

Round 1 - US: The Biden Administration

1. Will Joe Biden be able to make deals with Mitch McConnell?
2. How will Joe Biden's policies affect the US economy?
3. Should Merrick Garland be our next attorney general?

4. What should be Joe Biden's priority for his first 100 days in office?
5. How can Biden balance the desires of moderate Republicans and left-wing Democrats who voted for him?
6. What role will Kamala Harris play in the Biden Administration?

7. Should Biden be a one-term president?
8. Did Joe Biden receive a mandate from voters?
9. How should Biden change US immigration policy?

10. Will Joe Biden make a meaningful impact on the fight against climate change?
11. Should Stacey Abrams receive a cabinet position in the Biden Administration?
12. Why did Joe Biden win the 2020 presidential election?

13. Why was President Trump able to win over more African American and Latino voters than 2016?
14. How will a Biden presidency alter U.S. foreign policy?
15. How will Joe Biden's plan to rejoin WHO affect the US's approach to COVID?

16. What strategy should Joe Biden pursue in his stated efforts to "unify" the American people?
17. How should Joe Biden deal with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)?
18. Whom would you advise Joe Biden to include in his cabinet?

Round 2 - US: Justice & Legal Issues

1. Do any of Trump's still-pending election lawsuits have merit?
2. How will Amy Coney Barrett's appointment affect death penalty litigation?
3. Should Democrats attempt to add justices to the Supreme Court?

4. Should the Affordable Care Act stand even if the individual mandate falls?
5. What is the likelihood that the Supreme Court will roll back protections on gay marriage?
6. Is the Supreme Court truly independent from political influences?

7. Should Supreme Court justices have a mandatory retirement age?
8. How will the Supreme Court rule in *Fulton v Philadelphia*?
9. What was Donald Trump's impact on the judiciary?

10. Was the Supreme Court right to let Pennsylvania count ballots that arrived three days after election day?
11. What is the best way to counter misinformation and disinformation on social media?
12. How should the criminal justice system be address allegations of systemic racial bias?

13. Should the U.S. and state governments stop privatization of prisons?
14. Is it time for the United States Postal Service to be privatized?
15. How should the Justice Department's recent lawsuit against Google be decided?

16. Have Covid restrictions unconstitutionally burdened religious institutions?
17. Should police officers have "qualified immunity?"
18. Should tech companies be stripped of Section 230 protections?

Round 3 - US: Foreign Policy

1. How should Joe Biden approach the United States' relationship with China?
2. Should the United States halt arms sales to Saudi Arabia?
3. Is the US capable of altering China's treatment of Uighur Muslims?

4. What type of foreign policy would benefit middle class Americans?
5. Has Donald Trump's foreign policy permanently changed the United States' place in the world?
6. Is the era of global free trade over?

7. Should the US reduce its military involvement in the rest of the world?
8. What country should be considered the United States' biggest ally?
9. How will the EU's relationship with the US change under the Biden Administration?

10. Are economic sanctions an effective foreign policy tool?
11. What steps can the United States take to lessen Chinese industrial espionage?
12. Should the US be drawing down troops from Afghanistan and Iraq?

13. How will US relations with Israel change under Joe Biden?
14. Should President Trump have withdrawn the U.S. from the World Health Organization?
15. How will the US's efforts to help Latin American democracy change under Joe Biden?

16. How should approach relations with Putin's Russia?
17. What country is the biggest threat to the United States?
18. Does the U.S. need to adjust its nuclear posture?

Round 4 - US: Congressional Politics and Elections

1. What will be the outcome of the Senate runoff in Georgia?
2. What should Democrats learn from their disappointing performance in Congressional elections?
3. Should Nancy Pelosi get another term as Speaker of the House?
4. If Republicans retain their Senate majority, should Mitch McConnell change his approach to leadership?
5. What would a bipartisan economic stimulus package look like?
6. Is it time to do away with the filibuster?
7. What can be done to improve bipartisanship in Congress?
8. How can Congressional Democrats find compromises between their establishment and progressive wings?
9. Should Chuck Schumer retain his role as Democratic leader in the Senate?
10. How did Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez affect the House in her first term in office?
11. How will the election of a record number of women affect Congress?
12. Should Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats pass President Trump's \$1.8 trillion COVID stimulus offer?
13. Should the Senate restore the filibuster?
14. Should early voting become a staple of future elections in all fifty states?
15. What steps can state governments take to ensure high voter turnout in future elections?
16. What should be Republicans first priority in the new Congress?
17. What should be Democrats' first priority in the new Congress?
18. Why is there a growing gender divide between America's major political parties?

Round 5 - US: Pandemic

1. How much blame does Donald Trump deserve for the severity of the United States' pandemic?
2. How will Biden's approach to the pandemic differ from Trump's?
3. Is a nationwide lockdown necessary to halt the current surge in Covid cases?

4. What can be done about the nationwide shortage in nursing staff?
5. Why is the US experiencing such a large surge in Covid cases?
6. Who should be the first to receive the Covid vaccine?

7. How long will it be before a Covid vaccine is available to all Americans who want it?
8. Do the harms of closing schools outweigh the public health benefits?
9. Will Covid permanently alter elementary schooling in the US?

10. How should the US prepare for mass distribution and administration of the Covid vaccine?
11. Are mask mandates effective in slowing the spread of Covid-19?
12. Does the U.S. need to embrace a more coordinated response to COVID-19 rather than allowing each state to act independently?

13. Will Covid permanently alter how Americans do business?
14. Will Covid permanently alter colleges and universities in the US?
15. How can local governments weather the loss to tax revenues resulting from Covid?

16. How should the federal government encourage more Americans to get a COVID-19 vaccine if and when it becomes available?
17. Would another COVID lockdown do lasting damage to the U.S. economy?
18. What lessons will Americans take from the Covid crisis?

Quarters - IX: Americas & Africa

1. Was the impeachment of Martin Vizcarra good for Peru?
2. Is Brazil's Covid stimulus package a threat to its long-term economic future?
3. Is Ethiopia's armed conflict a threat to regional stability?

4. Is Evo Morales's return from exile dangerous for Bolivia?
5. Will Alassane Ouattara's reelection spark violent conflict in Ivory Coast?
6. Can Alberto Fernandez avert an economic meltdown in Argentina?

7. Are dreams of peace and stability over for Colombia?
8. Is a peace deal with Israel destabilizing Sudan's transitional government?
9. Should other African countries follow Rwanda's pandemic control strategy?

10. Is Covid-19 to blame for Zambia's precarious finances?
11. Is Mexico's economy on the path to recovery?
12. How should South Africa's president respond to the corruption charges against the secretary-general of his own party?

13. How should Chile reform its constitution?
14. Is Mexico making adequate progress in its fight against corruption?
15. Will protests in Nigeria result in meaningful reforms?

16. Is the absence of stable political parties endangering democracy in South America?
17. Will a second wave of Covid swamp Canada's economic recovery?
18. What is the future of democracy in Tanzania?

Semis - IX: Asia & Oceania

1. How will the RCEP agreement affect the world economy?
2. How will a second term for Aung Saan Suu Kyi affect Myanmar's politics?
3. Is democracy over in Hong Kong?

4. Will Taiwan maintain its independence as China's power grows?
5. Will the Kashmir conflict intensify in 2021?
6. Will the US-India military pact reduce Chinese aggression in Asia?

7. Is Kyrgyzstan's president saving or smashing the rule of law?
8. How will the BJP's latest electoral victory affect India's politics?
9. What will be the outcome of the Australia-China trade dispute?

10. How should New Zealand manage the economic fallout of Covid-19?

Finals: Europe

1. How effectively is Europe controlling its second wave of Covid-19?
2. How will recent terror attacks affect European asylum policy?
3. Can London remain an international financial center after Brexit?

4. Is France's fight against terrorism in West Africa effective?
5. Will discord between Eastern and Western Europe sink the EU's economic stimulus package?
6. Who was the winner of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict?

7. How will the resignation of Turkey's finance minister affect the economy?
8. What is the future of the protest movement in Belarus?
9. Was the EU right to impose new tariffs on American goods?

10. How can the EU compete effectively with superpowers like the US and China?