extraneous /ɪkˈstreɪniəs / adj

not belonging to or directly related to a particular subject or problem

***Friday debate: Kroger and Howes*: And you today, and you tomorrow at this Labor conference are talking about gay marriage, right. Yes it's an important issue, but the whole world is imploding financially, Europe is a basket case, a number of those countries are bankrupt. America's got minimal growth. And you're talking about extraneous issues**