

DOMESTIC

1. What impact will the Republican presidential candidates' skirmishing have on the general election?
2. How has the Iraq war changed America?
3. Could Ron Paul be surging in time to win Iowa?
4. What is the significance of Congress mandating indefinite jail without trial for persons suspected of terrorist links?
5. What does the MF Global scandal imply for the debate over financial industry regulation?
6. What does the increasing use of the filibuster suggest for American government?
7. What is the significance of Lowe's decision to pull ads from 'All-American Muslim'?
8. How effective will President Obama's attempts to mirror Teddy Roosevelt's 'bully pulpit' be?
9. What will be the long term outcome of the payroll tax fight?
10. What does the SOPA fight suggest for the role of the internet?
11. What impact does the crackdown on the 'Occupy' movement have on Hillary Clinton's international credibility?
12. Are GOP voters fooling themselves about Newt Gingrich's electability?

INTERNATIONAL

1. Has Russia lost its position as a key world power?
2. Is the UK a key part of the EU?
3. Is civil war in Syria inevitable?
4. How will secularists fare in Egypt's 2nd round of parliamentary elections?
5. What accounts for Ehud Barak's calls for a crackdown on Israeli extremists?
6. Why is the West ignoring Turkey's suppression of political dissenters?
7. What role will Iran play in a post-American Iraq?
8. Can Joseph Kabila effectively lead The Democratic Republic of Congo despite post-election accusations of fraud?
9. What should be done about Pakistan's blockade on NATO's Afghanistan supply lines?
10. Would a Taliban peace deal in Afghanistan threaten the future of women in that country?
11. With the US leaving Iraq, will the Iraqi people be able to start a new chapter in their history?
12. Why has illegal immigration across the US-Mexico border dropped to historic lows?

ECONOMIC

1. Is the push for globalization hurting or helping the world's economic woes?
2. With 80% of humanity living on \$10 or less a day is there any real hope for ending poverty?
3. Is the occupy movement on its last leg?
4. Has the financial crisis significantly diminished the U.S. as a superpower?
5. Will proposed austerity measures save Italy?
6. Are those who became wealthy under Putin turning on him now?
7. Can India's Central Bank save the rupee from further decline?
8. Is the middle class in America gone for good?
9. Will the influx of immigrants from Africa amplify Italy's economic woes?
10. Has Brazil taken all the stimulus measures it needs to foster growth?
11. In her second term, can Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner curb Argentina's inflation rate?
12. What does the widening income gap in China portend?

FINALS: IMPORTANT PEOPLE – 2011

1. Will 2012 be the year that fulfils Paul Ryan's hopes?
2. Is Angela Merkel taking the problems of the euro seriously enough?
3. Has Joe Paterno become a scapegoat?
4. To what extent has Hillary Clinton protected America's interests abroad?
5. Is King Abdullah II of Jordan the key to peace and reform in the Middle East?
6. Can Vladimir Putin truly be considered a democrat?
7. What is the legacy of Silvio Berlusconi?
8. Will Lionel Messi's success increase interest in soccer in the U.S.?
9. Will Recep Tayyip Erdogan continue to play a key role in the Middle East in the coming year?
10. What did Oprah Winfrey accomplish in 25 years on television?
11. What impact has Steve Jobs had on our culture and the business world?
12. Has Angelina Jolie become a serious force for good?