**DOMESTIC**

1. Is Gov. Chris Christie likely to be the GOP presidential nominee in 2016?

2. What additional support can we give our combat veterans?

3. Will the Republican Party benefit in the upcoming mid-term elections?

4. Are additional legal restrictions on plastic handguns necessary?

5. How will history judge President Obama?

6. Will the Democrats’ move to stressing economic populism harm their chances in upcoming elections?

7. Is this the right time for the rise of a third party in U.S. politics?

8. What is driving Obama’s low popularity numbers?

9.  Was President Obama correct in shaking Raul Castro’s hand at Mandela’s funeral?

10.  Is U.S. education reform succeeding?

11.  Should the U.S. enact sanctions against Ukraine?

12. Will targets for health care plan enrollments be met now that the healthcare.gov

 website appears to be working?

**ECONOMIC**

1. Why are we not hearing much about the economic struggles of the PIGS countries lately?

2.  Will Paul Ryan and Patty Murray’s budget plan work?

3.  Will the unemployment rate go below 7%?

4.  Is student loan debt the next economic bubble?

5.  Should the federal minimum wage be raised?

6.  Have attempts to shore up the pensions of government workers weakened our national economy?

7. Is there an opportunity for a new industrial revolution in America?

8. Can the U.S. gain control of its trade deficits?

9.  Would the break up of the EU put an end to the economic woes of Europe?

10. Is the addition of Ukraine to the EU a good economic decision?

11. Is it time for the FED to tighten monetary policy?

12. What are the implications of Detroit’s bankruptcy for other financially strapped
 cities?

**INTERNATIONAL**

1. Is Pope Francis the best choice for Time Magazine’s Person of the Year?

2. Will the protests in Kiev Square lead to Ukranian President Viktor Yanukovich’s resignation?

3. Will the partial end of economic sanctions be enough to boost Iran’s economic prospects?

4. Does the response to Nelson Mandela’s death indicate real progress for race relations in South Africa?

5. How should the international community respond to escalating violence in the Central African Republic?

6. Are relations between the United States and Cuba likely to improve in the near future?

7. Do the disputed presidential election results indicate a failed democracy in Honduras?

8. Is the Dominican Republic justified in deporting long term Haitian migrants back to Haiti?

9. Should the International Olympic Committee address Russia’s restrictive anti-gay laws before the upcoming Olympic Games?

10. Should Syria’s neighbors be responsible for the long term support of Syrian refugees?

11. Is the unrest in Northern Yemen essentially a proxy war between Iran and Saudi Arabia?

12.Has the United States intervention helped or hindered democracy building efforts in Afghanistan?

**MAJOR ISSUES OF 2013 AND THEIR IMPACTS**

1. How will the difficulties in rolling out Healthcare.gov impact the future of the Affordable Care Act?

2. How will the controversy over the use of drones impact U.S. foreign policy in 2014?

3. Has the government shut-down had a major impact on the way Congress does business?

4. What will be the long-term impacts of Edward Snowden’s revelations?

5. Will the territorial dispute between Japan & China over islands in the East China Sea have a major impact on the relationship between the U.S. and China?

6.  Will changes to the filibuster rule have a major impact upon how Congress does business?

7.  Will the destruction of Syria’s chemical weapons have a major impact upon stability within Syria?

8. What will be the impact of the many 2013 same-sex marriage victories?

9. Will the Tea Party have a major impact upon the Republican Party in 2014?

10.  Have the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings had a major impact upon how people view gun control?

11. What will be the impact on Asia of North Korea’s nuclear ambitions?

12. Did the October government shutdown cause lasting harm to U.S. credibility?

13. What impact will Republican efforts to attract Hispanic voters have on immigration

 reform?