

## DOMESTIC

1. Is Rick Santorum going anywhere in the 2012 primary race?
2. Is Mitt Romney the only Republican who can beat the president?
3. Did Obama make a good decision in appointing Richard Cordray to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau this week?
4. Will the Tea party hurt the GOP this year?
5. Will religion play a big role in this year's election cycle?
6. Have our expectations of the president been too high?
7. Do the Iowa caucuses matter?
8. Is the U.S. relying too heavily on technology in our schools?
9. What can Japan and Korea learn from the USA's more relaxed version of secondary education?
10. Does the U.S. need to regulate fracking more heavily?
11. Has the Occupy movement lost momentum?
12. To what can we attribute Obama's rising approval ratings?

## ECONOMIC

1. Is a common currency viable with states as diverse and debt-laden as those in the EU?
2. Should the United States return to the Gold Standard?
3. Is a long term extension of the payroll tax cut good for the economy?
4. How has Standard & Poor's downgrade of the United States' credit rating affected the economy?
5. What should Congress do to address the nation's deficit?
6. What can the U.S. government do to encourage job creation?
7. Is the U.S. housing market on the rebound?
8. What impact will the European debt crisis have on the American economy?
9. Do current inflation rates threaten the U.S. economy?
10. Are more stringent intellectual property regulations necessary to protect American businesses?
11. Can the Federal Reserve's proposed regulations on big banks prevent a future economic crisis?
12. Should the IMF provide Greece with additional funding to stave off default?

## INTERNATIONAL

1. Will the Europe Union's proposed oil embargo of Iran have any impact on Iran's nuclear ambitions?
2. What impact will the death of Kim Jong-Il have on North Korea's relationship with the western world?
3. What is the significance of the recent protests in Russia against Vladimir Putin's presidential candidacy?
4. Are the Taliban's recent indications that they plan to become more politically active portend a better future for Afghanistan?
5. Is the war in Iraq really over for the Iraqi people?
6. How is Mexico's drug war affecting Central America?
7. How will the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq affect Nuri al-Maliki's coalition government?
8. What will be the lasting impact of the Arab Spring?
9. Should the individual states of Europe cede military power to the European Union?
10. What impact will the death of Kim Jong-Il have on North Korea's relationship with the western world?
11. Has Italy begun to recover without Berlusconi?
12. What role should China play in the ongoing change of leadership in North Korea?

## FINALS - AFRICA

1. How effectively can the African Union address problems in Africa?
2. Can neighboring countries keep Al Shabab under control in Somalia?
3. Can a successful democracy emerge in Libya?
4. Is Indian investment in Ethiopian farms a 'land grab'?
5. Will Abdoulaye Wade yield to pressure not to run for a third term as president of Senegal?
6. What does President Goodluck Jonathan need to do to prevent further terrorist acts against Christians in Nigeria?
7. Does Nigeria's Boko Haram pose a threat to American interests?
8. Has the recent election in Congo damaged the reputation of democracy in the country?
9. Would the nationalization of mines help or hurt the poor in South Africa?
10. Can Nigeria put a stop to government corruption?
11. Amid allegations of election fraud, how can Liberian President Johnson Sirleaf restore legitimacy?
12. Has Jacob Zuma been an effective South African president?
13. Has the South African Constitutional Court used its authority to interfere in government policy?