**US Elections – Round 2**

1. What impact will Citizen’s United have on the 2016 election?
2. Who won the first Democratic debate?
3. Will Joe Biden declare candidacy for the Democratic nomination?
4. Will Donald Trump be the Republican nominee?
5. Does the Speaker selection crisis signal big problems for the Republicans in 2016?
6. Will Ben Carson be the Republican nominee?
7. Will the Republicans hold the Senate in the next election?
8. Can the Democrats take control of the House in 2016?
9. Is Marco Rubio the Obama of 2016?
10. Will Bill Clinton be an albatross for Hilary’s campaign?
11. Should President Obama endorse Hilary Clinton?
12. Will Bernie Sanders help make the Democratic party more liberal?
13. How can Carly Fiorina use the Republican debates to her advantage?
14. Will Obamacare hurt the Democrats in 2016?
15. Will gun control hurt the Republicans in 2016?
16. Is Planned Parenthood likely to be a major factor in the 2016 elections?
17. What effect will the Black Lives Matter movement have on the 2016 elections?

**US Foreign Policy – Round 5**

1. Should the U.S. put pressure on Israel and the Palestinian to negotiate?
2. Is the nuclear pact with Iran good for American interests?
3. Should the U.S. get tough with China?
4. Should the U.S. pressure Europe to take more refuges from the Middle East?
5. What stance should the US take in Syria?
6. Should the U.S. escalate patrols in the South China Sea?
7. Should the U.S. increase it offense in cyber warfare?
8. Will restoring relations with Cuba be beneficial for the U.S?
9. Should Guantanamo Bay be shuttered?
10. Shoudl the U.S. committee ground troops to the Middle East to defeat ISIS?
11. Should the U.S. increase its use of drones in combat?
12. Should the US swap Iranian prisoners for Jason Rezaian?
13. Will the US support for the Afghanistan government lead to its demise?
14. Is the US about to enter another cold war with Russia?
15. What does the US have to do to maintain its status as a global superpower?
16. What can the US do to deter the proxy war between the Iran and Saudi Arabia in the Middle East?

**US Economy and Business - Quarters**

1. Should the US adopt a flat tax?
2. Should the Fed raise interest rates before the end of 2015?
3. Should the Obamacare Cadillac Tax be repealed before it goes into effect?
4. Will the carried interest tax be repealed before the 2016 election?
5. Should the federal minimum wage be raised to $15 an hour?
6. What should the U.S. do to stem the tide of rising college tuition costs?
7. Will the Trans-Pacific Partnership be economically beneficial to the U.S.?
8. Should Glass-Steagall be reinstated?
9. What should the U.S. do to address income inequality?
10. Should the U.S. invest in high-speed rail?
11. Should the US create a carbon cap and trade market?
12. Should CEOs have their pay capped?
13. Is GDP the best measure of economic success?
14. Would a lower corporate tax rate increase corporate investment?
15. Should Uber provide contract workers with health benefits?
16. Are unions good for the American middle class?
17. Should illegal immigrants be eligible for in-state tuition costs at colleges?

**US Social Issues – Round 3**

1. Should college athletes be paid?
2. Should prescription drug advertising be banned?
3. How will the Pope’s visit change Catholicism in America?
4. Will gun control come by the end of the Obama Presidency?
5. Should the team name “Redskins” be banned across the U.S?
6. Should government employees be required to carry out laws against their religious beliefs?
7. Is immigration reform dead?
8. Should marijuana be legalized on the federal level?
9. Will Obamacare be repealed?
10. Has Title IX helped achieve gender equity in sports?
11. What should be done to address the discrimination felt by transgendered people?
12. Are mandatory vaccines an infringement on privacy?
13. Should companies be required to offer paid parental leave?
14. Was the passage of open carry laws on the UT campuses a good idea?
15. Should students be punished in school for what they post on social media?
16. Should women be allowed to serve in combat roles in the US Armed Forces?

**Foreign Economy – Round 1**

1. Is the Eurozone in trouble of fracturing?
2. Will China be able to stop its stock market slide?
3. Will Volkswagen be able to rebound from “emission-gate?”
4. What will be the impact of low oil prices on stability in the Middle East?
5. Will Brazil rebound from its slumping economy in 2016?
6. Should developing countries be held to the same environmental standards as developed countries?
7. Should Germany forgive Greece’s loans?
8. Would it be economically wise for Argentina to devalue its currency??
9. Will the Chinese economy rebound?
10. Is the Greek government capable of implementing economic reform?
11. Is hosting the Olympics a wise economic move?
12. Will China continue to devalue its currency?
13. Has austerity been a good policy for EU nations?
14. Will 2016 be a good year for the global economy?
15. Were Canada’s heavy investments in the oil sands industry a mistake?
16. What country will emerge as the leader of the “green economy”?

**Foreign International Affairs- Semis**

1. Can Bashar al Assad maintain power in Syria?
2. Was the Arab Spring a failure?
3. How should Turkey deal with the refugee crisis caused by Middle East instability?
4. Will the UK remain part of the EU?
5. What impact will Russia’s growing involvement in Syria have on the crisis there?
6. Are the African nations doing enough to stop the resurgence of the Ebola epidemic?
7. Should the international community pressure Saudi Arabia to accept refugees form the Middle East?
8. Is a quota system the best way for the EU to deal with migrants?
9. Will the South China Sea erupt in violence in 2016?
10. Is Angela Merkel’s leadership good for the European Union?
11. Will a Third Intifada break out in Israel and Palestine?
12. Will the Iran deal lead to increases in regional stability?
13. Should the international community do more to support the Ukraine?
14. Would creating a Kurdish nation be good for regional stability?
15. Can African nations effective band together to combat Boko Haram?
16. Has the international community effectively isolated North Korea?

**Foreign Internal Politics – Round 4**

1. What effect will growing violence in Palestine have on internal Israeli politics?
2. Will the oil slump doom Harper’s re-election in Canada?
3. Is there any hope of Putin’s ouster from within Russia?
4. Can Jeremy Corbyn lead Labour towards electoral victory?
5. Will Germany be able to withstand the immigration influx?
6. Will support of the Afghani government by the U.S. lead to its demise?
7. Should Scotland reinstitute its call for independence?
8. How secure is Kim Jong-Un’s leadership of North Korea?
9. Will Alex Tsipras be able to effectively lead Greece?
10. Will Xi Jinping’s corruption crackdown lead to a stronger China?
11. Is the Italian government effectively dealing with migrants?
12. Is Shinzo Abe’s move towards a more militaristic Japan good for that country?
13. Will re-establishing a relationship with the US lead to a more democratic Cuba?
14. Should Dilma Rousseff be forced to resign?
15. Is Mexico effectively dealing with migration through its southern border?
16. Will easing sanctions lead to diminished power of hardliners in Iran?

**Health and Environmental Crises Home and Abroad - Finals**

1. Should pharmaceutical companies be required to offer drugs for free to poor people
2. Would a federal ban on soda consumption limit childhood obesity?
3. Do bike sharing programs reduce carbon emissions in cities?
4. Should the US restrict tourists from countries with ebola?
5. How can education help reduce teenage pregnancy in the developing world?
6. Should there be a price cap on the prices set by pharmaceutical companies?
7. Should gun distributors be held liable?
8. Should the United States revisit a bullet tax?
9. Should microbeads be banned?
10. Is California doing enough to address the drought?