

Domestic

1. What does the increase in hydrofracking suggest about energy-environment trade-offs in the U.S.?
2. What does the Wisconsin labor standoff suggest for the future of the American middle class?
3. Who comes out ahead politically with the short term federal budget fix?
4. What are the implications of the Obama Administration's decision to not defend the Defense of Marriage Act's constitutionality?
5. What are the implications of the Michelle Obama-Rush Limbaugh/Michelle Bachmann food fight?
6. What impact will the Tea Party have on U.S. foreign policy?
7. What challenges does the Westboro Baptist Church ruling pose for political dialogue?
8. How sustainable is the rebound in President Obama's personal popularity rating?
9. What issues are at stake as the Supreme Court mulls John Ashcroft's immunity claim?
10. What will be the results of the Congressional drive to curb the EPA's authority?
11. What will be the impact of adding new charges in the Bradley Manning case?
12. What does Rahm Emanuel's election suggest for the role of mayors nationwide?

Foreign

1. Is France doing enough to address its growing immigrant population?
2. What impact did Wikileaks have on US-Mexican relations?
3. Will recent calls for Middle-East inspired protests in China be successful?
4. How should the international community respond to Laurent Gbagbo's refusal to hand over power to Alassane Ouattara in Ivory Coast? (NOTE: spellings of these names are taken from the BBC)
5. Do the recent murders of liberal Pakistani government officials signify a move towards Islamic fundamentalism?
6. What can Mexico do to combat drug-related violence?
7. Can Southern Sudan peacefully separate from the North?
8. Should South Korea agree to recent calls for talks from North Korea?
9. What impact has social media had on democracy around the world?
10. Is the international community doing enough to stop Somali pirates?
11. Can Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's political career survive the fallout from his personal life?
12. Why has Jean-Claude Duvalier chosen to return to Haiti?

Economic

1. What will be the long and short term effects of the unrest in the Middle East on the world economy?
2. Is February's rise in consumer confidence a cause for celebration?
3. Should the United States be concerned about China overtaking Japan as the world's second largest economy?
4. Should military spending be a sacred cow as Congress tries to reduce the budget deficit?
5. Is Congress wasting its time demonizing earmarks?
6. Does Gov. Walker of Wisconsin really have to go after unions in order to fix his state's economy?
7. Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey: Fiscal prophet or dangerous zealot?
8. Is Greece's economy in recovery?
9. Will Tea party-inspired budget cuts hurt the Republicans in 2012?
10. Are important budget cuts being thwarted by the AARP?
11. Are we in for a long period of falling wages?
12. Should we take our budget-cutting clues from Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels?
13. What can the U.S. learn from Germany's stunning economic performance?

Finals - Unrest in the Middle East

1. How well is the Obama administration dealing with the crisis in Libya?
2. What will it take for real democratic change to take shape in the wake of Arab uprisings?
3. How will Israel be affected by the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa?
4. What role will the Muslim Brotherhood play in Egypt's new government?
5. What should the international community do about Libya?
6. In the wake of uprisings across the region, can Saudi leaders maintain control in their country?
7. Will protesters in Yemen succeed in ousting President Ali Abdullah Saleh?
8. Should there be a no-fly zone over Libya?
9. Can Tunisia's interim government successfully organize elections and restore order?
10. Who could govern Libya in place of Gaddafi?
11. Will the Arab revolt spread to the Palestinian territories?
12. Can Hugo Chavez successfully mediate a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Libya?
13. What can be done to help Libyan refugees on the Tunisian border?