

Round 1: Justice & Legal Issues

1. Was the Supreme Court right to overrule New York's restrictions on religious services?
2. Should undocumented immigrants be included in the population for the purposes of determining Congressional representatives?
3. Is the movement to defund the police dead?
4. What will be the outcome of Oregon's decriminalization of hard drugs?
5. Does race-based affirmative action violate the Constitution?
6. How will Amy Coney Barrett change the Supreme Court?
7. Should the Supreme Court consider any of Trump's election lawsuits?
8. When religious liberties conflict with anti-discrimination laws, which should be prioritized?
9. Should Democrats consider expanding the Supreme Court?
10. How should the Supreme Court rule on the legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act?
11. Were the courts correct in re-instating the DACA program?
12. How should the Supreme Court rule on President Trump's Medicaid work requirements?
13. Did the federal Court of Appeals rule correctly in the case brought against President Trump's diversion of Defense Department money to fund the border wall?
14. Should Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act be repealed?
15. Should Congress decriminalize marijuana?

Round 2: US Economics

1. How has the pandemic affected the income gap in the United States?
2. What type of economic stimulus should the United States pass to manage the current recession?
3. What are the consequences of a long delay in passing an economic stimulus package?
4. How should the US balance the short-term need for stimulus with the long-term consequences of government debt?
5. Was the Paycheck Protection Program a success?
6. What does the stock market rally mean for the health of the US economy?
7. Do current unemployment numbers accurately reflect the status of the economy?
8. Will the Covid surge squash the economic recovery?
9. How well has the Fed managed the recession?
10. How would a new infrastructure package affect the US economy?
11. Aside from an economic response to Covid, what should President Biden's long-term economic priorities include?
12. How much permanent change to the US workplace is the Covid experience likely to produce?
13. Will the Senate confirm Janet Yellen as Secretary of the Treasury?
14. Has Canada's fiscal response to Covid been wise?
15. Should Americans be impressed with Joe Biden's economic team?

Round 3: US Politics

1. How will history remember Trump's presidency?
2. Will Georgia's Democratic shift last?
3. Would President Trump's campaigning be a net help or hindrance to Republican Senate candidates in Georgia?
4. Is Biden appropriately delivering on his promise of an administration that reflects the diversity of the United States?
5. Why are Republicans gaining appeal among Latinx voters?
6. Why are Democrats failing to win the working class?
7. In the wake of the 2020 election, what should be done to restore Americans' faith in democracy?
8. What role will Susan Collins play in the Senate?
9. Is Arizona now a swing state?
10. Why did Democrats win the presidency but perform poorly in Congressional races?
11. Other than the pandemic, what should be Joe Biden's top policy priority when he assumes office?
12. Are the major parties undergoing a fundamental realignment with respect to their base constituencies?
13. Should Donald Trump announce another run for president?
14. Should Republicans try to move the party away from Donald Trump?
15. What is the likely future of the Electoral College?

Finals: Foreign Policy and International Affairs

1. Could violent conflict in Ethiopia destabilize the rest of the region?
2. How would the departure of US troops from Somalia affect regional security?
3. Is Mexico on track to recover from its recession?
4. What will be the outcome of political violence in Uganda?
5. Could Palestine reach a peace deal with Israel with the help of the Biden administration?
6. Was Brazil right to end the Sinovac Covid vaccine trial?
7. What will be the impact of the death of Iran's top nuclear scientist?
8. Would the departure of US troops be good for Afghanistan?
9. What reforms should Chile include in its new Constitution?
10. Why has Nigeria been unable to contain violent jihadists in the country's north?
11. What will it take to end the dispute between Qatar and the Gulf States?
12. Was the US right to dismiss corruption charges against Mexico's ex-Defense Minister?
13. How should the international community respond to Zambia's debt default?
14. What will be the outcome of Peru's political crisis?
15. What does the Israel-Bahrain-UAE deal mean for Middle Eastern politics?
16. How well is Lebanon recovering from this summer's catastrophic explosion?
17. Are Saudi Arabia and Israel on the path to normalizing relations?
18. What are the implications of the ANC corruption scandal for Cyril Ramaphosa?
19. What African country has the healthiest democracy?
20. How serious a threat do West African terrorists pose to global security?
21. How can Central America recover from back-to-back hurricanes?
22. Will Luis Arce rebuild Bolivia's broken judiciary?
23. How serious a threat does the ELN pose to peace in Colombia?
24. How will low oil prices affect the economy of the Middle East?