

## **DOMESTIC**

1. Should e-cigarettes be banned in public places?
2. Who will be most hurt by the feud between President Trump & Steve Bannon?
3. What is the significance of Doug Jones's Alabama Senate seat win?
4. Should national monument declarations be binding in perpetuity?
5. Is the U.S. Supreme Court succumbing to partisan politics?
6. Should network neutrality rules remain in effect in the U.S.?
7. Has President Trump succeeded in redefining the Republican Party?
8. Is recent Democrat success in gubernatorial and mayoral races an indicator for the midterm elections?
9. What has President Trump achieved during his first year in office?
10. Can President Trump's first year in office be labeled a success?
11. What do the Democrats need to do to retake the House of Representatives?
12. Why has it been so difficult to restore power in Puerto Rico?

## **ECONOMIC**

1. Will U.S. tax reform stimulate substantial job growth in 2018?
2. Can the U.S. economy remain competitive without significant infrastructure investment?
3. How is inflation impacting the Eurozone's economy?
4. Will President Trump's opposition to free trade adversely affect the U.S. economy?
5. Why is the Iranian economy struggling despite sanction relief?
6. Is President Trump responsible for positive economic trends in the U.S.?
7. What challenges pose the greatest threats to the Chinese economy?
8. Why is the German economy booming?
9. Who are the primary beneficiaries of strong economic news in the U.S.?
10. Will Venezuela be able to avert a full economic collapse?
11. Is the Indian economy insulated from the impacts of automation?
12. How can Australia sustain its economic growth?

## **INTERNATIONAL**

1. Are the cuts to the United Nations budget a positive step for U.S.-UN relations?
2. Who will be elected as Mexico's next president?
3. Could Theresa May's time as prime minister end in 2018?
4. Should the United States show support for protesters in Iran?
5. Can Japan bring the Palestinian Authority to a new peace talk table?
6. Would a cut in U.S. aid to Pakistan be sound policy?
7. Will Vladimir Putin's inevitable re-election escalate a new Cold War?
8. Where is the impact of the ongoing U.S.-China rivalry going to be felt the most in 2018?
9. Is there a greater potential for disaster or an opportunity toward peace from the 2018 Winter Olympics?
10. How is recent U.S. policy on Ukraine arguably utilizing the principle "Peace Through Strength"?
11. Why has the humanitarian crisis that is the Syrian civil war fallen from the headlines?
12. What reforms will President Macron likely succeed in implementing in 2018?

## **AFRICA**

1. What can be done to bring South Sudan's civil war to an end?
2. Will Egypt's Grand Mufti Shawki Allam's fatwa against bitcoin damage bitcoin's luster?
3. Is the tobacco industry luring African farmers with bogus promises of prosperity?
4. Is African debt a ticking bomb?
5. What can African countries do to mitigate the effects of climate change?
6. Will Zimbabwe see genuine democracy in 2018?
7. Will Turkey emerge as a rival to China in Africa in 2018?
8. Is President Zuma's announcement of free higher education for poor and working class families a solid plan or a political ploy?
9. Can positive trends in Somalia lead their government to legitimate stability in 2018?
10. Does the son of Muammar Qaddafi, Seif al-Islam, have a chance in Libya's potential 2018 presidential election?
11. What impact could new policies & procedures in Israel, Australia, Germany and other countries regarding African migrants produce?
12. Could 2018 see a return of the "blood diamond" trade?