DOMESTIC

1.  What are the implications of the rejection of California’s application for a No Child Left Behind Waiver?

2.  Why didn’t Congress come up with a long-term solution to the ‘Dairy Cliff’?

3.  Will the new U.S. Congress support gun control legislation?

4.  Should the U.S. be concerned about declining birth and immigration rates?

5.  What does the Republican Party need to do to re-group?

6.  Has selection of federal judges become solely a political process?

7.  Will the new U.S. Congress enact immigration reform?

8.   Should U.S. campaign finance laws be revised?

9.   What impact did super-PACs and other third party advertisers have on the 2012 election?

10.  Why do the majority of Puerto Ricans want their commonwealth to become the 51st state?

11.  What accounts for the escalating number of strikes in the United States?

12.  How will events overseas shape Obama’s second term?

ECONOMICS

1. Why is Wall Street doing so well despite the financial uncertainty?

2. Was Congress bullied into providing $9.7 billion Sandy aid?

3. What have been the economic repercussions of Hurricane Sandy?

4. Beyond the mere numbers, what does the December jobs report tell us?

5. Has high unemployment become the new norm?

6. How should entitlement spending be reformed?

7. Do we no longer need to fear the unraveling of the Eurozone?

8.  Who were the winners and losers in the fiscal cliff compromise legislation?

9.  Does the fiscal compromise do enough to address the nation’s economic woes?

10. How will the battle go regarding the upcoming debt ceiling question?

11. Has Timothy Geithner been an effective secretary of the Treasury?

12.Is the spectacular growth of the economies of sub-Saharan Africa just the beginning of a long term positive trend?

INTERNATIONAL

1. Is India headed for an Arab Spring?

2. Are more terrorist groups on the rise in Syria?

3. What can be done to alleviate the refugee crisis caused by the unrest in Syria?

4. Can Enrique Pena Nieto successfully take on organized crime in Mexico?

5. Should Chavez be inaugurated in Venezuela?

6. Have the sanctions placed on Iran been effective?

7. Should Putin get Assad to step down?

8. Can anything be done to cut the 11.8 percent unemployment in the Euro zone?

9. Will M23 come to a successful peace agreement with the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo?

10. Should Benjamin Netanyahu be re-elected as Prime Minister?

11. Could Berlusconi take control in Italy again?

12. Will outrage about the gang rape and murder of the young woman in Delhi lead to changes that will make India safer for women?

FINALS – OBAMA’s CABINET

1.  How will U.S. Foreign Policy change under our next Secretary of State?

2.  What should be the priorities of Obama’s next Secretary of Defense?

3.  How will Obama’s second term as president be shaped by his new Cabinet?

4.  What message does the Chuck Hagel controversy send to Washington iconoclasts?

5.  What is Hillary Clinton’s legacy as Secretary of State?

6.  Does the current vetting process for presidential cabinet positions lead to the selection of the best candidates?

7. Is lack of diversity a problem in Obama’s Cabinet?

8. How much leadership will the Secretary of Education provide in President Obama’s second term?

9. How effective will the Department of Health and Human Services be in administering the ‘Obamacare’ law?

10. How effective is Tom Vilsack as Secretary of Agriculture?

11. What does Jack Lew’s appointment as Treasury Secretary say about the Obama Administration’s priorities?