### Round 1: US Politics

- 1. How will Joe Manchin's retirement from the Senate affect the Democratic party?
- 2. Has political support for aid to Ukraine evaporated?
- 3. Will Mike Johnson succeed as Speaker of the House?
- 4. Will Democrats take control of the House in 2024?
- 5. Will Republicans take control of the Senate in 2024?
- 6. What issue will be most important in the 2024 presidential race?
- 7. How will Donald Trump's legal dramas affect the 2024 presidential race?
- 8. What should Republicans learn from their defeats in Virginia?
- 9. What can Democrats learn from Andy Beshear's success in Kentucky?
- 10. How should Congress address the national debt?

#### Round 2: Americas & Caribbean

- 1. How will brain drain affect Peru?
- 2. Will Maria Corina Machado become Venezuela's next leader?
- 3. What will be the outcome of Panama's mine dispute?
- 4. Who will win Argentina's runoff election?
- 5. Will Caricom's "War on Guns" reduce illegal gun trafficking in the Caribbean?
- 6. How will the growing influence of the Caribbean provinces reshape Colombia's politics?
- 7. Is green hydrogen transforming Chile's energy industry?
- 8. Is Mexico's increase in social program spending financially sustainable?
- 9. How successful is Brazil's foreign policy?
- 10. Will Bernardo Arevalo become Guatemala's president?

#### Round 3: US Social Issues

- 1. How should the US address undocumented immigration?
- 2. How should the US address the housing affordability crisis?
- 3. How should the US curb the spread of fentanyl?
- 4. How will book bans affect public education?
- 5. How should we approach the idea of regulating uses of artificial intelligence?
- 6. How should college campuses regulate student speech?
- 7. Should the United States pay reparations to the descendants of enslaved people?
- 8. Should we seek a legislative solution to the alleged threat of social media to teen mental health?
- 9. What can be done to reduce gun violence?
- 10. Should corporations take public stands on social issues?

#### Round 4: China

- 1. Will China and Bhutan resolve their border dispute?
- 2. What will be the long-term impact of China's declining population size?
- 3. Will tensions between China and the Philippines escalate in 2024?
- 4. Did the Belt and Road Forum achieve China's objectives?
- 5. How will instability in China's real estate industry affect its economy?
- 6. How is increased Chinese control changing Taiwan?
- 7. How can Taiwan protect itself from threats of Chinese invasion?
- 8. How will China's push for a unified national identity affect minority groups?
- 9. What does the sacking of Li Shangfu mean for Chinese politics?
- 10. Is China likely to be a helpful actor in the Israel-Hamas conflict?

#### Quarter Finals: Africa

- 1. How can Uganda prevent further terrorist violence?
- 2. Will Ethiopia's peace with Tigray hold in 2024?
- 3. Should European powers pay reparations to their former African colonies?
- 4. How likely is peace in Sudan before the end of 2023?
- 5. Will Nigeria's Supreme Court ruling legitimize Bola Tinubu's election?
- 6. How can Zimbabwe control its cholera outbreak?
- 7. How can Sierra Leone stabilize its economy?
- 8. How will the depletion of foreign exchange reserves affect Malawi's economy?
- 9. Do coups in neighboring countries threaten Senegal's stability?
- 10. Will Eswatini's pro-democracy movement succeed?

# Semi-Finals: Eastern Europe & the Caucasus

- 1. Will the Serbia-Kosovo conflict reignite in 2024?
- 2. What will be the long-term effects of Azerbaijan's takeover of Nagorno-Karabakh?
- 3. How will Poland's latest parliamentary election change its national politics?
- 4. Was joining the Schengen Region a good move for Croatia's economy?
- 5. How serious a threat does Belarus's military expansion pose to the West?
- 6. What are the implications of Russia's withdrawal from the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty?
- 7. Will Viktor Orban fulfill his goal of leading Hungary until 2034?
- 8. How can Czechia improve gender equality?
- 9. Is Slovakia's leader a threat to the European Union?
- 10. Will the Israel-Hamas War create new divisions in Bosnia?

## Finals: US Legal Issues & Supreme Court

- 1. How should the US update the ethics code for Supreme Court justices?
- 2. Should the "Chevron Doctrine" be overruled in Relentless, Inc. v. Department of Commerce?
- 3. How should the Supreme Court rule in the NRA's free speech case, NRA v. Vullo?
- 4. Should the Supreme Court uphold the ban on bump stocks?
- 5. How should the Supreme Court rule on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment concerns in *United States v. Rahimi*?
- 6. How should civil asset forfeiture be regulated?
- 7. How can the US balance freedom of speech with the fight against disinformation?
- 8. Are Donald Trump's claims of "absolute immunity" against prosecution valid?
- 9. Should the Supreme Court reconsider NY Times v Sullivan?
- 10. What is the most consequential case on the Supreme Court's docket?