

U.S. Politics

1. Did President Obama miscalculate the Republican strategy in the sequester standoff?
2. Will Chuck Hagel be an effective U.S. Secretary of Defense?
3. Has President Obama shown a willingness to negotiate with Republicans in Congress?
4. Will the sequester affect U.S. military preparedness?
5. Can John Kerry match the standard that Hillary Clinton set as Secretary of State?
6. Can President Obama and Congress reach agreement on immigration reform?
7. What can we expect from President Obama's second term?
8. Is Hillary Clinton the obvious Democratic front-runner for the 2016 presidential race?
9. What does the Republican Party need to do to reinvent itself?
10. Will the Republican Party ever appeal to minority voters?
11. Can President Obama get gun control legislation passed?
12. Will Mitt Romney's Thank-you tour change the tone in Washington?

U.S. Foreign Policy

1. What should be the first issues on Secretary of State Kerry's "To Do" list?
2. What is the proper U.S. response to the ethnic violence in Kenya?
3. What should be the U.S. response to Israeli threats to bomb Iranian nuclear sites?
4. Should the U.S. put more diplomatic pressure on Russia in response to changes in their adoption policies?
5. How much support should the U.S. give to the NATO plan to fund the security forces in Afghanistan until 2018?
6. How will relations between the U.S. and Venezuela change now that Hugo Chavez has died?
7. Does the U.S. have any national interest at stake in France's intervention in Mali?

8. What action should the United States take against North Korea after their recent nuclear test?

9. How should the US respond to Hamid Karzai's proposed decree forbidding NATO or US airstrikes in his country?

10. Italian elections

11. How should the United States support Japan in its ongoing relations with China?

12. Should the US take steps to secure Syria's chemical weapons stocks if that country slips further into chaos?

International Economics

1. What can be done to dispel economic gloom in Great Britain?

2. How serious are the threats of currency wars?

3. How will China's corruption problem impact its economic growth?

4. How can Shinzo Abe invigorate the Japanese economy?

5. How likely are prospects for accelerating Indian economic growth?

6. How is uncertainty over Keystone impacting the Canadian economy?

7. What lies ahead for Africa's oil economy?

8. How likely is economic stability in South Africa?

9. What does the horse meat scandal portend for food regulation in Europe?

10. What can be done to revive the global housing market?

11. How will Italy's political woes impact European financial markets?

12. How likely is Argentina to fall back down the financial rabbit hole?

Developing Countries

1. Does China have an increasing interest in distancing itself from North Korea?

2. Will the election of Ali Larayedh bring greater stability to Tunisia?

3. What will be the impact of the threatened opposition boycott of Egypt's April elections?
4. How will strife in Mali impact regional political stability?
5. Should Pascal Lamy be the new leader of the WTO?
6. Has Salva Kiir Mayardit be a successful leader for South Sudan?
7. Will Cuba flourish or flounder without a Castro at the helm?
8. Has greater foreign investment in Ethiopia improved overall quality of life for citizens?
9. How serious is the increasing economic and social poverty of India's Muslims?
10. What changes will occur in Venezuela now that Chavez has died?
11. How will NATO's Afghan pullout impact Central Asian stability?
12. What do the war crime verdicts in Bangladesh portend for Bangladeshi civil society?

Education - International & U.S.

1. Will the adding of a fifth day to the French school week be beneficial for France?
2. Will the proposed changes in New York's admissions exam for its gifted and talented programs help bring greater equality to those programs?
3. How successful will the shake up of the Mexican education system be?
4. How likely are there to be significant changes in how law school education is conducted in the U.S.?
5. What does Margaret Rhee's campaign to implement her educational philosophy nationwide portend?
6. Is early childhood education the key to closing the achievement gap in the United States?
7. How will changes to GED testing impact adults seeking the alternative high school equivalency credentials?
8. Will sequestration do a great deal of damage to public education?
9. Do advanced college degrees make teachers stronger in the classroom?
10. Should students in the U.S. attend grades k-12 all year long?

11. Are teachers' unions a major roadblock to the improvement of public education?
12. Is "Race to the Top" likely to be more effective in improving U.S. public education than "No Child Left Behind"?

Medicine, Science & Technology

1. Will 3-D printing be the next major manufacturing revolution?
2. With the current horse meat scare in Europe is there a strong need for meat processing reforms worldwide?
3. Does Yahoo's decision to halt all employees working at home signal a general loss in communication and productivity when people work from home?
4. Is Cyperspace the new cold war?
5. Will space travel be the next tourist attraction for the rich?
6. Should schools be involvement in a students' obesity an overstepping into personal space?
7. Is there an effective way to control cyberbullying?
8. Should laws be in acted for concussions in athletics?
9. Should the government be allowed to monitor our cell phones and emails?
10. Is DNA sampling the fingerprinting of the 21st century?
11. Could the keystone pipeline have an effect on climate change?
12. Will "Google Glass" be the next major technology must have?