ROUND 1: ECONOMIC

Economic: Speaker 1

- 1. Will dialing back the stimulus more quickly be effective in the fight against inflation?
- 2. Is Great Britain's corporate tax hike, beginning in 2023, a good idea?
- 3. How is friction between the U.S. and China impacting efforts to settle global trade disputes?

Economic: Speaker 2

- 1. What are the implications of a drop in savings, especially among lower-income Americans, for the U.S. economy?
- 2. What can Germany's new leadership do to prevent its aging population from becoming a drag on the German economy?
- 3. What will be the economic impact of New Zealand's new law targeting cigarette smoking?

Economic: Speaker 3

- 1. How is America's retreat from globalization affecting the U.S. economy?
- 2. How should the UK address rising inflation?
- 3. As Evergrande slides into bankruptcy, what must be done to save the property sector in China?

Economic: Speaker 4

- 1. Will offers of higher wages be enough to entice Americans to rejoin the workforce?
- 2. How did Turkey's economy go so wrong?
- 3. What impact will the debt burden for sub-Saharan African countries have on the region's post-Covid economic recovery?

Economic: Speaker 5

- 1. How is the U.S. economy doing?
- 2. What would be the economic implications if something similar to the EU's proposed Online Safety Bill becomes law?
- 3. How would a collapse of the Afghan economy affect other countries in the region?

Economic: Speaker 6.

- 1. If Build Back Better were passed into law, what effects would it have on the U.S. economy?
- 2. Could fast-growing crypto-currency assets pose a danger to the established financial system in Europe?
- 3. Is India's economy back on track?

ROUND 2: DOMESTIC

Domestic: Speaker 1

- 1. Is Colorado Governor Jared Polis right about the COVID-19 emergency being over?
- 2. Do retiring incumbents signal major changes in the 2022 political landscape?
- 3. Is isolationism harmful to U.S. security interests?

Domestic: Speaker 2

- 1. What's next for NASA?
- 2. Has the federal response to the tornado disaster in the Midwest been appropriate?
- 3. What can be done to address the problem of teacher burnout in U.S. public schools?

Domestic: Speaker 3

- 1. Will Pfizer's COVID-19 pill be a game-changer?
- 2. Will more states legalize cannabis in 2022?
- 3. Last week a Starbucks in Buffalo, NY voted to unionize. Is this the beginning of a trend?

Domestic: Speaker 4

- 1. Will space tourism become more common in the next five years?
- 2. Will the Build Back Better program pass Congress?
- 3. What should be done with former office buildings that have been abandoned during the pandemic?

Domestic: Speaker 5

- 1. What can be done to control health and medical spending in the U.S.?
- 2. Are relations between President Biden and Vice President Harris strained?
- 3. What would be the impact if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade?

Domestic: Speaker 6.

- 1. Will major breakthroughs be made on treating chronic illness in the next five years?
- 2. Is crime becoming a primary issue in voters' minds?
- 3. How can the U.S. balance economic interests when they are at odds with diplomatic or human rights policies?

ROUND 3: INTERNATIONAL

Foreign: Speaker 1

- 1. How should Western policymakers engage the new Arab diasporas?
- 2. Can Germany's new Chancellor revive the Left in Europe?
- 3. What would it take to formally end the Korean war and bring peace to the Korean peninsula?

Foreign: Speaker 2

- 1. Why is the Middle East important to the rest of the world?
- 2. What is the best way for the European Union to support Ukraine?
- 3. What will be the impact of Chile's legalization of same-sex marriage on the rest of South America?

Foreign: Speaker 3

- 1. Should Israel end its policy of nuclear ambiguity?
- 2. Can a post-Merkel Germany retain its status in the European Union?
- 3. In the face of the continuing economic crisis, can Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro hold onto power?

Foreign: Speaker 4

- 1. Can green energy power Africa's future?
- 2. What will be the political ramifications of the UK's most recent tightening of Covid restrictions?
- 3. Will the recently signed defense cooperation pact between India and Russia be good for India in the long run?

Foreign: Speaker 5

- 1. What is the biggest challenge facing South Africa today?
- 2. Should Canada serve as a model for how to handle Covid?
- 3. What is the likelihood of civil war in Myanmar?

Foreign: Speaker 6.

- 1. Can Israel and the UAE deepen ties in the face of rising tensions over Iran?
- 2. Can Eric Zemmour be relevant in France's next Presidential Election?
- 3. Does the diplomatic boycott of Beijing 2022 matter?

Finals: Looking Ahead to 2022

Finals: Speaker 1

- 1. Can the Democratic Party become more unified in 2022?
- 2. Will England be happy that they left the EU in 2022?
- 3. Will coups and civil wars continue to plague African countries in 2022?

Finals: Speaker 2

- 1. What should be the priorities for the U.S. government in 2022?
- 2. Will Russia engage in any physical hostilities or wars with neighboring countries in 2022?
- 3. Will the 2022 Chinese winter olympics be a success or failure?

Finals: Speaker 3

- 1. Will the U.S. make significant progress in the fight against climate change in 2022?
- 2. Will other countries follow Ecuador's lead and have their own official digital currency?
- 3. What can be done to improve Afghanistan's economy in 2022?

Finals: Speaker 4

- 1. Who will be the United States' most important ally in 2022?
- 2. Should other countries follow El Salvador's example and make bitcoin legal tender?
- 3. Will Israel's fragile coalition survive through 2022?

Finals: Speaker 5

- 1. What will be the biggest issue that the U.S. must face in 2022?
- 2. What will be the impact of COP26 in 2022?
- 3. What can Asia expect from the pandemic in 2022?

Finals: Speaker 6.

- 1. What will happen to inflation in the U.S. in 2022?
- 2. Will more European nations follow Sweden's model for dealing with the pandemic in 2022?
- 3. During the course of 2022, will Iran agree to a nuclear deal that limits their nuclear weapons program?

Finals: Speaker 7

- 1. Will pre-pandemic behavior return in the U.S. in 2022?
- 2. Can the European "Year of Youth" in 2022 be successful?
- 3. Can the fighting in Ethiopia be stopped in 2022?