

# The 2025 Tarheel State Tournament

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5 How should the media cover Signalgate?	10 How should law firms respond to attacks by President Trump?

## R2: The Americas & Europe

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2 How should the Mexican government respond to the Teuchitlán mass killing site discovery?	7 What concessions, if any, should Ukraine make to end the war with Russia?
3 How much influence does Tren de Aragua have in South America?	8 Should Italy move forward with its Starlink deal?
4 Have Argentina's economic reforms helped its residents?	9 Should the European Union suspend Hungary's voting rights?
5 Will Jair Bolsonaro's prosecution restore public trust in the Brazilian government?	10 What reforms should UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer make to the government?

### R3: Energy, Environment, & Technology

1 What role should solar and wind play in the US energy portfolio?	6 What role should AI firms play in meeting their energy needs?
2 Is the US on the verge of a new era of natural gas?	7 How will staff reductions at NOAA affect its work?
3 Will targeting Venezuelan oil help US oil producers?	8 How should American AI firms retool their strategies in the wake of DeepSeek?
4 Is the EPA fulfilling its mission under Lee Zeldin's leadership?	9 Should US cities pursue natural gas bans?
5 How should Greenpeace proceed after the Energy Transfer lawsuit verdict?	10 Does Starlink create security risks to federal government assets?

## R4: Africa & Southwest Asia

1 Does the retaking of Khartoum mark a turning point in the Sudanese civil war?	6 Why did the Gaza ceasefire fail?
2 Will NNPC reforms improve economic conditions for the Nigerian public?	7 Will pro-democracy protests in Turkey be successful?
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4 Is it time for Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa to step down?	9 Will Cabinet shakeups strengthen Netanyahu's power in the Israeli government?
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2 Is the US on the verge of a consumer debt crisis?	7 Why are US consumers experiencing economic anxiety?
3 What regulations should the US implement for stablecoins?	8 Why is wealth inequality rising in the US?
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1 Will India's recent investments in AI pay dividends?	6 Will Rodrigo Duterte's arrest fracture the Philippines?
2 What should be the top priority for Pakistani Prime Minister Sharif?	7 How would a Nankai Trough earthquake affect Japan?
3 How can India improve its strained relationship with China?	8 How should China's BYD capitalize on Tesla's decline?
4 Should Indonesia reconsider its reforms to military involvement in government?	9 What will be the impact of South Korea's devastating wildfires?
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1 Will the US or Europe suffer more from the Trump automobile tariffs?	6 How should President Trump repair the US-Canada relationship?
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3 How can the US maintain its global position while reducing aid?	8 Will reducing anti-corruption efforts weaken US leadership?
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