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R1: US Politics

- 1 What is the biggest challenge facing House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy?
- 2 Has the filibuster outlived its usefulness?
- 3 Should Congress pass Senator Romney's child allowance plan?

- 4 Should the Republican Party distance itself from Marjorie Taylor Greene?
- 5 How can Democrats overcome redistricting to retain the House in 2022?
- 6 Is Donald Trump still the Republican Party's leader?

- 7 What role will Donald Trump play in the Republican Party going forward?
- 8 Why are Republican Senate and House members at odds over the best direction for the party's future?
- 9 How can the Democratic Party expand its voter outreach ahead of 2022?

- 10 How would the "MAGA Patriot Party" affect national politics?
- 11 Should Democrats compromise to seek bipartisan support for their relief legislation?
- 12 Do Republican Senate retirements open the door to a Democrat majority in 2022?

- 13 Will the Senate impeachment trial hinder Democratic Party messaging with the public?
- 14 Should Congress pursue marijuana reform legislation this year?
- 15 Which Senate seat are Democrats most likely to pick up in 2022?

R2: Asia

- 1 Should President Biden continue the Trump Taiwan policy?
- 2 How would India's agriculture reform laws impact food markets?
- 3 What are the biggest challenges facing the new Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov?

- 4 Should countries boycott the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics over human rights abuses?
- 5 Will the protesting farmers convince the Indian government to repeal its ag reform laws?
- 6 How has the National Security Law affected Hong Kong's democratic movements?

- 7 How should the international community respond to Myanmar's coup?
- 8 Will Nepal's democracy survive the current turmoil?
- 9 How should Pakistan's opposition parties regroup to remain viable?

- 10 How has Japan mishandled the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 11 Should China pause its environmental plans to focus on its economic recovery?
- 12 Is denuclearization of North Korea still possible?

- 13 What factors led to the coup in Myanmar?
- 14 Why is Japanese Prime Minister Suga struggling to gain public support?
- 15 Will China's antitrust efforts improve market competition?

R3: The COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1 Should full staff vaccination be a prerequisite to resuming in-building K-12 education?
- 2 Will virus mutations hinder the Administration's vaccination efforts?
- 3 What lessons should the US heed from Israel's vaccination plan?

- 4 Are President Biden's new vaccination goals feasible?
- 5 Do travel restrictions help reduce infection spread?
- 6 Is the CDC doing enough to educate the public about COVID-19?

- 7 Should the US prioritize the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine over the two-shot options?
- 8 How can President Biden reduce vaccine skepticism?
- 9 What was the Trump Administration's largest misstep in addressing the pandemic?

- 10 Will Iowa's rollback of restrictions lead to more cases and deaths?
- 11 How can the private sector help vaccination efforts?
- 12 What has been the Biden Administration's biggest success so far in addressing the pandemic?

- 13 How concerned should the US be about virus mutations?
- 14 What are the biggest obstacles to vaccine distribution?
- 15 Should the US prioritize vaccinating those in prisons?

R4: The Americas & Europe

- 1 Why are Russians protesting?
- 2 Why has the EU struggled to improve its vaccination rates?
- 3 Will economic reforms usher in a new era in Cuba?

- 4 Will a new round of protests in Belarus lead to Lukashenko's removal?
- 5 How well has the UK managed its vaccination process?
- 6 What should be the Biden Administration's top priorities in Latin America?

- 7 Can Mario Draghi reunite Italy's political parties?
- 8 Should the US reduce its sanctions against Venezuela?
- 9 Why has Mexico's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic been so poor?

- 10 Why did Italy's coalition government fail?
- 11 Should the US sanction Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline?
- 12 Why are Jair Bolsonaro's approval ratings declining in Brazil?

- 13 Will Britain regret its Brexit decision?
- 14 What steps should the US take to reduce migration from the Northern Triangle countries?
- 15 Will increased demand for the Sputnik V vaccine improve Russia's global standing?

SF: US Economics

- 1 Why was the January jobs report so disappointing?
- 2 Should Congress enact stricter regulations on Robinhood?
- 3 Will Bitcoin's popularity continue to rise in 2021?

- 4 How likely is unemployment to return to pre-pandemic numbers this year?
- 5 Will Amazon continue to flourish under its new CEO Andy Jassy?
- 6 Will rising oil prices help the oil industry rebound?

- 7 Why is consumer confidence still high during the recession?
- 8 Will unionization in Big Tech lead to substantive reforms in the industry?
- 9 Should the US implement a federal family leave policy?

- 10 Why haven't house values declined during the recession?
- 11 Will union memberships continue to grow after the recession?
- 12 Should Congress implement automatic stabilization measures for the next recession?

- 13 Why do women comprise such a significant portion of the unemployed?
- 14 How likely are unionization efforts at Amazon to succeed?
- 15 Is Clubhouse the next generation of social media?

Finals: Middle East & Africa

- 1 What reforms should the African Union prioritize?
- 2 Should Iran agree to America's return to the JCPOA without conditions?
- 3 Will the cancellation of arms sales to Saudi Arabia lead to progress in ending the Yemeni civil war?

- 4 What role should ECOWAS play in combatting terrorism in Africa?
- 5 How should the US reevaluate its approach to Syria?
- 6 What steps should South Africa take to control the spread of their COVID-19 variant?

- 7 Will the African Continental Free Trade Agreement live up to its goals?
- 8 How should the US support Iraq's anti-terrorism efforts?
- 9 Will the Abraham Accords usher in a new era of Arab-Israeli relations?

- 10 How should the French-led coalition correct its Sahel stabilization strategy?
- 11 What should be the US's top priorities in its relationship with Israel?
- 12 Are the cancelled Somali elections a sign of democracy on the brink of failure?

- 13 What role should the African Union play in vaccine distribution for its member states?
- 14 Should the US take a hardline approach in its relationship with Turkey?
- 15 Will Prime Minister Netanyahu's corruption trial undermine his reelection campaign?