

Round 1: Africa

- 1.1. What explains the ongoing violence and chaos in Nigeria?
- 1.2. How should the US respond to the civil war in Sudan?
- 1.3. Can young political activists unseat Cameroon's president?
- 1.4. Why haven't democratic activists succeeded in Tanzania?
- 1.5. Will the ouster of Madagascar's president bring meaningful reform?
- 1.6. Can Somalia's healthcare system recover from US aid cuts?
- 1.7. How is a large youthful population affecting African politics?
- 1.8. What country will become Africa's first global economic power?
- 1.9. How should the United States respond to the crisis in Tanzania?

Round 2: US Economy

- 2.1. Can investors still trust the government's economic data?
- 2.2. Is the United States economy about to crash?
- 2.3. Should the Fed drop interest rates again?
- 2.4. What is behind the crash in crypto?
- 2.5. Is there an AI bubble?
- 2.6. Should the US impose higher taxes on the ultrarich?
- 2.7. Will the Trump tariffs turn out to be a net positive or negative for the US economy?
- 2.8. What is driving inflation?
- 2.9. How much did the government shutdown harm the economy in the long term?

Round 3: Europe

- 3.1. How should Ukraine respond to the "Trump peace plan?"
- 3.2. How will the corruption scandal in Ukraine affect its war efforts?
- 3.3. How will Czechia's rightward shift affect the EU?
- 3.4. What is driving the late Francisco Franco's new popularity in Spain?
- 3.5. Is Viktor Orban's administration in Hungary headed toward its end in 2026?
- 3.6. Will Keir Starmer's new immigration proposals satisfy British citizens?
- 3.7. Besides Ukraine, what European country is most threatened by Russian aggression?
- 3.8. Should the EU do more to strengthen ties with Balkan states?
- 3.9. Will Giorgia Meloni's political popularity survive Italy's economic woes?

Round 4: US Politics and Policy

- 4.1. Was Robert F. Kennedy right to change statements about vaccines and autism on the CDC website?
- 4.2. Why is Donald Trump embracing Zohran Mamdani?
- 4.3. How should Republicans handle proposals to extend the ACA?
- 4.4. Did the shutdown do more damage to Republicans or Democrats?
- 4.5. Should Zohran Mamdani be a national model for Democrats?
- 4.6. What do Democrats' recent election wins mean for US politics?
- 4.7. What will Marjorie Taylor Greene's resignation mean for the MAGA movement?
- 4.8. How can Republicans win back working class voters?
- 4.9. Which party is most likely to benefit from the efforts being made at redistricting ahead of the midterms?

Quarter-Finals: Asia

- Q.1 How will Sanae Takaichi's rise in Japan change the international dynamics in Asia?
- Q.2 Is China really likely to make a military move against Taiwan?
- Q.3 How should Pakistan's neighbors view Asim Munir's consolidation of his power?
- Q.4 How will faltering exports affect China's economy?
- Q.5 Why was China so quick to abandon its mineral export controls?
- Q.6 How can South Korea manage the competing demands of the US and China?
- Q.7 Should Vietnam trust the United States' assurances of a stronger partnership?
- Q.8 How can Indonesia regain the trust of foreign investors?
- Q.9 How will joining ASEAN impact Timor-Leste's economy?
- Q.10 Should Taiwan trust its military alliance with the US?

Semi-Finals: Global Energy and Environment

- S.1 How did the absence of the US affect the COP30 talks?
- S.2 Should the world do more to help island nations cope with hurricanes?
- S.3 How important are electric vehicles in the fight against climate change?
- S.4 How can international leaders make AI more environmentally sustainable?
- S.5 What effect on the world economy will the Trump administration's pivoting back to fossil fuels have ?
- S.6 How will the melting Arctic icecaps affect global relations?
- S.7 Is the world too late to stop catastrophic climate change?
- S.8 Can Brazil grow its economy while protecting the Amazon?
- S.9 What role should nuclear energy play in the fight against climate change?
- S.10 Should the global shipping industry be taxed for greenhouse gas emissions?

Finals: US Supreme Court and other Legal and Constitutional Issues

- F.1 How should the Supreme Court rule on Texas redistricting?
- F.2 Does Trump's use of force against Caribbean drug traffickers violate the War Powers Act?
- F.3 Should the Supreme Court rule against Trump's tariffs?
- F.4 Has Donald Trump upset the balance of power between branches of government?
- F.5 Will the current Supreme Court overturn past rulings in favor of same-sex marriage?
- F.6 Did Trump overstep his authority by deploying the National Guard in Portland?
- F.7 Does Trump's proposed higher education compact violate Freedom of Speech?
- F.8 Should users of illegal drugs be prohibited from owning guns?
- F.9 Is California's redistricting plan illegal?
- F.10 Is Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act constitutional?