

NEWS QUIZ OF THE WEEK – FEB. 24, 2023

1. What is the New START Treaty?

- A treaty that regulates the use of drones for military purposes.
- A treaty that limits the number of nuclear warheads that the US and Russia can deploy.
- A treaty that allows Russia to test its nuclear weapons in any country it desires.
- A treaty that requires the United States to share its McDonald's franchises with Russia.

2. According to his 2023 State-of-the-Nation speech, how does Vladimir Putin plan to fight Western sanctions in the future?

- Change Russia's economic system and immigration policy.
- Change Russia's education system and science & technology policy.
- Nuke the West.
- Withdraw from Ukraine.

3. According to Putin's 2023 State of the Nation speech, Ukraine is occupied by who?

- Russia.
- NATO.
- The Nazi regime.
- The Kyiv regime.

4. How much added military aid did President Biden promise during his 2023 visit to Kyiv?

- \$500 million.
- \$1 billion.
- \$2 billion.
- \$4 billion

5. In which book is the gluttonous antagonist described as "enormously fat"?

- James and the Giant Peach.
- Matilda.
- The Witches.
- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory.

6. What movie won the most awards at the 2023 BAFTAs?

- Everything Everywhere All at Once.
- Tár.
- All Quiet on the Western Front.
- The Banshees of Inisherin.

7. What is Meta Verified?

- A platform for verified users.
- A paid service that offers blue check marks.
- A share icon for verified content.
- A cryptocurrency for verified users.

8. The age of consent is 14 in Germany and China. What's Japan's age of consent?

- 13 Years-old.
- 16 Years-old.
- 17 Years-old.
- 21 Years-old.

9. What is the caste system?

- A group of people who are skilled at the art of casting spells.
- A popular reality TV show in India.
- A system of social hierarchy based on one's occupation and birth.
- A diet plan that categorizes food

10. What were the ratings for STARZ's Party Down's 2010 finale among 18 to 49?

- 0.0
- 0.2
- 2.0
- 2.2

11. What TV show originated Detective John Munch?

- Homicide: Life on the Street.
- Law & Order.
- Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.
- Law & Order: Trial by Jury.

ANSWERS

1. What is the New START Treaty?

- A treaty that limits the number of nuclear warheads that the US and Russia can deploy.

The New START Treaty is a nuclear arms control agreement between the United States and Russia that limits the number of strategic nuclear warheads each side can deploy. Barack Obama and his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Medvedev, signed the treaty in 2010, and it's supposed to expire in 2026. During his state-of-the-nation address on Feb. 21, 2023, Vladimir Putin suspended Russia's participation in the treaty.

2. According to his 2023 State-of-the-Nation speech, how does Vladimir Putin plan to fight Western sanctions in the future?

- Change Russia's education system and science and technology policy.

During his state-of-the-nation address on Feb. 21, 2023, Putin said Russia would change its education system and science and technology policies to withstand Western sanctions. Putin accused Western elites of targeting Russian culture, religion, and values because they "realize it is impossible to defeat Russia on the battlefield." To sweeten the deal, he promised soldiers and draftees taking part in the war two weeks of leave every six months.

3. According to Putin's Feb. 2023 State of the Nation speech, Ukraine is under the occupation of who?

- The Kyiv regime and its Western overlords.

On Feb. 21, 2023, the Russian president gave his annual state-of-the-nation address. In his speech, Putin said war was the new normal. According to Putin, as Ukraine has been effectively occupied by "the Kyiv regime and its Western overlords," Russia would respond accordingly to the West trying to turn a local conflict into a global confrontation. Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022.

4. How much added military aid did President Biden promise during his visit to Kyiv in February 2023?

- \$500 million.

As part of his visit to Kyiv on Feb. 20, 2023, President Joe Biden announced \$500 million in military aid, including artillery ammunition, Javelin missiles, and howitzers. Nearly a year after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Biden said the United States was "here to stay." An air-raid siren sounded during the visit.

5. In which book is Augustus Gloop, the gluttonous antagonist, described as “enormously fat”?

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The classic children’s book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” describes Augustus Gloop, one of the children who wins a golden ticket to see Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory, as “enormously fat.” However, **this description and hundreds of words describing characters’ appearances, races, and genders have been changed in at least ten of the author’s 19 children’s books** in future editions. Inclusion Minds, a group that advocates diversity and accessibility in kids’ books, helped Puffin Books prepare these changes, **a spokesman said on Feb. 20, 2023.**

6. What movie won the most awards at the 2023 BAFTAs?

- All Quiet on the Western Front.

On Feb. 19, 2023, **Netflix’s German-language film All Quiet on the Western Front won seven awards at the 2023 BAFTAs**, the British equivalent of the Oscars, including for best film and best director. **Based on a 1929 novel by Erich Maria Remarque**, the antiwar film is set during World War I.

7. What is Meta Verified?

- A paid service that offers blue check marks to users.

On Feb. 19, 2023, Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, **announced Meta Verified as a premium subscription service.** Users who pay a monthly fee get **blue check marks, improved reach, extra impersonation protection against accounts “claiming to be you,” and direct access to customer service.** Meta’s subscription move follows **Twitter’s push to charge for blue check marks through Twitter Blue. Starting on Mar. 20, SMS-based two-factor authentication will be limited to Twitter’s paid accounts.**

8. The age of consent is 14 in Germany and China. What’s Japan’s age of consent?

- 13 Years-old.

A panel in the Japanese justice ministry wants to raise the country’s consent age from 13 to 16. The move comes in response to criticism that existing laws didn’t do enough to protect children. In the United States, **the age of consent varies between 16 and 18 years old.** It’s 16 in Britain and South Korea, 15 in France, and 14 in Germany and China. Japan’s age of consent **hasn’t changed since 1907.**

9. What is the caste system?

- A system of social hierarchy based on one's occupation and birth.

Caste systems have ruled India and other parts of South Asia for thousands of years, providing privileges to the upper castes and repressing the lower castes. Caste discrimination in India was outlawed more than 70 years ago but is widespread. Seattle became the first US city to ban caste discrimination on Feb. 21, 2023, when its city council added caste to its anti-discrimination laws.

10. What were the ratings for STARZ's Party Down's 2010 finale among 18- to 49-year-olds?

- 0.0

That didn't stop a six-episode revival of the Starz comedy that will premiere on Feb. 24, 2023, with new weekly episodes. Aside from Adam Scott (Parks and Recreation) and Jane Lynch (Glee), Party Down also starred Ken Marino (Veronica Mars, Black Monday), Ryan Hansen (Veronica Mars), Martin Starr (Silicon Valley), and Megan Mullally (Will & Grace). All the original characters (except Casey, who Lizzy Caplan played) and the show's creators, John Enbom, Dan Etheridge, Rob Thomas, and Paul Rudd, are back.

11. What TV show originated Detective John Munch's character?

- Homicide: Life on the Street.

NBC's Homicide: Life on the Street premiered in 1993, with Richard Belzer playing John Munch. In 1999, after Homicide was canceled, Belzer was offered a regular role on the Law & Order spinoff Special Victims Unit. Munch has appeared in ten series on five networks, making him the second longest-running regular character on American TV. Belzer died at his home in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France, on Feb. 19, 2023.