

## Round 1: Europe and Asia

- 1) Will military tensions continue to rise in the South China Seas?
- 2) How will Kim Jong Un's leadership change North Korea's foreign policy?
- 3) Can Cameron maintain his governing coalition?
- 4) Is xenophobia on the rise in Europe?
- 5) Has Putin's reelection caused Russia to become a more cooperative partner with the West?
- 6) Have institutions of democracy strengthened in Myanmar?
- 7) Will leadership change in China lead to a reduction of corruption in that country?
- 8) Can Monti's government survive the continuing debt crisis?
- 9) Can Angela Merkel hold the EU together?
- 10) Will Japan phase out the use of the nuclear power?
- 11) Will Hollande's administration bring significant changes to French foreign policy?

## Round 2: US Foreign Policy

- 1) Should the U.S. continue to strengthen its military engagements in South East Asia?
- 2) Can the U.S. convince the Security Council to take a harder line with Syria?
- 3) Should the US apply more pressure on Israel to halt its settlement movement?
- 4) What steps can the US take to prevent an Israeli strike on Iran?
- 5) Is the US seen as a legitimate broker for peace in the Middle East?
- 6) Should the U.S. intervene militarily in Syria?
- 7) Should the US seek another "reset" with Russia?
- 8) Has the Obama administration increased the US's credibility as a world superpower?
- 9) Should the U.S. suspend aid to Egypt?
- 10) How should the US respond to the embassy attack in Libya?
- 11) How will recent "blue on green" attacks on NATO soldiers affect the feasibility of a withdrawal by 2014?

### **Round 3: International Economics**

- 1) Will the Chinese economy continue to grow by double digits?
- 2) How would Greece's departure from the Eurozone affect the global economy?
- 3) Can the German economy continue to support a Euro in crisis?
- 4) What effect will Russia's entrance into the WTO have on its economy?
- 5) Is a trade war between US and China imminent?
- 6) Will the US dollar remain the reserve currency of choice for foreign governments?
- 7) Can the European Central Bank save the Euro?
- 8) Will Spain default on its debt?
- 9) How will tensions between Japan and China affect global markets?
- 10) Should the IMF censure Argentina?
- 11) Should Greece leave the Eurozone?

#### **Round 4: Africa and the Middle East**

- 1) Is the Arab Spring over?
- 2) What can be done to alleviate the refugee crisis caused by unrest in Syria?
- 3) What does the Non-Aligned summit mean for geopolitics?
- 4) What does Morsi's leadership mean for Egypt's relationship with the West?
- 5) What will be the political fallout caused by mine strikes in South Africa?
- 6) Has South Sudan become a sustainable democracy?
- 7) Will liberal democracy arise in Libya?
- 8) Will the Assad regime fall?
- 9) Can the Malinese government regain control of its northern territory?
- 10) Should Zimbabweans be optimistic about political change in the next year?
- 11) Will Israel pre-emptively strike Iran's nuclear facilities?
- 12) What can the international community do to combat the threat of a new genocide in Sudan?

### **Round 5: Domestic Social**

- 1) Will voter ID laws survive judicial review?
- 2) Should welfare recipients be subject to drug tests?
- 3) Has US disaster relief improved since Katrina?
- 4) Should Medicare be a voucher system?
- 5) Have unions lost their political clout?
- 6) Should urban school districts open more charter schools?
- 7) How should the next president approach immigration reform?
- 8) Is the Dream Act a viable US immigration policy?
- 9) What should be done to ensure long term solvency for Social Security?
- 10) What would a second Obama term mean for the future of the Supreme Court?
- 11) Should employers be mandated to cover contraceptives in their health care plans?
- 12) Why has America's social mobility declined in recent years?

## **Quarters: The Elections**

- 1) What can Mitt Romney do to improve his standing with Latinos?
- 2) What steps should the Obama campaign take to win over independent voters?
- 3) Was Paul Ryan the right choice for the GOP's vice presidential candidate?
- 4) How have SuperPacs changed electoral politics?
- 5) Will Claire McCaskill win reelection to the Senate?
- 6) Will Tammy Baldwin be the first LGBT senator in the U.S.?
- 7) Who will win the Senate race in Massachusetts?
- 8) Will voter ID laws decide the presidential election?
- 9) Does Bill Clinton's support help Obama?
- 10) How has Romney's "47%" comment affected the presidential race?
- 11) Will the Democrats retain control of the Senate?
- 12) Will the Republicans retain control of the House?

## **Semis: Domestic Economics**

- 1) Will the Fed's new stimulus be successful in getting the American economy back on track?
- 2) Will unemployment decrease in the coming months?
- 3) Why did the Facebook IPO flop?
- 4) Has the US housing market begun to rebound?
- 5) Is the middle class shrinking?
- 6) How should the next president approach the growing debt crisis?
- 7) Should Obama's 2009 stimulus package have been larger?
- 8) How can the next president address the long term solvency of the Medicare?
- 9) Should Congress enact the Simpson/Bowles reforms?
- 10) Should unions have the right for collective bargaining?
- 11) Should taxes be raised on those earning more than \$250,000?
- 12) Will the Consumer Protection Bureau be effective?

## **Finals: From the perspective of....**

The people

Barack Obama

Paul Ryan

Mitt Romney

Nancy Pelosi

Morsi

Angela Merkel

Hillary Clinton

Hu Jintao

Benjamin Netanyahu

Francois Hollande

Hugo Chavez

Jon Stewart

Bill O'Reilly/Rush Limbaugh?

Vladimir Putin

Colbert

Rachel Maddow

### Questions

Q1. Has US intervention in the Middle-East been successful?

Q2. What should be done to stabilize the global economy?

Q3. How can the international community best combat climate change?

Q4. Is the UN an effective organization for solving disputes?

Q5. Should all nations have equal access to nuclear technology?

Q6. Under what circumstances should a government restrict freedom of speech?