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John Hardwood. [“Trump’s tax cut isn’t giving the US economy the boost it needs.”](https://www.cnbc.com/2019/08/16/trumps-tax-cut-isnt-giving-the-us-economy-the-boost-it-needs.html) CNBC, August 16, 2019.

1. Why haven’t President Trump’s tax cuts created as much GDP growth as predicted?
2. What has the impact of the tax cuts been on the national debt and budget deficit? Would you support ending the tax cuts to lower the budget deficit?
3. To what extent have ordinary workers benefited from the tax cut?
4. If you were advising the President on the economy, what recommendations would you provide to him? Why?

Robert Barnes. [“New York eased gun law hopeful Supreme Court would drop Second Amendment case — but that hasn’t happened yet.”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/new-york-eased-gun-law-hopeful-supreme-court-would-drop-second-amendment-case--but-that-hasnt-happened-yet/2019/08/10/9031682e-bab6-11e9-a091-6a96e67d9cce_story.html) *Washington Post*, August 11, 2019.

1. Describe the facts and issue of this case.
2. How did New York City respond when the case reached the Supreme Court? Why?
3. How might the makeup of the Court impact the ruling?
4. Do you think the recent shootings in San Jose, El Paso, and Dayton will impact the case? Why or why not?
5. How might this case play into the politics of the 2020 Presidential Election?

Diane Harris. [“The Truth About Student Debt: 7 Facts No One Is Talking About.”](https://www.newsweek.com/2019/08/23/student-debt-loans-truth-facts-cover-story-1453057.html) *Newsweek*. August 8, 2019.

1. What are some ways that our perceptions of student loan debt are inaccurate?
2. Describe how student debt impacts women and people of color as compared to white men.
3. What can explain the overall drop in student loans in the United States?
4. What is the income-based student loan repayment program? Do you support this program?