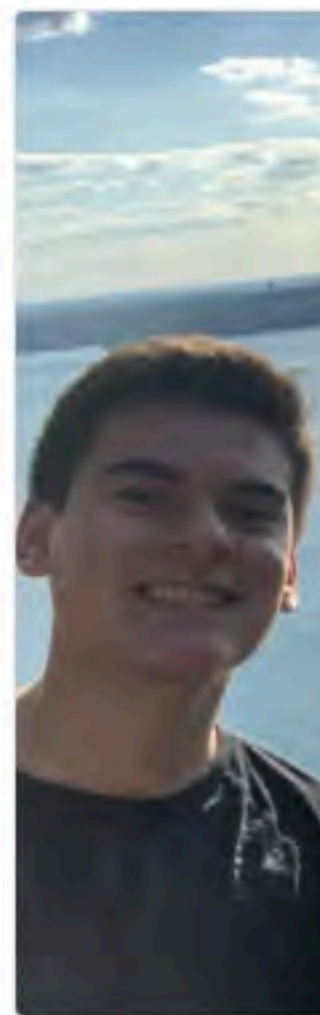
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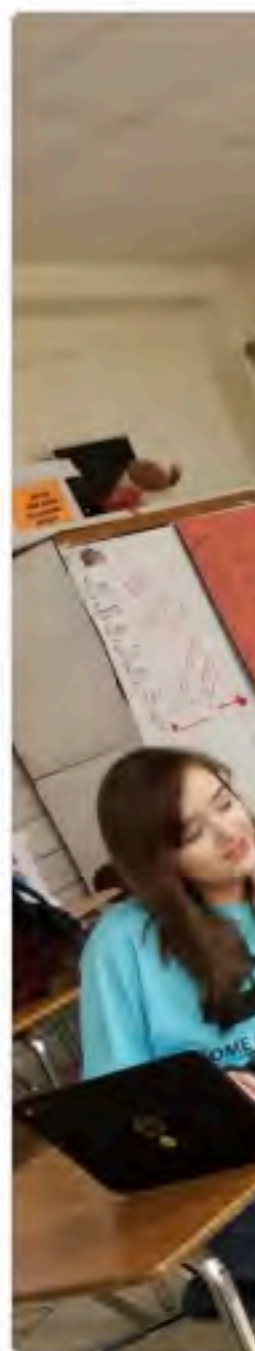
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Jeremy Dickerson  
@Jdickerson27

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2nd place team in Texas 4A

Thanks for the years of coaching @Skizalmc!

Also I got a great selfie with  
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# THE ESSAY



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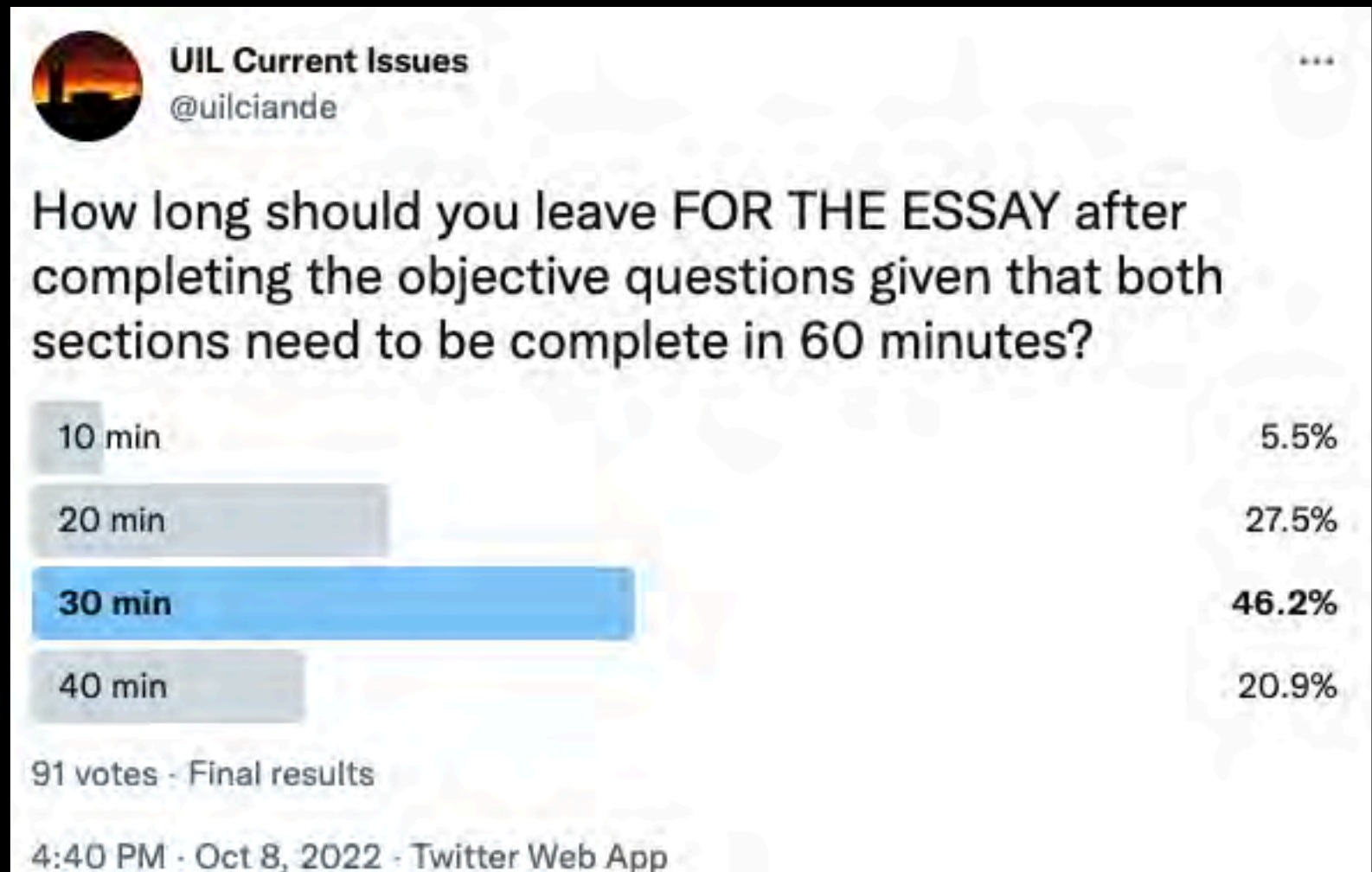
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# THE ESSAY





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- **60 minutes total**
  - 2 minutes, read prompt for essay
  - 30 minutes objective
  - 25 minutes essay
    - 1 minutes, read prompt
    - 2 minutes, outline
    - 18 minutes, write
    - 4 minutes, edit and rewrite
  - 3 minutes review entire test and ensure that your number is on all pages

# THE ESSAY

## Hualde Leader-News

MAY 24, 2022

The New York Times

# GUILTY

## JURY CONVICTS TRUMP ON ALL 34 COUNTS



First Ex-President to Become a Felon Plans to Appeal

Part of Lack in Criminal Court Was Ended by a Zombie Case

Slafing the Blame to His Wife Is a Risky Tack for Menendez

Front-Runner to Lead Mexico Is Also Facing an Uphill Battle

Biden Allows Ukraine to Use U.S. Arms to Strike in Russia

Chen, 76, Still Believes, Will Face Days

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The New York Times

## U.S. DEATHS NEAR 100,000, AN INCALCULABLE LOSS

The front page of The New York Times for May 24, 2020

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## SPORTS SUNDAY



**Imagine.**  
If we had embraced Colin Kaepernick's peaceful protest and paid attention to the issue he was trying to address.

**Imagine.**  
We could be working toward change instead of witnessing the chaos, anger and violence in our streets.

**Imagine.**  
Because this was exactly what Kaepernick was protesting. Not the anthem. Not the flag. Not the military. But unchecked police brutality against people of color like George Floyd in our country.



COMMENTARY BY ANN KILLION AND MIKE FINGER ON PAGE C3

The essay matters.



# THE ESSAY



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# RUBRIC

## for Social Studies and CI&E essays

Judges may award all or no points. This is a working document for as many as three judges. Final points are a compromise among judges, NOT A RUNNING POINT TOTAL or pure point averaging. Return this form to the student with the objective portion of the contest.

### POINTS AWARDED:

Judge 1    Judge 2    Judge 3    Consensus

**An 16-20 ESSAY** opens with a declarative statement that extends the prompt without re-stating it. The thesis is supported by substantial, relevant information that analyzes the prompt from a range of perspectives — for example, social, political, economic, cultural and scientific. It does not provide a mere shopping list of facts. It interprets the facts without editorializing. The essay is well written and organized with few spelling, grammar or punctuation errors. The essay is clear, precise and succinct.

**A 11-15 ESSAY** offers a clear thesis with limited development. It either deals with one aspect in depth or with all aspects more superficially while providing limited analysis. Generally good writing and organization skills displayed. May contain errors of fact that do not seriously detract from the quality of the essay.

**A 6-10 ESSAY** lacks a thesis or presents a confused or undeveloped thesis. It deals with the prompt in a superficial way and offers no analysis. Instead, it tends to editorialize. May contain major fact errors, display poor writing skills and rely on bloated, pretentious language.

**A 0-5 ESSAY** displays little or no understanding of the prompt. The response is poorly written and organized and may contain significant fact, grammar, punctuation and/or spelling errors that detract from the clarity of the response.

Comments:

**OVERALL ESSAY SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(maximum of 20 points)

**OBJECTIVE SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(score from the objective  
portion of the test)

**OVERALL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(add essay score  
to objective score)

## DISTRICT 2022

If the report card on the Biden administration's foreign policy were set in stone after his first year (or so), what grade would Biden get?

Pick three issues or events related to foreign policy during Biden's term in office and support the grade by evaluating those issues or events on political, social, cultural and/or economic grounds.

# Current Events Essay Inbox



**Karen Yanez** 5:57 PM



to me ▾

Hello Mr. Wilson:

I am currently at a UIL district meet. In my nine years of coaching this event, I have never seen an essay that invites editorializing. It created confusion for students who tested. Students asked for clarification. While I graded essays I had one student title their essay: "We are asked never to editorialize..."

I guess I am seeking clarification. This in way not change my kids standings and points but as professionals working together, my fellow current events coaches and I were befuddled.

Thank you for your time,  
Michelle Yañez  
Tivy High School  
Kerrville, TX



# THE ESSAY

## **VERBS**

To discuss

To examine

To review

To compare / to contrast

To explore

To survey

To dig into

To canvass

To analyze

To have a look

To look into

# THE ESSAY

As Robert Glazer said in an April 1, 2020 *Forbes* article, "With little warning, COVID-19 is changing everything about our lives – changes that are universal across generation. Although each generation will be affected differently, all will be forced to acclimate to a new normal."

And a Pew Research poll released March 30, 2020 showed that nearly 44% of U.S. adults say their life has changed in a major way.

COVID-19 has changed our way of life. First, **discuss** how the novel coronavirus has changed the way we work, play and learn. Second, include some of the major individuals and companies involved in this new, but temporary, normal. Finally, what steps do officials say will be required to get us back to work, play and school?

# THE ESSAY

The Texas Legislature opened on Jan. 10 and will run for 140 days until May 29. But already, much of the agenda of the 181 members is set. **Discuss** some of the people leading the legislature, the issues they have on their agenda and the challenges they face.

2024

Invitational A – Technology / Business

Invitational B – Texas Legislature

District – International (Israel/Hamas)

Region – National (MIP)

State – National (climate change)

**DISTRICT 2024**

# PROBLEM QUESTIONS



**Kelly Gordon**  
@KellyKgordon

@uilciande

What a ride! Thanks Dr. Wilson!



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**Brad Biggers**  
@BiggersBrad

@WimberleyHSUIL legend @QuintonM2020 helped with proctoring and scoring both Social Studies and Current Events at the UIL State Academic Meet over the last two days. Great to see you Q and Hook 'Em! @uilciande



**Alexa Cervantes**  
@CervantesAlexsa

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1ST PLACE 2A CURRENT EVENTS TEAM & 6TH PLACE INDIVIDUAL!!! @uilciande @uiltexas



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CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

# CURRENT ISSUES & EVENTS

## CONTESTANT ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT write your name or school on this paper. Clearly write the LETTER corresponding to the **best response** to each question in the space below. Each objective question is worth 1 point. Write your response to the essay on the paper provided. The essay is worth as much as 10 points. You have 60 minutes.

ANSWER SHEET

LETTER corresponding to the **best response** to each question in the response to the essay on the paper provided. The essay is worth as

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# POLITICS

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ANSWER KEY SAID D WAS CORRECT.

REGION 2016

# POLITICS

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<http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/18/politics/bernie-sanders-campaign-dnc-suspension/>

D is wrong. A is correct. The information wasn't on other candidates anyway. It was on voters.

**We sent out a correction the day of Region. "On the CURRENT ISSUES answer key for the Region test, it has been brought to our attention and confirmed that the answer key for #14 is incorrect. #14--A is the correct answer, not D."**

# CIVIL RIGHTS

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Roy Cooper is the 75th governor of North Carolina since 2017. A member of the **Democratic Party**, he served as the 49th attorney general of North Carolina from 2001 to 2016.

# CORRECT RESPONSE

**"As required by the Constitution, who presided over the second impeachment trial of former U.S. President Donald Trump?"**

- a. the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Roberts
- b. the vice president, Kamala Harris
- c. a senator, Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, the president pro tempore of the Senate
- d. the speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, D-California

We have a question regarding #37 on the Current Events test.

Choice C is the correct answer on the key.

However, according to the Constitution, the chief justice is supposed to preside over it, which is choice A.

Do we accept both A and C?

# CORRECT RESPONSE



**"Facing multiple crises including twin hurricanes, earthquakes, the island's debt crisis, corruption scandals and the pandemic, Pedro Pierluisi was sworn in as governor of what country Jan. 2?"**

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# CORRECT RESPONSE

#30- The question asks about the governor of what country, and all of the answer choices are not countries, but territories.

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POLITICS

# Puerto Rico Swears In A Governor Inherits Multiple Crises

January 2, 2021 - 2:04 PM ET

ADRIAN LORIDO



Pedro Pierluisi takes office as governor amid the island's ongoing efforts to clear its coronavirus messes. (AP Photo/Roberto Soto)

Pedro Pierluisi was sworn in as Puerto Rico's 12th elected governor, promising to turn the page on years of social and political turmoil and to restore trust in a government whose credibility was damaged by its response to a string of recent crises.

Speaking from the steps of the island's Capitol, the new governor addressed a crowd of a few hundred invited guests who wore face coverings and stood spaced out as a precaution against the coronavirus.

Pierluisi, 61, was previously the island's attorney general and a delegate to the U.S. Congress. His swearing-in on Saturday follows his previous attempts to claim the governorship, first in 2016, when he was defeated by the incumbent, Gov. Luis Fortuondo.

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## Puerto Rico

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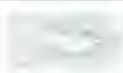


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## Introduction

### Background

# FEEDBACK

**What disturbed me most in CI&E is that there was a lot of parody among the competitor's scores before the essay was judged. This overweights the importance of the essay at state. I would suggest that the way to make the test less subjective at region and state is to make it harder. The way to fix the problem is to add more questions at regional and even more at state. Say, an increase of five or even better 10 at each level should do it.**

**JONATHAN ROBERTSON  
SUDAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**




# ANYTHING OFF LIMITS? NO!

## Bids to ban critical race theory have come in every state except one, database shows

**Kelly Powers** USA TODAY NETWORK

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**From the military to classrooms: Find out why critical race theory is causing a divide**

From Donald Trump to Barack Obama, critical race theory has become a talking point. Find out why it's getting banned in classrooms across dozens of states. *Just the FAQs*, USA TODAY

# FROM THE CONSTITUTION

## **REPRESENTATION.**

(1) **Individual Competition.** Each participant high school may enter as many as four individuals in the district meet, all of whom may place. In districts with more than eight schools, district executive committees may elect to limit entries to three.

(2) **Team Competition.** The individuals entered at district constitute the team. A team shall have a minimum of three contestants compete in order to participate in the team competition.

The **team score** is determined by adding the highest three individual scores in the objective portion of the contest. All four members of the winning team will advance to the next higher level of competition.

# ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SCORING



- Objective + essay score.
- Only top eight objective scorers advance to essay round.

# BUT WHAT IF...

Can a member of a team who did not place first, second or third at district but who advanced with the team then places first, second or third as an individual at region advance as an individual?

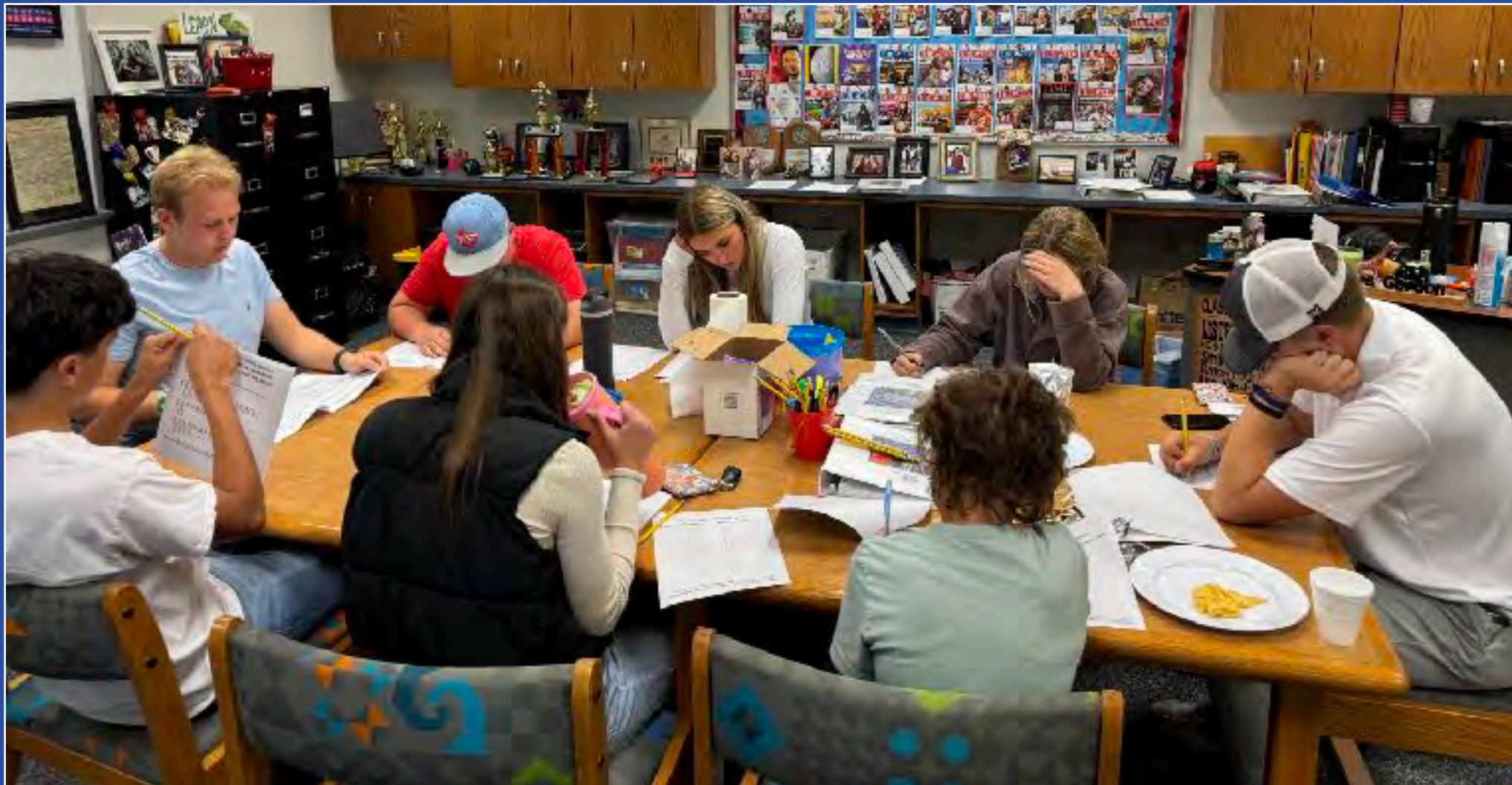
Yes.



# STUDY AND PRACTICE

**My students and I absolutely love the contest and we love studying! How many times do you hear that out of high school kiddos?! LOL! The event is so popular at Borden County High School that I have a varsity and a JV. We met virtually today, because I was not at school, and they were just as into it as they are when I am there.**

Kelly Gordon, UIL academic coordinator/current events coach  
Borden County ISD





## GET STARTED NOW

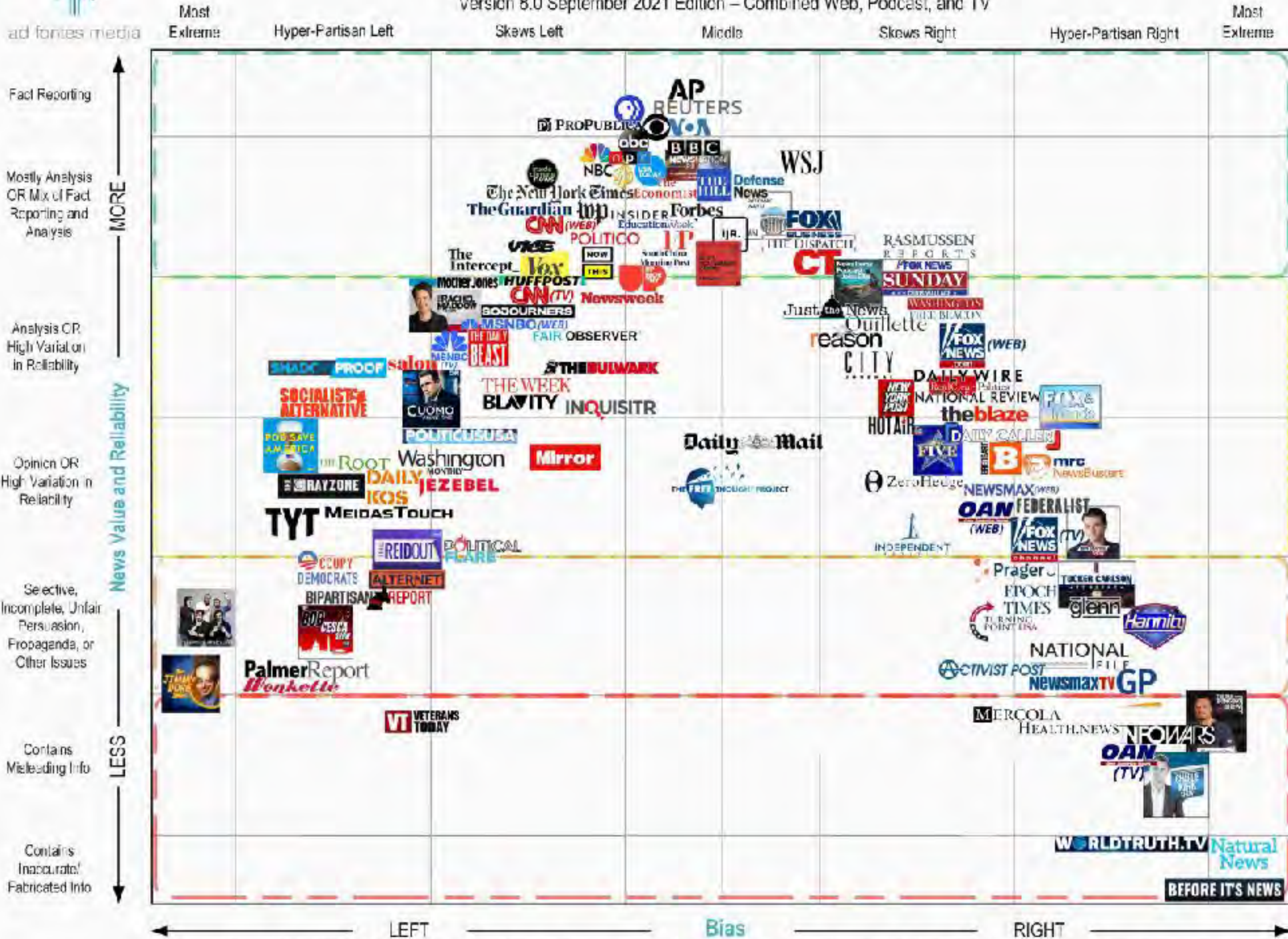
- Organize your team
- Read *CI&E Contest Manual*
- Engage in social media
- Collect and store data
- Practice regularly
- Attend an invitational meet
- Practice writing and evaluating essays
- Have fun





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# PRACTICE

When Democratic legislators walked out Sunday night, it was clear that SB7 wouldn't pass. What was it about?



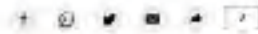
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- ▲ elections and voter access
- ◆ expanding gun rights
- restricting abortion
- bail reform



# Weekly News Quiz for Students: Covid Decline, Viral Video, Giant Iceberg

Compiled by John Cole and Jeremy Eagle | May 28, 2021



This is our final Weekly News Quiz for Students for the 2020-21 school year. Look for our Summer News Quiz in August.



Photo courtesy of Justin Cox/Reuters

Above is an image related to one of the news stories we followed this past week. Do you know what it shows? At the bottom of this quiz, you'll find the answer.

Have you been paying attention to the news recently? See how many of these 10 questions you can get right.

1 of 10



Photo courtesy of The New York Times

A sharply divided House voted on May 19 to create an independent commission to investigate the \_\_\_\_\_, overcoming opposition from Republicans determined to stop it.

Capitol assault on Jan. 6

Photo courtesy of The New York Times

A sharply divided House voted on May 19 to create an independent commission to investigate the \_\_\_\_\_, overcoming opposition from Republicans determined to stop it.

Capitol assault on Jan. 6

foreign interference in elections

impact of human activity on climate change

racial disparities in the economy

2 of 10



Photo courtesy of The New York Times

On May 26, after more than \_\_\_\_\_ days of fighting that has taken more than 200 lives and inspired protests and diplomatic efforts around the world, Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire, officials on both sides said.

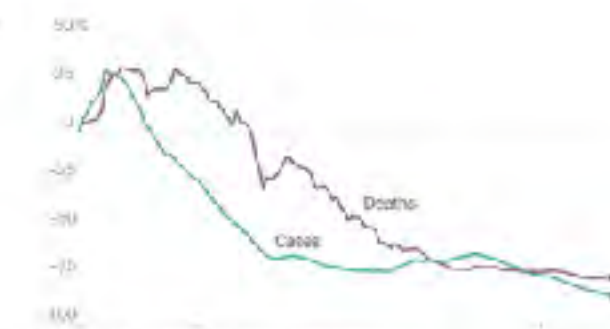
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3 of 10



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Last week, the United States reported the lowest number of new Covid-19 cases since \_\_\_\_\_.

summer 2020

November 2020

January 2021

# PRACTICE

## SLATE QUIZ

June 22, 2021

Question 2 of 12

Who presented the Bush administration's case for war in an address to the United Nations Security Council?

Condoleezza Rice

Dick Cheney

George Tenet

Colin Powell

Answer quickly to earn more points!



46 coins

Quiz Template by Chris Kirk and Andrew Morgan. Report a bug.



# PRACTICE

The screenshot shows the NPR website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for NEWS, CULTURE, MUSIC, PODCASTS & SHOWS, and SEARCH. Below the navigation is a section for 'The NPR news quiz' with a 'SPECIAL SERIES' tag. The main article title is 'There's only one Trump question in this week's news quiz. But can you answer it?' with a sub-headline 'MAY 31, 2024 · 5:00 AM ET' and author 'Holly J. Morris'. Below the text are three images: a woman in a floral dress, a giant panda, and Donald Trump speaking.

What better-late-than-never change did the MLB announce this week?



Huh. Maybe? (Roy Rochlin/Getty Images for Westminster Ken)

raised players' minimum salary

added women's stats to its database

added Negro League stats to its records

as a publicity stunt, it will let dogs play



# PRACTICE

Weekly News Quiz: May 9, 2024

5 things

## Weekly News Quiz: May 9, 2024

By Alexandra Banner and Kenneth Lizquiano

CNN

A space mission. A faulty device. A lavish gala. What do you remember from the week that was?



# PRACTICE

## NEWS IQ

June 04, 2024



Christopher Lee for The New York Times

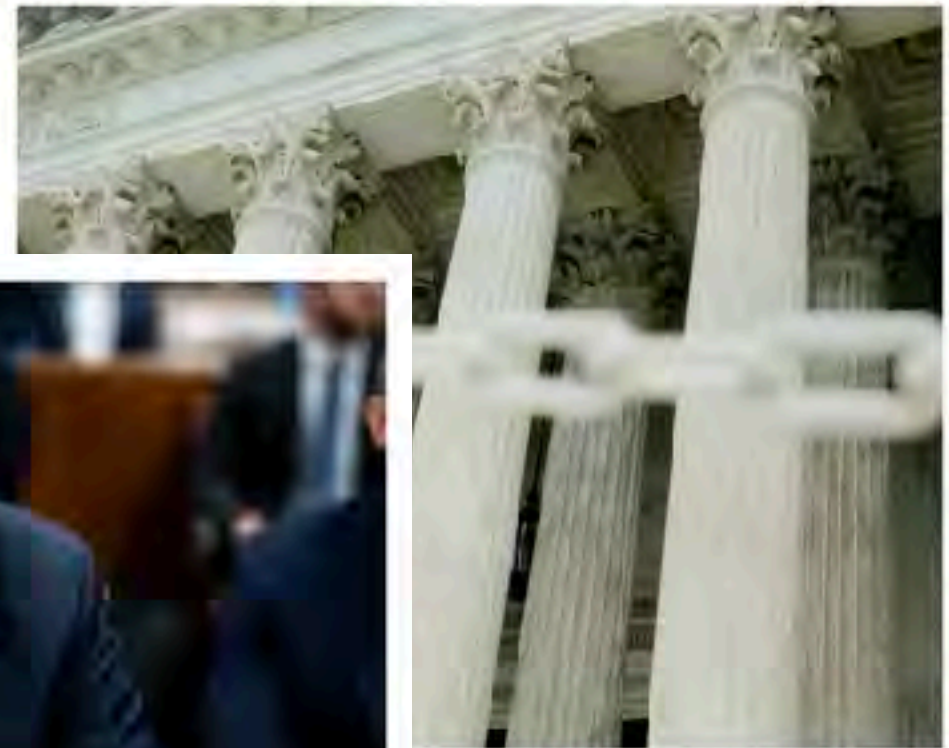
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President Biden's new executive order will give him the power to do what related to the U.S-Mexico border?

Shift the border further south or north

Temporarily close the border when illegal crossings exceed a threshold

Grant automatic citizenship to specific migrants



The New York Times



The New York Times

Trump has been convicted on all 34 counts in the hush money case. What are the

Falsifying business records

involving flags flown at his Court Justice rejected calls to return to the Jan. 6 Capitol

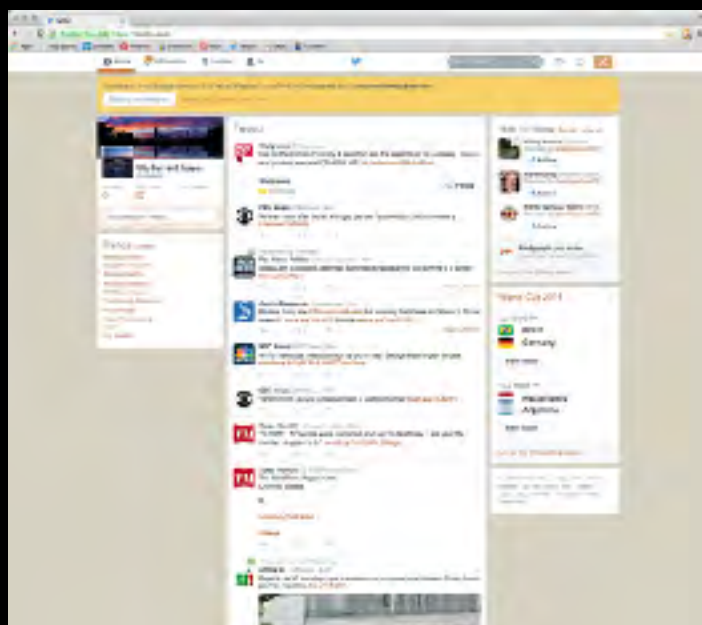
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Victory belongs to the most persevering.  
- Napoleon Bonaparte

4 years to State.  
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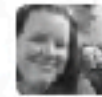


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# LOOKING AHEAD



# STUDENT ACTIVITY CONFERENCES

Sept. 7 Tyler Junior College (Tyler)

Sept. 14 Lone Star College-North Harris (Houston)

Oct. 5 Texas Tech University (Lubbock)

Nov. 2 University of Texas at Austin

# CONTEST DATES 2024-2025

Invitational A Jan. 10 - Feb. 1

Invitational B Feb. 7 - March 8

District March 24-29

Region April 25-26

State May 19-21



# CUT-OFF DATES 2024–2025

The contest will focus on a basic knowledge of current state, national and world events and issues. “Current events” are those that have occurred during the current school year so **any material after Aug. 20, 2024, is fair game for any exam**. However, the following cut-off dates may assist in studying for multiple-choice questions.

Invitational A	Aug. 20, 2024 - ?, 2024
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Invitational B	Aug. 20, 2024 - ?, 2025
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District	Sept. 23, 2024 - ?, 2025
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Region	Oct. 21, 2024 - ?, 2025
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State	Jan. 6, 2025 - ?, 2025
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QUESTIONS?

