**DOMESTIC**

1. What are the political implications of the SeaTac minimum wage vote?

2. What do the Steubenville indictments suggest regarding levels of educator accountability?

3. What will be the impact of the fillibuster’s end for domestic policy?

4.  How  successful has the federal government been in cleaning up nuclear waste?

5. How successful have state efforts been in reshaping marijuana policy in the U.S.?

6.  How far will  the efforts to expand the status of  ‘corporations as people’  succeed?

7. How much will efforts to reform immigration succeed in 2013?

8. How successful will the big tech companies be in promoting privacy rights?

9. How successful can civil disobedience be as a force in the United States today?

10. How accurately has the media portrayed the Affordable Care Act’s implementation?

11. To what extent will antibiotic overuse reshape U.S. society?

12. To what extent will the Supreme Court go in its’ efforts to limit Congressional power?

**FOREIGN**

1. Which outside entity can do the most to stop the massacres occurring in the Central African Republic?

2. Who will be the biggest loser if no workable agreement is signed regarding Iran?

3. Is the NSA out of control?

4. Has the U.S. committed war crimes with its drones?

5. Will China’s partial abandonment of the one-child policy do what it hopes to do?

6. Will the surrender of M23 in Congo lead to peace?

7. Will Japan and China be able to defuse tensions over their territorial disputes?

8. Is the time ripe to lift the embargo on Cuba?

9. Would Scotland do better if it were independent?

10. Will the spillover from Syria’s trouble undo the fragile peace in Lebanon?

11. Has the Muslim Brotherhood been permanently crushed in Egypt?

12. Will Japan change its constitution and re-arm?

**ECONOMIC**

1. How will President Viktor Yanukovich’s decision to end trade agreement talks with the European Union affect Ukraine’s economy?

2. Is Venezuela’s economy suffering more under Maduro than it did under Chavez?

3. Is the time right for the U.S. Federal Reserve to slow its stimulus?

4. Are British finance minister George Osborne’s policies helping Britain’s economy?

5. What can the Obama Administration do to advance the President’s agenda of reducing income inequality?

6. What do falling unemployment rates say about the economic security of working class Americans?

7. Is it time for the government to raise the federal minimum wage?

8. Should bitcoin be regulated?

9. Can Detroit’s economy rebound from bankruptcy?

10. Will India’s refusal to compromise on food subsidies derail WTO trade talks?

11. Will Bangladesh’s decision to raise the minimum wage for garment workers have a significant impact on worker quality of life?

12. What impact would a failure to reach an agreement on a farm bill have on the American economy?

**FINALS (World Leaders)**

1.  Can General Raheel Sharif bring any substantive changes to Pakistani relations with the US?

2. Will President Hassan Rouhani be able to deliver on Iran’s portion of the recent nuclear agreement with the west?

3. Can Benjamin Netanyahu have any substantial impact on the recent nuclear agreement between Iran and the west?

4. How should President Obama attempt to repair his strained relationship with Benjamin Netanyahu?

5. Will President Xi Jinping successfully reform the Chinese economy?

6. What impact will President Hamid Karzai’s increasing demands have on the bilateral security agreement with the United States?

7.  Has President Bashar al-Assad found a winning strategy to outlast his opponents in the Syrian civil war?

8. Will Pope Francis be successful in bringing major changes to the Catholic Church?

9. Can Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra of Thailand survive the protests calling for his ouster?

10. Can Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff win re-election in 2014?

11. Will the Rob Ford scandal do lasting damage to the city of Toronto?

12. Has Vladimir Putin established the conditions for a successful Winter Olympics in 2014?

13.  Will Pres. Aquino be able to survive his missteps during the typhoon?