

Domestic

1. To what extent will President Obama's core supporters see their hopes realized in the next four years?
2. Who benefits from using 'fiscal cliff' as a metaphor for the federal budget standoff?
3. Why are journalists already talking about the 2016 presidential elections?
4. What will be the shape of the second term Obama cabinet?
5. Why have 'green energy' and climate change fallen off the political agenda?
6. Why is the mainstream media ignoring active coverage of the Bradley Manning case?
7. What are the policy implications of Republican control of state governments?
8. Has there been a sea change in approaches to crime control in the U.S?
9. What are the implications of Republican state resistance to health care exchanges?
10. What will be the political and social effect of Michigan's rollback of worker rights?
11. What interests are at play in the debate over legal voting procedure in the United States?
12. What problems does crumbling infrastructure pose to the United States?

Foreign

1. How should the world respond to North Korea's recent missile launch?
2. Will the E.U. resolution condemning the human rights record of the UAE do anything meaningful to improve the situation?
3. Can Iran's nuclear advance be stopped?
4. How will Venezuela's revolution be affected by Hugo Chavez's fight with cancer?
5. What can Russia do to address the problem of Islamic extremists within their country?
6. What can be done to improve the human rights crisis along Pakistan's borders?
7. Will the new commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol help address the issue of Climate Change in a meaningful way?

8. Would a Berlusconi return hurt Italy?
9. Can Angela Merkel's center-right coalition deliver on its election promises?
10. What did North Korea hope to gain by launching a rocket this past week?
11. Does Kgalema Motlanthe present a serious challenge to South African President Jacob Zuma in the upcoming election?

Economic

1. What will be the effect on the economy if we go over the fiscal cliff?
2. What will be the impact of raising taxes on the top 2% of American taxpayers if President Obama succeeds in passing his reforms?
3. Will the austerity programs in Britain be successful in improving the long-term health of the British economy?
4. Are lotteries valid mechanisms to raise funds at a state level?
5. What are the most important steps President Obama should take at the beginning of his second term in order to improve the economy?
6. What are the most important economic effects of the continuing turmoil in Syria?
7. Will recent measures initiated by the FED speed the lowering of unemployment rates?
8. Will Enrique Pena Nieto be able to improve the economy of Mexico?
9. Will casinos have a net beneficial or harmful effect on Massachusetts' economic health?
10. Can the Euro remain viable as a currency?
11. Will the passage of right-to-work laws help spur the economies of those states that do so?
12. Is the continuation of the payroll tax cut necessary for the continued health of the economy?

“War and Peace”

1. Can Russia stop Syria from using chemical warfare?
2. Would China really go to war over the Senkaku islands?

3. Has Kim Jong Un shown the world he will be a peaceful leader?
4. Will Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood send Egypt into another civil war?
5. Should President Obama be more forceful in his efforts to produce an agreement between Israel and Palestine?
6. Is the next major war on terrorism going to be in Mali?
7. Does Iran have the capability to bring the world to a nuclear confrontation?
8. Will the meeting between the Taliban and Afghan President Hamid Karzai in France produce any results?
9. Is there a simple resolution to the Myanmar conflict?
10. Is Libya the next stronghold for Al-Qaeda?
11. Can the Somalia National Army and African Union troops win the war against Al-Shabaab?
12. Will Iraq ever see peace?