

## **DOMESTIC**

1. Can NASA stay relevant without its shuttle program?
2. Was Congress right to back away from bills intended to protect intellectual property on the internet?
3. Have the “occupy” movements had any impact?
4. Do recent cheating scandals indicate a serious problem for the SAT and other standardized tests?
5. What steps should the federal government take to make social security viable for the long term?
6. Can the airline industry survive with its current business model?
7. What impact will redistricting have on the 2012 Congressional elections?
8. What should the U.S. do to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels?
9. Will new evaluation standards required in “Race to the Top” states improve education?
10. Is U.S. military strategy working in Somalia?
11. Will the passage of “right-to-work” legislation bring more jobs to Indiana?
12. What does Wisconsin’s Gov. Walker’s recall fight illustrate about different philosophies of government?

## **ECONOMIC**

1. Will Greece default on its debt?
2. Will Germany continue to take the lead on the European debt crisis?
3. What groups would be the winners in the currently proposed U.S. 'mortgage deal'?
4. Will the state of the economy be the key factor in President Obama's bid for re-election?
5. Can state governments sustain their recent economic recovery?
6. Does U.S. tax policy favor the rich?
7. Is the financial center of the world shifting to Asia?
8. Should Congress extend the 2% payroll tax cut?
9. Can IMF managing director Christine Lagarde steer Europe away from economic disaster?
10. Should the Fed undertake another round of quantitative easing?
11. Will the U.S. economy continue to grow?
12. What effect are economic problems in the EU having on the U.S. economy?
13. Will the European Central Bank be successful in stimulating European economies?

## **INTERNATIONAL**

1. What does Egypt's military government represent for the Arab Spring?
2. What will be the impact of the Straits of Hormuz standoff for regional stability?
3. What will be the impact of the EU ban on Iranian oil?
4. How stable is the post-Gaddafi Libyan government?
5. What does the rise of violence in Iraq portend for the Maliki government?
6. How likely is a U.S. peace accord with the Taliban?
7. Should Scotland pursue a referendum on independence?
8. What will be the impact of the Turkish-French standoff over the 'genocide bill'?
9. How great a threat does radicalism pose to Bangladesh?
10. Should the U.N. back the Arab League's plan to end the violence in Syria?
11. Is the Chinese government dealing effectively with unrest in Tibet?
12. Is a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine realistic?

## **PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS**

1. Which Republican presidential candidate has the best chance of beating President Obama?
2. If Mitt Romney wins the Republican nomination for president, who should he pick for his running mate?
3. Which Republican presidential candidate best represents the traditional republican beliefs ?
4. Which "conservative alternate to Mitt Romney" is the most electable on a national level?
5. Are the Republicans handing President Obama a playbook for beating Mitt Romney?
6. Can President Obama keep the White House for four more years?
7. Does Newt Gingrich have any chance of beating President Obama?
8. Will Ron Paul run as an independent?
9. What does President Obama have to do to keep his presidency?
10. What influence will Rick Santorum wield over the 2012 election?
11. Why are Republican power-brokers pining for a Mitch Daniels entry into the Republican race?
12. Will African-Americans come out for Obama a second time around?