

Round 1: US Politics

- 1) Will Governor DeSantis's education policies hinder or help his 2024 political ambitions?
- 2) How will changes to the primaries calendar affect who Democrats nominate for key races?
- 3) Will a debt ceiling fight help Republican efforts to rein in government spending?
- 4) What legislative priorities, if any, can House Republicans get through the Senate this term?
- 5) Will state-level investigations hinder Donald Trump's political comeback efforts?
- 6) Will investigations by House committees impact public perception of the Biden Administration?
- 7) Did President Biden mishandle the Chinese weather balloon?
- 8) Will Kevin McCarthy retain Speakership for the full 118th Congress?
- 9) Should Democrats make any concessions to raise the debt ceiling?
- 10) What does David Schweikert's departure signal about the current state of the "Freedom Caucus"?

Round 2: Foreign, Africa and the Americas

- a) How likely is it that Sudan's political transition will be successful?
- b) Will China's reopening benefit Latin American partners?
- c) How should Ethiopia begin the reconciliation process in Tigray?
- d) How should the US respond to the escalating crisis in Cuba?
- e) How likely is it that Libya's proposed elections will happen before November of this year?
- f) How should Canada address Islamophobia?
- g) Will the Biden Administration's efforts to expand US investments in Africa pay long-term dividends?
- h) Will the prosecution of Genaro García Luna undermine US-Mexico efforts to combat the cartels?
- i) Has the AfCFTA Agreement lived up to its promises?
- j) Can the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (APEP) be an effective counterweight to Chinese influence in the region?

Round 3: Health and Safety Issues

- 1) Should gas stoves be more strictly regulated?
- 2) Would arming teachers improve student safety?
- 3) Should Congress subsidize induction stoves?
- 4) Have body cameras reduced police misconduct?
- 5) Should the US resume masking in light of high COVID-19 infection rates?
- 6) Why are traffic deaths on the rise in the US?
- 7) How can the US boost flu vaccination rates?
- 8) How should California prepare for its next torrential rainstorm to ensure public safety?
- 9) What reforms should the city of Memphis implement for its police department?
- 10) How can Washington improve consumer online privacy protection?

Round 4: Foreign, Asia

- A. How likely is it that rising tensions between Israelis and Palestinians will lead to a third Intifada?
- B. Why does Indonesian President Joko Widodo have such high domestic approval ratings?
- C. How important were human factors in the devastation caused by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria?
- D. How should President Biden address the trust deficit that persists between Vietnam and the US?
- E. Does the Pakistani Taliban (TTP) pose a growing risk?
- F. What can be done about the crisis for Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh and Myanmar?
- G. Should the IMF provide Sri Lanka with financial assistance?
- H. How likely is China to attack Taiwan in the short term?
- I. Is South Korea's economy on track for a recession in 2023?
- J. What effect is the earthquake in Türkiye likely to have on that country's politics?

Quarter-Finals: Social Issues

- 1. Why is the US experiencing a spike in anti-Asian violence?
- 2. How should public school administrators respond to library book removal demands?
- 3. How should Elon Musk respond to the rise in hate speech on Twitter?
- 4. Why have January 6th convictions not changed public opinion on the insurrection?
- 5. How can the CDC restore a sense of public confidence in itself?
- 6. What should the federal government do to address drug overdose deaths?
- 7. How should we interpret the decline of organized religion in the US?
- 8. Is US preparedness for the next pandemic better or worse as a result of the Covid experience?
- 9. How likely is it that the NRA will regain its influence in gun control debates?
- 10. How can the US reduce homelessness?

Semi-Finals: International Organizations

- A. Should Türkiye ratify Finland's and Sweden's NATO applications?
- B. Should the MERCOSUR countries establish a common currency?
- C. Should the EU implement stricter carbon standards for member states?
- D. What was the most important development at the World Economic Forum in Davos?
- E. What role should the UN Security Council play to ease tensions between Israelis and Palestinians?
- F. Does the United Nations have the resources to persuade the Taliban to end its restrictions on women?
- G. How can Joko Widodo improve ASEAN's effectiveness?
- H. Should the African Union join the G-20?
- I. How well has the World Health Organization led on product safety for medicines?
- J. Has the G7 price cap on Russian oil been effective?

Finals: Legal and Constitutional Issues

- 1) How should the federal government reform its document classification processes?
- 2) How has the Dobbs decision leak impacted public perception of the Supreme Court?
- 3) How should the Supreme Court decide the “Students for Fair Admissions” cases against Harvard and UNC?
- 4) How can Special Counsel Jack Smith ensure public trust in his investigation of the January 6th insurrection?
- 5) How should the Supreme Court decide the *Moore v. Harper* case, regarding state courts striking down state legislatures’ regulations for elections to federal offices?
- 6) How should the Supreme Court decide the *303 Creative v. Elenis* First Amendment case?
- 7) How can John Roberts restore public trust in the Supreme Court?
- 8) Should the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger be blocked on antitrust grounds?
- 9) How should US prisons be reformed to prevent inmate labor exploitation?
- 10) Should the SEC regulate cryptocurrency exchanges?