

Round 1: US Politics

1. What can Joe Biden do to bring up his approval rating?
2. Is the bigger threat to Biden from the left or center of his own party?
3. Was Joe Biden's domestic agenda too ambitious?
4. How is Donald Trump's continuing presence affecting US politics?
5. Should Republicans be moving past Trump voters?
6. Is Trump the key to Republicans winning 2024?
7. Will the January 6 Committee's hearings significantly affect US politics?
8. How can Senate Democrats get Joe Manchin on their side?
9. Were Arizona Democrats right to censure Kyrsten Sinema?
10. What legislation should Democrats prioritize next?
11. Who should be House Democrats' next leader?
12. Is McConnell likely to hold onto GOP leadership after 2022?
13. Will the government shut down in February?
14. Should the Senate eliminate the filibuster?
15. What can McConnell and Schumer work on in a bipartisan way?

Round 2: World Affairs

1. What should be Gabriel Boric's first priority as Chile's new president?
2. Is Pakistan about to fall into civil war?
3. Why has Nicolas Maduro been able to hold onto power in Venezuela for so long?
4. Is Boris Johnson truly doomed as Prime Minister of the UK?
5. Could Gustavo Petro succeed in his ambition to make Colombia the center of a global anti-oil bloc?
6. What are Jair Bolsonaro's odds of winning reelection in Brazil?
7. Will the rift between Nayeb Bukele and the United States hurt El Salvador?
8. Would closer partnerships with China benefit Latin America?
9. How can Mexico bring an end to killings of journalists?
10. Is Argentina heading toward another debt default?
11. Is Pedro Castillo governing Peru effectively?
12. What should Germany be doing in the Ukraine crisis?
13. Is Latin America becoming less democratic?
14. Will Mexico's energy reforms help or hurt its economy?
15. How likely is it that Italy's government is about to collapse?

Round 3: US Foreign Policy

1. How will the AUKUS alliance further the United States' strategic interest?
2. How can the United States compete with China's Belt and Road Initiative?
3. How far should the United States go to protect Taiwan from China?
4. Should the US take an active part in Ukraine's military defense?
5. Is Russian aggression toward Ukraine a threat to US interests?
6. Are sanctions an effective weapon against Vladimir Putin?
7. If Joe Biden received a grade for his foreign policy toward Europe, what would it be?
8. Should the United States make Africa a higher foreign policy priority?
9. How has US foreign policy changed in the first year of Biden's presidency?
10. Can the US convince Iran to rejoin the nuclear deal?
11. What should be the US role in the ongoing Afghanistan situation?
12. How should the US handle Egypt?
13. Has the United States lost the ability to promote democracy overseas?
14. How important is NATO to US strategic interests?
15. How should the US be handling the situation in Syria as it stands today?

Final: Africa

1. Did Felix Tshisekedi live up to his promise to reform politics in the Congo?
2. How has the pandemic impacted poverty levels in West Africa?
3. How will the new Tanzania-Uganda trade deal affect each country's economy?
4. What does the current crisis mean for the future of Burkina Faso?
5. How is the deployment of Russian mercenaries impacting the stability of African countries?
6. How can Adama Barrow achieve his promise of economic growth for Gambia?
7. Will Amazon's new Capetown HQ be a bane or boon for South Africa?
8. Are ECOWAS sanctions on Mali justified?
9. Is the SADC mission in Mozambique succeeding in its fight against armed rebels?
10. Could violence in neighboring countries destabilize Benin?