

## **US -- Elections & Politics**

1. Will Mitch McConnell win his re-election?
2. Has the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee been effective?
3. Should Michelle Obama be utilized more by the Democrats in the 2014 midterm elections?
4. Has Andrew Cuomo lost the support of liberal Democrats?
5. Can Democrats win the Kansas gubernatorial race?
6. What will Congress accomplish in the upcoming lame duck session?
7. How can Obama help quell Ebola paranoia?
8. Will Bill Cassidy defeat Sen. Mary Landrieu in the Louisiana senate race?
9. Will Kay Hagan retain her Senate seat?
10. Could Rand Paul win the presidency in 2016?
11. Should Obama use executive orders to jumpstart immigration reform?
12. Are Democrats focusing too much on helping Grimes in Kentucky?

## **US -- Foreign Policy**

1. How will Venezuela's recent election to the UN Security Council affect US foreign policy interests?
2. Will a softening relationship between the United States and Iran lead to a nuclear deal?
3. Should the United States support an independent Kurdistan?
4. What should be the United States' priority when it chairs the Arctic Council from 2015-2017?
5. Should Obama lift the embargo on Cuba?
6. What steps should the United States take to combat the Islamic State?
7. How can the US best support the Ukrainian government?
8. Should the US stop flights from nations with Ebola outbreaks?
9. Has the US lost the ability to effectively influence Israel?
10. Did Modi's recent visit improve US-Indian relations?
11. How can the US best support the Mexican government's fight against drug cartels?
12. Has Turkey lost its status as an important US ally?

## **US -- Economics**

1. Should the United States raise the minimum wage?
2. What lessons can cities learn from Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings?
3. Should Janet Yellen direct the Fed to raise interest rates?
4. Do higher growth rates indicate that the US economy back on track?
5. Will the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger be good for the American economy?
6. Will the rise of "Alt-Labor" campaigns save the American labor movement?
7. What steps can the US government take to address the gender pay gap?
8. Has the United States solved its unemployment problem?
9. Should the US government invest more in infrastructure projects?
10. What can JPMorgan Chase do to prevent further cyberattacks?
11. Does the volatility in US stock markets indicate a bubble about to burst?
12. Will growing school loan debt become a significant drag on the US economy?

## **US -- Social Issues**

1. Should US cities allow services like Airbnb and Uber to operate?
2. Is the tide turning for “death-with-dignity” legislation in the United States?
3. Will Southern states prove a stumbling block to gay marriage nationally?
4. Should Colorado’s marijuana legalization effort to be exported to other states?
5. Are charter schools good for US public school students?
6. Should states enact laws to make public schools start later?
7. Is the US federal government doing enough to combat child obesity?
8. Should police officers be required to wear body cameras?
9. Is California’s “yes means yes” law the right way forward for combating sexual assault on college campuses?
10. Should New York City’s universal pre-K model be adopted across the country?
11. Should Obamacare be abandoned for a single-payer health care system?
12. Will Campbell Brown succeed in her effort to eradicate teacher tenure laws?

## **Foreign -- Economics**

1. What impact will plummeting oil prices have on the global economy?
2. Will Ireland's economy rebound?
3. Is Narendra Modi doing enough to revive economic growth in India?
4. Should the Eurozone abandon austerity?
5. Is deflation an imminent threat to the world economy?
6. Will France have to issue further cuts to social programs?
7. Will infighting between France and Germany over French debt fracture the EU?
8. Will Abenomics lead to stagflation for Japan?
9. Should Nicaragua build its proposed canal?
10. How can Canada continue its increasing influence in energy markets?
11. Can the EU wean itself from dependency on Russian oil and gas?
12. Will China profit from the West's shunning of Russia?

## **Foreign -- Internal Political Crises**

1. Will Brazil's Dilma Rousseff be ousted from the presidency?
2. Is the African National Congress losing the faith of the South African people?
3. Has Petro Poroshenko been an effective President of Ukraine?
4. How should Enrique Peña-Nieto respond to the recent Mexican student massacre?
5. How should the Pakistani government respond to Malala Yousafzai's Nobel Peace Prize?
6. What impact will the failed Scotland referendum have on the future of relations between Scotland and England?
7. Does Evo Morales' third term victory in Bolivia indicate that he has been an effective manager of the economy?
8. Should the Spanish government allow for a Catalanian vote for more independence?
9. Will a Kurdish independence movement cause internal strife in Turkey?
10. Will the government in Hong Kong yield to any of the protesters demands?
11. What effect will Xi Jinping's anti-corruption campaign have for the Chinese people?
12. Can Iraqi Prime Minister Abadi restore order in his nation?

## **Foreign -- Health & Environmental Crises**

1. Has President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf effectively managed the Ebola crisis in Liberia?
2. Would travel bans of flights from Western African countries solve the Ebola crisis?
3. What steps should the Chinese government take to combat the country's rapid environmental degradation?
4. Should the European Commission allow fracking?
5. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam: boon or bane?
6. Will South Africa be able to maintain its successful management of the AIDS epidemic?
7. What steps can be taken to end the malaria crisis?
8. How should the international community deal with the security threats posed by climate change?
9. Does the anti-vaccine movement pose a threat to international health?
10. How can India solve its sanitation problem?
11. Will the UN be able to devise a meaningful climate agreement in 2015?
12. Has the World Health Organization been too slow to react to Ebola?

## **Foreign -- International Conflict Zones**

1. Will the student protests in Hong Kong lead to democratic reform?
2. Are China and Japan reaching detente?
3. What role should Turkey play in the international fight against the Islamic State?
4. Should NATO engage more directly in the conflict in Ukraine?
5. Is a solution to the Kashmir dispute imminent?
6. Should the international community begin to ease sanctions on Iran?
7. Can the AU help bring stability to the Central African Republic?
8. Can stability be achieved in Yemen?
9. What steps need to be taken to achieve a lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace accord?
10. Will the Islamic State become a threat to additional nations?
11. Can the UN do more to help those that have been displaced by conflict?
12. Will territorial disputes between India and China sour their relationship?