

Free Extemp Topics from CDE

THE ARAB STATES

1. How has Morocco escaped relatively unscathed from the recent round of anti-tyrannical revolts?
2. Has the Algerian government successfully put “the lid on” pro-democracy activity in their nation?
3. Will Tunisia successfully transition into a democracy, or just find one tyranny eventually replaced by another?
4. What are the biggest remaining barriers to a burgeoning Egyptian democracy, and how can they be overcome?
5. Is tribalism a permanent barrier to Libyan democracy?
6. Why has Sudan initially tolerated the South’s move to independence?
7. Is the rolling wave of Arab pro-democracy activity a threat to the Saudi oligarchy?
8. Are religious divisions or democratic aspirations the bigger threat to Bahrain’s ruling elite?
9. Can Libya successfully build a more democratic political infrastructure?
10. Will Syria’s democratic protesters fail to overcome Assad’s continued repression?
11. Does growing Turkey-Israeli tension signal an Ankara move toward theocratic political alignment?

THE BURDENED STATES

1. Is Texas Governor Perry right to oppose a fenced border with Mexico?
2. Should state governments do more to reduce state public worker pension obligations?
3. How should states pay for their burgeoning pension obligations?
4. Are public worker unions a boon or bane for the American taxpayer?
5. What would be the economic effects of decreasing the number of and pay levels for most state employees?
6. Do public employees deserve the same collective bargaining rights as private employees?
7. Should states raise the pension and health care payments required of public sector employees?
8. Tax increases? Reduce teachers and police? What are the best solutions to state budget woes?
9. How can major cities and large states best increase their tax base?
10. Do state leaders lack the courage needed to increase taxes and reduce public sector employment?
11. Is fiscal federalism a boon or bane to revenue strapped states?

International Extemp Topics

Topic Area: Economic and Organization Issues

1. Are the world’s wealthiest nations going too far into debt?
2. Should the United States do more to reduce our balance of trade deficit?
3. Is there a post-Copenhagen affordable solution to global warming?
4. Should we do more to defend the dollar as the international currency of choice?
5. Is globalization a curse or a cure?
6. Should we do more to reduce our trade debt with China?
7. Why aren’t the European members of NATO doing more in Afghanistan?
8. Is the Yuan too cheap?
9. What economic policies would best promote India’s continued economic growth?
10. Will new oil discoveries change the future of OPEC?

TOPIC AREA: ASIA

1. Is the U.S. plotting against Iran?
2. Should the United States adopt a less pro-Israeli foreign policy stance?
3. Will western style democracy take root in China?
4. Should the U.S. turn a blind eye to Afghan poppy farming?
5. Why isn’t Iran more open to increased dialogue with the United States?
6. Why doesn’t the west do more to attack political repression and murder in Iran?

7. What are the causes and cures to growing Chinese desertification?
8. What are the best ways to reduce Iraqi internal political and business corruption?
9. Has the Iraqi economy “risen from the ruins”?
10. Should the United States hold talks with the Taliban?

TOPIC AREA: The America’s

1. Why are opponents claiming that Hugo Chavez is ending critical civil and political liberties in Venezuela?
2. What new tactics should Mexico’s leadership take to win the war against drugs and murder?
3. What will happen to Cuba when Fidel and Raoul die?
4. Is America about to experience “imperial collapse”?
5. Has Mexico lost the drug war?
6. Should the United States fortify its southern border?
7. What explains Brazil’s remarkable economic growth?
8. What priorities should guide the United States in its policy toward Latin America?
9. Has the Bolivian move to the left increased social justice?
10. How will new oil discoveries off Brazil impact South America?

TOPIC AREA: Europe

1. Has Putin successfully ended democracy in Russia?
2. Will Berlusconi win his ongoing political and judicial challenges?
3. What are the causes and cures to Russia’s biggest economic problems?
4. How can Europe undermine Muslim extremism?
5. What policies caused the Greek decline into near economic collapse?

TOPIC AREA: Africa

1. What causes interminable civil war in the eastern part of Congo and how can it be ended?
2. Is there a pragmatic solution to Somalian based pirate activity?
3. Should the ICC do more to bring al-Bashir to trial?
4. Will southern Sudan become independent?
5. Has President Obama been too willing to compromise on Darfur?
6. How can we affordably do more to reduce malaria in sub-Saharan Africa?
7. How can the underdeveloped states of Africa break their cycle of poverty?
8. How can Africa best confront growing desertification and deforestation?

DOMESTIC (U.S.)

Topic Area: Health and Medicine

1. How will health care reform impact America’s elderly?
2. Can we afford the new health care reforms?
3. Does health care legislation do enough to protect the budget?
4. Is drug-resistant TB an under-confronted health threat?
5. Has fantasy accounting obscured the true costs of health care reform?
6. What are the causes and cures to growing in-hospital infection rates?
7. How can we increase the supply of family and primary care physicians in the United States?
8. What will health care reform mean to business?
9. What are the medical implications of aging demographics in America?
10. How can we solve the nursing shortage in the United States?

Topic Area: SOCIAL ISSUES

1. How will the growing size of our Hispanic population impact our society?

2. How can women reduce the wage gap?
3. Is homophobia a significant problem in the United States?
4. Are we doing enough to increase women's rights in the United States?
5. What are the most critical causes and cures to poverty in America?
6. Are congress and the states guilty of ignoring the homeless?
7. Should we raise the qualification age for receiving social security monies?

TOPIC AREA: Education and Technology

1. Why are American students so uniformly dismal in science and math?
2. What is causing the debate over education curriculum reform, and how should it be solved?
3. Are charter schools an aid or a hindrance to American education?
4. What are the social and educational implications of newer personal use technology devices?
5. Do we need to do more pre-school intervention to improve American education policy?
6. How can we best improve teacher effectiveness?
7. Are we paying too much for too little in America's public schools?
8. Should we have national curriculum standards?
9. Is high-speed rail a coming boon or disaster for America?
10. Should the federal government support voucher programs in American school districts?
11. Is the quality of American colleges being sacrificed to state tax revenue shortfalls?
12. Has education technology improved our schools and classrooms?

TOPIC AREA: Economics

1. Why is public debt piling up at an unrelenting pace and what should we do about it?
2. Should high tax states in the United States make sweeping cuts in their taxes?
3. Should the United States do more to reduce our balance of trade deficit?
4. What explains the 50 year decline in American GDP as a percentage of total world output, and what should we do about it?
5. Are American car makers staging a comeback?
6. Should we do more to promote renewable energies in the United States?
7. How can we best rebuild the foundations of American economic growth?
8. Should we raise tax rates for our richest taxpayers?
9. How can the postal service solves its huge economic problems?
10. What more should the government do to reduce unemployment?
11. Should the FRB raise interest rates?
12. Should deficit reduction be a higher federal priority?

TOPIC AREA: Crime and the Law

1. Should we do more to reduce prison over crowding?
2. How is the drug war affecting America?
3. What more should the Catholic church do to reduce the harms caused by its sexual abuse reaction policies?
4. Does immigration reform need to strengthen criminal punishment for coyotes and transporters?
5. What form should new immigration policy take in America?
6. Should we have a national cap on malpractice suit awards?
7. Has the war on terror unjustly reduced our rights to privacy?

United States Domestic Extemp

1. Is it folly to continue large U.S. budget and trade deficits?
2. What type of regulatory legislation can best address the "too big to fail" problem?
3. Should we enact a tax credit for businesses that create new jobs?
4. Is it time to replace the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy?

5. How can we improve our military policy?
6. What are the causes and cures to our educational problems?
7. What are the greatest challenges facing America's youth?
8. What are causes and cures to poverty in the United States?
9. Do we need to reform our welfare system?
10. What should we do about Afghanistan?
11. What are the biggest problems facing America's states and how can they be solved?
12. What are the biggest problems facing America's cities and how can they be solved?
13. Why is there so much controversy and concern over the issue of gay marriage?
14. How can we promote growth without causing inflation?
15. How can we best solve our over-reliance on foreign oil?
16. Does the media have too much power?
17. What should be our environmental and pollution priorities?
18. Why are we so fat and what can we do about it?
19. How can we improve our space exploration policies?
20. Are we doing enough to combat illegal immigration?
21. Should we do more to fight steroid use by athletes?
22. Should NASA pursue a manned mission to Mars?
23. What are the causes and cures to widespread underachievement by America's youth?
24. Are we doing enough to reduce unemployment?
25. Do we have the right federal budget priorities?
26. Do we need to do more to reduce our mounting national debt?
27. What are the educational, economic and social implications of the growing Spanglish culture in America?
28. What demographic trends control our future and how should government policies adjust to those realities?
29. How can America's cities better promote use of mass transit?
30. When do legitimate congressional concerns about terrorism cross the line into bigotry and Arab-phobia?
31. Are we taking the right steps to control inflation?
32. Is the U.S. meeting its global challenges?
33. Who should we blame and what should we do to solve growing obesity in America's children?
34. Should we significantly decrease our military budget?
35. What are the causes and cures to our ineffective promotion of renewable energies?
36. What constitutes "justice" for illegal immigrants?
37. What are the most important non-education issues facing America's youth?
38. What are the most important effects of foreign policy on domestic politics?
39. What women's issues most deserve our attention and action?
40. Street crime, organized crime, and white collar crime: where should the United States prioritize its anti-criminal efforts?
41. What improvements should we make in military procurement and recruitment policies?
42. How can we best improve the profits, job creation, and export competitiveness of the American business community?
43. Is the Supreme Court tilting too far to the right?
44. How can Congress improve its budget process to end pork barreling and financial abuses?
45. What explains Africa's unending problems?
46. What role should the U.S. play in Latin America?
47. Do we need more bipartisanship in politics?
48. Should cell phone use in cars be banned?
49. Is there a pragmatic method to end special project spending embedded in federal budget bills?
50. Is the United States doing enough to provide quality rehabilitation to our war wounded?

51. What should Pres. Obama prioritize in economic policy, and what should he defer?
52. How can Obama effectively fund new programs without destabilizing tax increases or deficit growth?
53. Who are the Republicans most likely to nominate for president in 2012?
54. Can green jobs restore the rust belt economy?
55. How can the United States solve the demographic challenges facing its tax and health care structures?
56. Does America have the ability to make the twenty-first century an American century?
57. Should we spend more to modernize our conventional military forces?
58. Should the government intervene to restrict CEO pay and bonuses?
59. How can we increase the number of Americans successfully going for more education after high school?
60. What economic mistakes has President Obama made and how can they be corrected?
61. What are the strengths, weaknesses, and best improvements we can make for the American intelligence collection agencies?
62. How can we reduce our carbon footprint without sacrificing jobs, export competitiveness, and corporate profits?
63. What have been Obama's biggest strengths and biggest disappointments to date?
64. Is Bernanke right?
65. What immigration policy revisions would best promote American and Latin American interests simultaneously?
66. Can and should America do more to fight pirates on the high seas?
67. What causes the growing shortfall in state tax collections and how should it be resolved?
68. Which arms research, development and or production programs should be cut in the U.S. defense budget?
69. What are the causes and cures to increasing American obesity?
70. What are the causes and cures to America's large rich-poor gap? international economic strength?
71. Are organic foods better for us?
72. How can states best resolve their budget crisis without intensifying the recession?
73. How can we better contain Medicaid and Medicare drug costs?
74. Does Mexico's drug violence pose a threat to the United States?
75. What are the causes and cures to California's seemingly unending governmental economic woes?
76. Is modern industrial agriculture a threat to the American consumer?

International Extemp Topics

1. What are the causes and implications of increased fighting in and around Yemen?
2. Why are the Taliban thriving in Pakistan?
3. Is Turkey leaving the West?
4. Is the Chinese govt. serious about its commitment to the environment?
5. Will Karzai clean up his act?
6. Can China successfully steady North Korea nuclear policy?
7. Should the government intervene to protect the international exchange value of the dollar?
8. How can peace be assured in Nigeria's oil region?
9. What explains Western Europe's lethargic economic condition?
10. What role should United State's firms play in India's economy?
11. Why is Israeli leadership so aggressively anti-peace?
12. What should Mexico do to improve its political, economic, and human rights systems?
13. What should the European Union do to improve its economic and constitutional processes?
14. What economic, military, political and diplomatic tools should the United States use to win back support in the Islamic world?
15. Is the United Nations too corrupt to support?

16. Why does the United States tolerate Chinese intellectual theft and artificial Yuan value?
17. How stable is the relationship between India and Pakistan?
18. Is Vladimir Putin a good leader for Russia?
19. Do we need to pay more attention to central Asia?
20. Has the Cuban embargo outlived its usefulness?
21. To what extent should American foreign policy focus on improving human rights?
22. What should be next in the War on Terrorism?
23. Is Syria a threat?
24. What are the religio-economic factors that explain Saudi Arabia's internal and foreign policy problems?
25. How can Turkey improve its foreign relations?
26. What diplomatic policy adjustments would best enable us to reach a good accord with North Korea?
27. Why is Belarus so despotic and what can be done about it?
28. Why is the international community so ineffective at promoting change in Myanmar?
29. What principles, programs and priorities should guide American foreign aid?
30. What should be done in Somalia?
31. Is Chinese economic growth good for the rest of the world?
32. Can the Iranian theocracy develop a viable internal economic model?
33. Is America losing its technological edge?
34. Does democracy have any future in Uzbekistan?
35. Why is there no democracy in Kazakhstan?
36. What is the probable future for Taiwan-China relations?
37. What are the strength's, weaknesses, and medium term priorities for India's economy?
38. How serious is the North Korea proliferation risk?
39. Do Islam and democracy mix?
40. How much does Israel cost the United States?
41. Should we do more to fight the risk of terrorist piracy?
42. Is carbon sequestration the cure to global warming?
43. Is Pakistan on the verge of collapse?
44. Why has autocracy been able to hold on in Tajikistan?
45. What are the causes and cures to ethnic and religious discrimination in France?
46. What are the causes and cures to graft in Nigeria?
47. Is Islam an internal threat to Russia?
48. Do agricultural policies in Brazil threaten its environment?
49. What are the economic and military implications of growing U.S.-India cooperation?
50. Should Europe strengthen economic ties with Russia?
51. What economic and political changes are most likely in Cuba?
52. Can the Arab world find the tools to improve the role and status of Moslem women?
53. What tools should the world community use to effectively and significantly reduce our output of carbon dioxide and methane?
54. What are the international environmental effects of a warming Arctic?
55. Darfur: Causes, effects, and cures.
56. Is Pakistan headed for anarchy?
57. How does Chinese pollution impact the world and what should the international community do about it?
58. What are the biggest problems confronting int'l women's rights, and how should they be dealt with?
59. What are the best market based solutions to global warming?
60. What are the threats and possible solutions to increasing Turkish-Kurdish stress?
61. What are the causes and cures to Somalia's anarchy?
62. What policy improvements are needed to stabilize Afghanistan?
63. What should the United States do in Pakistan?

64. Is Venezuela slouching toward authoritarianism?
65. What are the causes and implications of Europe's anti-immigration anxiety?
66. Should the United States get more involved in Africa?
67. How can Mexico rip out the drug financed corruption in its governmental bureaucracy?
68. Will Egypt find a successful road to democracy?
69. What explains Sudan's fractured internal politics?
70. Can the Obama administration forge a final-status Israeli-Palestinian agreement?
71. Why do so many abroad think America has lost its way?
72. What causes increased Somali based piracy and why isn't the West better able to stop it?
73. Why has the Chinese economy weathered the worldwide recession so well?
74. Why does the Arab world hate us so, and what should we do about it?
75. Why and how is Columbia doing a better job in the war on drugs?
76. What causes the internal disunity in Pakistan and what can be done about it?
77. What is China's Africa policy and how should the West react?
78. Causes and cures to Lebanon's problems?
79. Is Obama making the right choices in promoting Israeli-Palestinian peace?
80. Is Brazil a burgeoning regional economic hegemon?

ASIA

1. What are the economic effects of China's refusal to become a democracy?
2. Can Islam and democracy coexist in Indonesia?
3. What are the causes and cures to the denigration of women's rights in Pakistan?
4. What are the causes and cures to the prolonged political repression in Burma?

THE AMERICAS

1. Who will lead Cuba after the Castro brothers die?
2. Should we lift the Cuban embargo?
3. Will Ecuadorian President Correa succeed in his reform plans?
4. What are the strength's and weaknesses of Bolivia's President Evo Morales?
5. What pragmatic political steps would best stimulate sufficient economic growth in Mexico?

MIDDLE EAST

1. Can the United States gain support from Arab states without sacrificing its support of Israel?
2. What can a pragmatic American foreign policy do to reduce human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses in current Syrian political leadership and their policies?
4. How can Pakistani leadership best resolve internal tribal and political tensions?

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. How can the WTO and its supporters win the war against agricultural subsidies?
2. What should be done about the growth in human trafficking?
3. What steps should international organizations and NGOs take to better combat global warming?
4. How should the WTO balance the needs of free trade with fair trade?
5. Do we need to do more to assure NGO accountability and honesty?
6. How can the World Bank restore its broken credibility?
7. What reforms would best strengthen the United Nations and the Security Council?
8. What reforms would most improve IMF usefulness and success?

Topic Area: DEMOCRACY

Domestic Topics

1. Has lobbyist power and incumbency turned the United States into an oligarchy?
2. Does the strength of the mass media distort American democracy?

3. Does the power of the executive branch endanger our system of checks and balances?
4. Does religious zealotry endanger democracy in the United States?
5. Is federalism a defeated promise in America?
6. Is the gay marriage controversy an example of how democracy promotes tyranny of the majority?

International Topics

7. Is democracy promotion in U.S. foreign policy interests?
8. Will democracy make Middle East governments more anti-American?
9. How can we improve chances for incipient democracy in Tunisia, Egypt?

Topic Area: HUMAN RIGHTS

Domestic Topics

1. Is it pragmatic to increase human rights priorities in our foreign aid program?
2. Are we doing enough to promote women's rights in the United States?
3. Should illegal immigrants have human rights protections in the United States?
4. Is American promotion of human rights hypocritical?
5. Does capital punishment violate human rights?

International Topics

6. What more should the West do to promote women's rights in third and fourth world nations?
7. Why is there a resurgence in slavery and what should we do about it?
8. How can the U.S. and Europe restore human rights in Zimbabwe?
9. Why is child labor so widespread and what new tactics should we promote to reduce it?
10. Is there a unified strategic approach developed nations should take to promote human rights in failed states?
11. Can the United States more effectively promote human rights in Burma?

Topic Area: Global Warming

Domestic

1. Are carbon caps a solution for America's contribution to global warming?
2. Are carbon offsets a good strategy for American efforts to fight global warming?
3. Should states be allowed to set automobile mpg requirements that exceed EPA standards?
4. What renewable energy sources should the U.S. focus our R and D efforts on?
5. Why haven't 50 years of research been more successful in lowering alternative energy costs?
6. How can we better balance economic growth with the need to reduce global warming?

International

7. What are the implications of a melting Arctic ice cap?
8. How will increased global warming impact United States foreign policy?
9. What are the best market-based solutions to global warming?
10. What are the non-environmental implications of global warming?
11. Should developed nations more vigorously pursue carbon sequestration strategies?
12. Does sulfur atmospheric injection, space mirrors, or other technology offer an effective route to worldwide temperature reduction?
13. What renewable and alternative energies should the world use to best control global warming?

Topic Area: ECONOMICS

Domestic

1. How can we best improve federal tax policy?
2. What are the causes and cures to the American rich-poor gap?
3. What level of deficit spending is best for current United States economic conditions?

4. Should Bernanke expand or contract the money supply?
5. Can the G20 find pragmatic agreement and action to stimulate sound international economic growth?

International

6. How can we better identify and solve the weaknesses of economic globalization?
7. What steps would best improve our efforts to end world poverty?
8. What is the best role for the IMF in the 21st century?

Topic Area: Terrorism

Domestic

1. Does the media inflate the perceived likelihood of terrorist activity?
2. Are we sacrificing too much to win the war against terror?
3. Have United States governmental budget priorities been seriously distorted by the war on terror?

International

4. Why have we failed to capture Osama bin Laden?
5. What are the root causes of terrorism and how should we solve them?
6. What countries represent the largest hotbed of future terrorists and what should we do about them?
7. How can we discredit terrorist ideology and undermine their support enough for victory in the war on terror?
8. Does Waziristan and the madrassas hold the key to defeating terrorism in South central Asia?

1. How can the United States improve its Arctic policy?
2. Is the Fed doing enough to minimize the risk of inflation?
3. Teenage sex: a health risk or a non-issue?
4. Should we grant amnesty to illegal immigrants?
5. What are the causes and cures to American unemployment?
6. What challenge does Islamism pose to the West?
7. Should the EU outlaw the burka in public?
8. What are the causes and cures to Gaza's woes?
9. Will Obamacare be able to control high medical costs?
10. Is Iraq capable of self-government?
11. What are the causes and cures to Juarez violence?
12. Is Arizona justified in establishing its own immigration policy?
13. Is the civil rights damage of racial profiling offset by its effects on illegal immigration?
14. How can Obama get Ahmadinejad to take him seriously?
15. Did stimulus policies fail to promote international economic revival?
16. Is al Qaeda resurgent in Yemen?
17. Why are African-Americans disproportionately harmed by recession, and how can we stop it?
18. Has America lost in Afghanistan?
19. What policies would best promote American economic and job growth?
20. Should we do more to reduce space debris?
21. How can inter-Korean relations be improved?
22. Are we doing enough to develop electric car batteries?
23. Should Russia be admitted into the WTO?
24. What are the causes and cures to Chinese-Taiwan antagonisms?
25. What are the causes and cures to Thailand's political turmoil?
26. Is China justified in its internet censorship?
27. Are computers a boom or the bane of modern education?
28. How can we most effectively boost consumer confidence in the American economy?
29. Is time on Hamas' side?

30. Why is it so hard to promote human rights in Cuba?
31. Can Chavez stay in power?
32. Should the states legalize same-sex marriage?
33. Is it time to reform Fannie and Freddie?
34. Will Obamacare create national rationing in health care?
35. How has the great recession changed America?
36. Why is Merkel's support shrinking and what should she do about it?
37. What common elements do the BRIC nations share, and how can they best exploit them?
38. What goals and policies should guide U.S. action in Pakistan?
39. Where and how can we improve our budget priorities?
40. What does Turkey's rise mean for the United States and the Middle East?
41. What are the biggest trade frictions between the United States and China, and how should they be resolved?
42. What are the obstacles ahead in U.S.-Russia relations?
43. Will the Moslem Brotherhood bring progress or theocratic tyranny to Egypt?
44. Should American schools adopt national curriculum standards?
45. Would a post-unipolar world be a better world?
46. Should we put a stop to internal stimulus spending?
47. Is Arizona guilty of xenophobia?
48. Why should we cut the defense budget and where should we do it?
49. What is the impact of and the best solution to growing shortfalls in state budgets?
50. Why do Americans work so much more than Europeans, and how does that impact our future?
51. Should we cut U.S. public debt?
52. What policies would best balance gun control with the second amendment?
53. What causes growing child obesity and how can we solve it?
54. How can we reduce Arab rage over our support of Israel?
55. Is Yemen the next Afghanistan?
56. Can the 6 party talks become a format for peace in northeast Asia?
57. How can U.S. companies compete successfully in China without violating United States anti-bribery laws?
58. Can we change our immigration laws to better promote prosperity, innovation and
59. competitiveness?
60. Can we end our addiction to fossil fuels and thus better fight global warming?
61. What are the unproven assumptions behind environmentalists' calls to fight global
62. warming?
63. What role does the United Nations have to play in containing Iran?
64. Why have sanctions and our other tools failed to admonish or change Iran's policies?
65. Why is American public education so bad and what should we do about it?
66. How can we spur innovation in education?
67. Is hypocrisy defeating peace efforts in the Middle East?
68. What road-map would best assure peace in Sudan's north-south political struggle?
69. What are the causes, implications, and cures to the growing graft in Afghanistan?
70. Is there a counterinsurgency strategy that will work in Afghanistan?
71. What policy changes would best promote significant growth in the number of American jobs?
72. Why can't we turn anti-Taliban actions over to the Afghan military?
73. Should the states ban synthetic marijuana?
74. Should medical use of marijuana be legalized?
75. Should we escalate funding for Obama's "Race To The Top" program?
76. What are the worries about social security funding, and how should we reduce them?
77. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Brazil's foreign policy?
78. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Tea Party movement?

79. Is the Tea Party a rejection of cultural hegemony, or a flare of white middle class anger?
80. Which political party in Mexico holds the best hand for 2012?
81. Is the Vatican doing enough to end priest pedophilia?
82. Why isn't the Vatican more proactive in preventing and paying for priest child sexual abuse?
83. What are the causes and cures to India's Maoist conflict?
84. Is India doing enough to fight its Maoist rebels?
85. Why has the EU been so reluctant to admit Turkey?
86. What are the biggest problems facing Burma and how can she resolve them?
87. Is drone use legal?
88. Should we expand drone use against the Taliban and terrorist leaders?
89. How stable is Saudi Arabia?
90. What are the implications of growing risks of instability in Saudi Arabia?
91. Are education unions a barrier to improving American schools?
92. Why is Latin American support of Chavez style populism falling?
93. Is Europe relevant to the 21st century?
94. What will it take to revive Europe's sclerotic economy?
95. Is Sarah Palin running for President?
96. Will Romney's money give him the 2012 Republican nomination?
97. What are the most important factors in determining who will win the Republican
98. nomination for president in 2012?
99. How can we expand our clean-tech industry?
100. How can we leverage immigration to jump-start the economy?
101. Why don't we revise immigrant quota systems?
102. Is it government's job to end dependence on fossil fuels?
103. Is there a marketplace solution to reliance on fossil fuels?
104. Are nurse practioners a good solution to our shortage of primary care physicians?
105. Should we replace "don't ask, don't tell" with open military service?
106. How can we best end military discrimination based on sexual orientation?
107. Has the financial crisis exacerbated the eastward shift in economic and geopolitical power?
108. How much longer for Belgium?
109. Is the British coalition doing a good job?
110. Is David Cameron doing a good job?
111. What are the strengths and weaknesses in Spain's economy?
112. Is Spain a serious threat to the Euro?
113. Why has Syria grown closer to Turkey?
114. Is Turkey pursuing the right path against the PKK?
115. Why has the boycott of Burma failed?
116. Why are pirates so active off the horn of Africa?
117. How can the first world better fight Somali pirates?
118. What preventive policies would best deter Somali pirates?
119. Is empowering women the answer to Roman Catholic priest created sexual abuse?
120. What are the causes and cures to problematic banking practices in the United States?
121. What tax changes would best reduce our budget deficit?
122. What are our biggest economic problems and how can we solve them?
123. What are the weak spots in the world economy?
124. How deeply should the BRIC nations become involved with each other?
125. Why is Pakistan aiding the Taliban?
126. What are the causes and cures to civil war in Yemen?
127. Why are Iran-Russian tensions increasing, and what are the implications of that friction?
128. Why does the United States have a military command in Africa, and what effects will it have?
129. How can the United States boosts its export competitiveness?

130. Do sound Latin American macroeconomic fundamentals explain their growing financial strength?
131. Why haven't we opened negotiations with the Taliban, and what changes should we make to create such a dialogue?
132. Will Medvedev succeed in the modernization of the Russian economy?
133. Could Al-Qaeda turn African in the Sahel?
134. How can we best sustain social safety nets?
135. How can we fix America's fiscal crisis?
136. Is there any alternative to a cycle of state budget cuts?
137. Should America rely more on soft power and less on hard power?
138. Should the green's be happy with Obama's record?
139. Has Obama been a good environmental president?
140. Have we given our government too many draconian powers?
141. Why are Russia and Belarus at each other's throats?
142. Can political change revitalize the European economy?
143. Should we dismantle Fannie and Freddie?
144. Why is the dollar losing int'l confidence?
145. What conditions will most inhibit or promote Brazilian economic growth?
146. Is China a sufficiently open economic market?
147. Is Iceland wise in trying to join the EU?
148. What explains Pakistan's "double game" and how should the United States react?
149. What are the problems Medvedev confronts in his attempts to modernize Russia, and how can they be overcome?
150. What is the Russian policy in the "near abroad" and how will it impact Europe?
151. Is Merkel too controlling?
152. What are the best solutions to our huge budget deficits?
153. Why aren't we doing more to improve the national infrastructure, and what should we do?
154. Should we stop paying social security benefits to the affluent?
155. How can we reduce the deficit and improve economic growth at the same time?
156. What tax system changes would be best for the United States?
157. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Obama space policy?
158. Where should we cut the defense budget and why?
159. How can we improve our defense budget priorities and cost controls?
160. What, if anything, should we do to encourage older workers to stay in the workforce?