

## Round 1 - Economics: Domestic and International

- 1.1. Is 'Trump' deal with China a good one for the US?
- 1.2. How should the Supreme Court rule in the "Trump tariffs" case?
- 1.3. Is AI stock in a bubble?
- 1.4. How will the end of socialist government affect Bolivia's economy?
- 1.5. Should the Fed be lowering interest rates more aggressively?
- 1.6. Are "wealth taxes" on the ultra-rich a good idea?
- 1.7. Should the US be expanding construction of nuclear reactors?
- 1.8. What should an eventual deal over the Affordable Care Act include?

## Round 2 - Foreign Affairs: US Policy and Regional Issues

- 2.1. Should the US engage in ground strikes against Venezuela?
- 2.2. What do we make of the recent elections in Argentina?
- 2.3. Should the US begin testing nuclear weapons again as a foreign policy strategy?
- 2.4. Will Maria Corina Machado's Nobel Peace Prize win bring meaningful change to Venezuela?
- 2.5. Will Hamas remain a major player in regional politics?
- 2.6. Should the international community recognize a Palestinian state?
- 2.7. Should the US make a deal with China for the sale of Nvidia Blackwell chips?
- 2.8. Which country benefits most from the recent Trump-Xi meeting?

## Round 3 - Education and Cultural Issues

- 3.1. Is the closure of the Department of Education a threat to students with disabilities?
- 3.2. How will the closure of the Department of Education affect public education?
- 3.3. Should universities sign Trump's Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education?
- 3.4. Is a college degree still a worthwhile investment?
- 3.5. Did the University of Virginia make a good deal with the Trump Administration?
- 3.6. Will the resumption of student loan forgiveness programs affect the economy?
- 3.7. Is legalized gambling ruining sports?
- 3.8. Why is college enrollment declining among young men?

## Final Round – Domestic Policy and Politics

- F.1. Should the Senate Republicans exercise the "nuclear option" on the filibuster?
- F.2. Which political party is most likely to suffer more as a result of the shutdown?
- F.3. How can the budget impasse be solved?
- F.4. What does Graham Platner's candidacy in Maine say about American politics?
- F.5. Is Palantir a necessary defense for, or emerging threat to, democracy?
- F.6. How successful is Mike Johnson as speaker?
- F.7. What does Zohran Mamdani's popularity say about American politics?
- F.8. Is pushing back against Trump a winning strategy for Democrats for the 2026 elections?
- F.9. What is driving the increasingly energetic internal factionalism among Republicans?
- F.10. Should the case against former FBI director James Comey be dismissed?
- F.11. How should the Supreme Court decide the case challenging Trump's National Guard deployment in Chicago?