

## **Foreign Leaders**

1. How successful will Narendra Modi be at solidifying India?
2. How successful will Xi Jinping be in looking after China's security interests?
3. What lies ahead for Benjamin Netanyahu's campaign against Iran?
4. How successful will Alexis Tsipras be in renegotiating Greece's place in the European Union?
5. How successful will Angela Merkel's efforts be to preserve a strong Eurozone?
6. How successful will Francois Hollande be in addressing France's woes?
7. How successful will Peña Nieto's efforts to stabilize Mexico be?
8. How likely is Vladimir Putin to successfully address Russia's economic challenges?
9. How successful have been Shinzo Abe's efforts to promote Japan's international standing?
10. How likely is David Cameron to improve the United Kingdom's stability?
11. How influential will Hassan Rouhani be in formulating Iran's nuclear policy?
12. How able is Goodluck Jonathan to successfully promote stability in Nigeria?

## **U.S. Politics**

1. Did Mitt Romney help or hurt the Republican Party by deciding not to run for President?
2. Will President Obama and Congress find any common ground in 2015?
3. Was President Obama's State of the Union address a success?
4. Should the federal government provide funding for free community college?
5. Should the U.S. approve the Keystone XL Pipeline?
6. How can New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio mend relations with the police?
7. Can Jeb Bush win the Republican nomination for President?
8. Once confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Defense, what challenges will Ashton Carter face?
9. Once confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Defense, should Ashton Carter make any significant changes in U.S. involvement in the Middle East?
10. Will President Obama's executive order solve U.S. immigration issues?
11. What is behind the move to draft Senator Elizabeth Warren as a Presidential candidate?
12. Why hasn't the GOP-led Congress made more of an impact in 2015?
13. Can anyone beat Hillary Clinton in the race for the White House?

## **Economics**

1. Will the Indian government's efforts to encourage the lower classes to open and use bank accounts be sustainable?
2. Will the package of "quantitative easing" announced by the European Central Bank have a positive influence on the European economy?
3. Should Greece abandon the Euro?
4. What impact would President Obama's most recently proposed budget have on the U.S. deficit?
5. Is Russia headed for a recession?
6. Have economic sanctions strengthened our negotiating position with Iran?
7. How are low oil prices affecting Nigeria's economy?
8. Will the trend of reduced consumer spending in December continue into 2015?
9. Should the Fed raise short term interest rates?
10. Should the Federal Government stimulate the economy by increasing spending on infrastructure projects?
11. Will Congress vote on a Federal Minimum Wage during this session?
12. What effect is the growing student debt load having on the U.S. economy?

## **International Conflict**

1. What does the lifting of Baghdad's curfew say about U.S. efforts in Iraq?
2. Is the U.S. pursuing the right policy to combat ISIS?
3. Is the U.S. in a cyber arms race?
4. Is NATO a useful tool for U.S. interests abroad?
5. Should the U.S. be concerned about the rise of radical parties in European parliaments?
6. Should the U.S. be worried about King Salman al Saud's moves to consolidate power?
7. Should the U.S. have supported pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong?
8. How significant of a threat is Vladimir Putin to U.S. interests abroad?
9. Should the U.S. provide lethal aid to the Ukrainian government?
10. Should the U.S. increase its support of Kurdish forces?
11. Should the U.S. boycott the Houthi-led government of Yemen?
12. Should the U.S. put more pressure on other countries to combat climate change?

## **U.S. Foreign Policy**

1. Can Nigeria defeat Boko Haram on its own?
2. Is Bangladesh on its way to a government overthrow?
3. Will pro-democracy activists achieve the free election in Hong Kong they desire?
4. Are Israel and Lebanon headed for war?
5. Should Rwanda be more proactive in combating terrorists in the Congo?
6. Is it possible to defeat ISIS without putting boots on the ground?
7. Is the world better off with al-Assad in power in Syria?
8. Can anything be done to stabilize South Sudan?