

NYCFL Sr. Raimonde Service Tournament 10/24/2020

Round I: Foreign/International

- I.1 How will Jacinda Ardern's decisive victory change New Zealand's politics?
- I.2 What is the best solution for the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict?
- I.3 How should France respond to the recent beheading of a high school teacher?

- I.4 How can Bangladesh rein in corruption?
- I.5 Are Joko Widodo's reforms effective in Indonesia?
- I.6 Is Alexei Navalny a serious threat to Vladimir Putin's hold on power?

- I.7 How effective is Narendra Modi's leadership in India?
- I.8 How will Japanese politics change under Yoshihide Suga's leadership?
- I.9 Is Italy on the way to a debt crisis?

- I.10 What should the world learn from Asia's successful management of Covid-19?
- I.11 Is China's growing power a threat to global democracy?
- I.12 Why is Europe experiencing a second wave of Covid-19?

- I.13 How can Pakistan prevent the growth of Islamic extremism?
- I.14 How big a threat does North Korea pose to Asian regional security?
- I.15 Is Sweden's military buildup necessary?

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Round II: US Politics and Policies

- II.1 What should public schools do to help close the digital divide?
- II.2 Is online education detrimental to low-income students?
- II.3 How significant is the effect of QAnon on American politics?

- II.4 Was it wrong for universities to reopen during the pandemic?
- II.5 Should the Senate eliminate the filibuster?
- II.6 Do the harms of keeping public elementary schools closed outweigh the good?

- II.7 What should public schools do to close the racial achievement gap?
- II.8 Should Americans trust polls placing Joe Biden in the lead?
- II.9 Should colleges and universities stop considering standardized test scores in admissions decisions?

- II.10 Should the US education system do more to promote trade schools?
- II.11 How will the use of mail-in voting affect this year's presidential election?
- II.12 Is attending college still a wise financial decision?

- II.13 Will Republicans maintain their Senate majority?
- II.14 How will the current economic downturn affect higher education?
- II.15 Should the US public schools do more to promote art education?

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Round III: US Foreign Policy

- III.1 How should the US respond to new allegations of microwave attacks against American diplomats?
- III.2 Was the Trump Administration right to place sanctions on the International Criminal Court?
- III.3 Should the United States extend the New Start nuclear treaty with Russia?

- III.4 What country should be considered the United States' most important ally?
- III.5 Should the United States continue defending Taiwan against Chinese aggression?
- III.6 Should the United States abandon attempts to get North Korea to relinquish its nuclear weapons?

- III.7 Should democracy promotion remain a top priority of US foreign policy?
- III.8 If Joe Biden is elected, what should be his top foreign policy goal?
- III.9 If Donald Trump is re-elected, how should he change his foreign policy?

- III.10 Should the United States reduce its military involvement in the world?
- III.11 How should the president in 2021 approach relations with Iran?
- III.12 How significant is the US involvement in Arab-Israeli relations?

- III.13 What should the president in 2021 do about Russian attempts to influence US elections?
- III.14 What should the US do about the expansion of China's economic involvement in areas outside of Asia?
- III.15 Which country is the biggest threat to liberal democracy?

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Final Round

- F.1 Can America's racial divisions be healed?
- F.2 How can we create a more civil political atmosphere?
- F.3 Should social media companies lose their "Section 230" shields?

- F.4 Has the United States permanently lost its leadership of the free world?
- F.5 Would a free trade or a protectionist strategy be more effective in dealing with China?
- F.6 What role should NATO have in US international political strategy now?

- F.7 How should policymakers address calls for police reform?
- F.8 Should "qualified immunity" for police officers be ended?
- F.9 Is the American system of "federalism" and state authority obsolete?

- F.10 Should the federal government be bailing out bankrupt municipalities and states?
- F.11 Should the federal government be bailing out small businesses?
- F.12 Is it time for a national mask mandate?

- F.13 Should the number of justices on the Supreme Court be expanded?
- F.14 Should federal judges be subject to definite terms of office?
- F.15 Should Justice Barrett recuse herself from elections cases that may come up this year?