

FOR JANUARY 29, 2011

DOMESTIC

1. Can Republicans successfully dismantle health care reform legislation?
2. Is Obama's decision to allow offshore oil drilling to resume wise?
3. Will recent calls for greater civility in political discourse succeed?
4. What impact will the Tea Party have on Congressional priorities in 2011?
5. Should Congress abolish the filibuster?
6. Should the United States federal government restrict carbon emissions to reduce the risk of global warming?
7. What impact will a divided government have on President Obama's legislative agenda?
8. Will emerging party factions undermine Republican effectiveness in the 2011 Congress?
9. Should Congress reauthorize No Child Left Behind?
10. How should the government address growing rates of homelessness in the U.S.?
11. Can Congress compromise on immigration reform?
12. Should Congress take up the issue of gun control?
13. Is NASA irrelevant?
14. Is it possible for Democrats to advance their agenda in the new Congress?

## FOREIGN

1. Can we expect other restive Arab states to have a Tunisia-style revolution?
2. Is Baby Doc's return good for Haiti?
3. Will the British coalition government be successful at talking the UK into the kind of reform it thinks the country needs?
4. Can South Sudan make it on its own?
5. How long will Laurent Gbagbo be able to maintain himself in the Ivory Coast?
6. How much mischief are Wikileaks causing in the international community?
7. Can President Hu' visit to the United States be viewed as a success?
8. Is it all over for Italy's Berlusconi?
9. Is Hungary becoming an authoritarian state?
10. Is Russia's Putin acting as an enabler for Belarus' Lukashenko?
11. What sort of Lebanese government will probably emerge from the present confusion?
12. Is Mexico making measurable progress against its drug cartels?

## ECONOMIC

1. Can Toyota survive its latest major recall?
2. Should Great Britain raise interest rates?
3. Is the housing market in the U.S. finally turning around?
4. Is economic recovery in the U.S. gaining strength?
5. Are E.U. austerity measures endangering growth?
6. Was the 2008 financial crisis avoidable?
7. Can the U.S. bring the federal budget under control while simultaneously investing in education, research & infrastructure?
8. Should China still be considered an “emerging economy”?
9. What will be the implications of the FCIC report on the 2008 financial crisis? (FCIC = Federal Crisis Inquiry Commission).
10. Can Portugal make it through the year without a bailout?
11. Why is most of Latin America enjoying unparalleled economic good times?
12. Can Democrats & Republicans work together to address the nation’s economic problems?

## FINALS - AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

1. How can the United States most effectively reduce the influence of Latin American drug cartels?
2. To what extent should the U.S. emphasize human rights in its diplomatic initiatives with China?
3. What steps can the Obama administration take to move forward the Middle East peace process?
4. Is U.S. policy in relation to Pakistan serving long term American interests or undermining them?
5. What should be the U.S. response to recent popular uprisings in North Africa?
6. Should the U.S. cut its losses and begin a substantive withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in the next twelve months?
7. Have U.S. efforts to thwart Iran's potential development of nuclear weapons been effective?
8. How can the U.S. help ensure the establishment of a peaceful and stable nation in southern Sudan?
9. Has the reset of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Russia been a success?
10. What is the enduring legacy of the late American statesman Richard Holbrooke?
11. Should the U.S. support a restructuring of the United Nations Security Council?
12. Has the U.S. commitment to Iraq now been fulfilled?