

EXTEMPORANEOUS

Round One

Speaker One

1. What steps can the United States government take to improve the fight against cybercrime?
2. Has the United Nations been a positive force in Haiti?
3. Will the implementation of Obamacare result in an increase in health care premiums?

Speaker Two

1. What steps can be taken to improve chilly relations between Russia and the United States?
2. Have human rights improved under Egypt's current leaders?
3. Has the budget sequester proven to be as damaging as some leaders predicted?

Speaker Three

1. What is behind the increasing violence in Honduras?
2. Has the Obama Administration's Race to the Top program had a positive impact on American education reform efforts?
3. Will Italian politicians succeed in adopting austerity measures, despite public opposition?

Speaker Four

1. How should the United Nations Security Council address provocative actions by North Korea?
2. Is Jeb Bush the favorite for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination?
3. Is Islamic extremism becoming the dominant political force in Mali?

Speaker Five

1. How will the end of the ban on women in combat impact U.S. military preparedness?
2. Is Iraq in danger of breaking into civil war over its oil resources?
3. Has the National Rifle Association become too powerful?

Speaker Six

1. What must America's political leaders do to come to a workable compromise on gun control legislation?
2. Will Japan's support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership bring the initiative to success?
3. Should the European Union refrain from further efforts to expand?

Speaker Seven

1. What can the divided Palestinian governments in Gaza and the West Bank do to bring about greater unity?
2. Should the United States decrease its investment in the military?
3. Are American consumers repeating their previous mistakes in the home market?

Round Two

Speaker One

1. How will the election of Pope Francis change worldwide Catholicism?
2. How will Syria's civil war impact the people of Lebanon?
3. Does Rand Paul's vision hold much appeal to the base of the Republican Party?

Speaker Two

1. What steps can be taken to protect endangered water supplies in the Tigris and Euphrates region?
2. Is Ukraine ready for a closer relationship with the European Union?
3. Should California promote the production of shale oil?

Speaker Three

1. What is allowing the Assad regime to hold on to power in Syria?
2. Will China's new leadership bring bold change to the country?
3. Has research brought us to the verge of wiping-out AIDS?

Speaker Four

1. What must Francois Hollande do to improve his popularity with the French people?
2. Does North Korea pose a real nuclear threat to the United States and its Asian allies?
3. Is Apple's success on the decline?

Speaker Five

1. What can the British government do to curb anti-immigrant feelings in the United Kingdom?
2. Will coming increases in student loan interest rates limit college attendance?
3. Is Myanmar's National League for Democracy prepared to take on a leading role in government?

Speaker Six

1. Which party will likely prevail in Malaysia's forthcoming election?
2. Does David Cameron's recently expressed Euro-skepticism signal a likely break of Great Britain from the EU?
3. Is Marco Rubio the future savior of the Republican Party?

Speaker Seven

1. Who will likely emerge as the next leader of Pakistan?
2. Does Cuba's emerging younger generation of leaders hold promise for democratic reform?
3. Is climate change high enough on President Obama's second term agenda?

Semifinals

Speaker One

1. What steps can Thailand's government take to improve its negative reputation for human trafficking?
2. Is building the Keystone Pipeline in the interest of those hoping to combat climate change?
3. Will U.S. relations with Venezuela change with the death of Hugo Chavez?

Speaker Two

1. Will John Kerry match the successes of Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State?
2. What should Uhuru Kenyatta do to rise above accusations of crimes against humanity?
3. Should European nations refrain from intervening in conflicts in Africa?

Speaker Three

1. What steps can be taken to curb gang activity in El Salvador?
2. Does disgraced former General, David Petraeus, have a future in elective politics?
3. Should the government of Great Britain strengthen or loosen its regulations of the media?

Speaker Four

1. What initiatives from President Obama's State of the Union are most likely to see adoption?
2. Could a unified Cyprus overcome its economic woes?
3. Should Caribbean nations open their waters to offshore oil exploration and drilling?

Speaker Five

1. How should the White House best use feedback from online petitions when setting its legislative agenda?
2. Can Turkey succeed in building a lasting peace with its Kurdish population?
3. Do major donors to the Obama reelection campaign have too much access to the presidency?

Speaker Six

1. Who will likely succeed John Kerry as Senator from Massachusetts?
2. Does President Enrique Pena Nieto have the support necessary to implement his agenda for economic reform in Mexico?
3. Several months after Hurricane Sandy has the government made sufficient progress toward reconstruction?

Speaker Seven

1. What can be done to bring high fuel prices under control?
2. Can Russia find a balance between its relations with Israel and Syria?
3. Is Mongolia growing faster than its political and social institutions are prepared to handle?

Finals

Speaker One

1. What explains the recent surge in success by women in Canadian politics?
2. Should opponents of the tobacco industry embrace the expanding e-Cigarette market?
3. Do countries in Eastern Africa have the capacity to exploit the oil and gas they are discovering under their land?

Speaker Two

1. How should economic considerations factor into attempts at comprehensive immigration reform?
2. Should African nations take primary responsibility for stopping the spread of Islamic extremism in North Africa?
3. Can schools succeed in implementing the federal mandate requiring equal access of disabled children to sports?

Speaker Three

1. How will Hillary Clinton's denials of future presidential ambitions affect Democratic preparations for 2016?
2. Should Kyrgyzstan embrace more foreign investment in developing its natural resources?
3. Is Michigan's model of appointing emergency managers to run failing cities a good model for other states?

Speaker Four

1. What steps can be taken to curtail the unnatural decline in the population of sharks?
2. Will the controversial departure of Vaclav Klaus from the Czech presidency tarnish the office?
3. Should the world's leaders be concerned about the planet's declining birth rate?

Speaker Five

1. What can the United States government do to promote the broader use of cellulosic ethanol?
2. Is the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights becoming increasingly powerless?
3. How important is Sonia Gandhi to the continued viability of India's Congress Party?

Speaker Six

1. How would a ban on affirmative action in college admissions impact the shape of colleges and universities?
2. Should more nations be permitted to join the Arctic Council?
3. Would an increase in the minimum wage be helpful to ordinary Americans?

Speaker Seven

1. What steps should be taken to encourage more minority students to take AP exams?
2. Has the International Criminal Court yet proved its effectiveness?
3. Can Pope Francis help mediate Argentina's conflict with Great Britain over the Falkland Islands?

Substitute Questions

1. Will the existence of a living ex-Pope cause confusion in leadership for global Catholicism?
2. Has the Eurozone been proven to be a failed experiment?
3. Has the Arab League had an influence on the war in Syria?
4. Is Chinese investment in Africa's mineral trade a new form of colonialism?
5. Can East African countries cooperate to improve transportation and trade routes?
6. 10 years later, is Iraq better off than it was prior to invasion?
7. Is the Muslim Brotherhood losing the respect of the Egyptian people?
8. Is the two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict dead?
9. Has the EU mishandled the economic crisis in Cyprus?
10. Are Europeans growing more skeptical of the Euro?
11. Is Gazprom's dominance of the world gas market coming to an end?
12. Will Bosnia succeed in meeting conditions to join the European Union?
13. Is Angela Merkel in danger of losing her control of parliament?
14. Is Bangladesh's war crimes trial a fair judicial process?
15. Can Chinese leaders satisfy their peoples' demands for greater food safety?
16. Is Park Geun-hye the right president for South Korea as it faces an increasingly dangerous North Korea?
17. Is support for basic human rights lessening or strengthening in India?
18. Will Venezuela become more prosperous with the passing of Hugo Chavez?
19. Can Brazil succeed in its efforts to promote working class home ownership?
20. Has Otto Perez Molina succeeded in making Guatemala a safer place?
21. Should Colombia include the ELN in peace negotiations with the rebels of FARC?
22. Did Hugo Chavez leave any positive legacy for the people of Venezuela?
23. Is Canada's economic growth stalling?
24. Will Brazil be ready to host forthcoming world sporting events such as the World Cup and Summer Olympics?
25. Is the Republican Party in the process of redefining itself?
26. Has President Obama exceeded his authority with recess appointments?
27. Does Mitt Romney have a political future after his 2012 loss?
28. Does China-based Alibaba have the potential to overcome US-based Amazon and Ebay as the leader in e-commerce?
29. Can Americans continue to expect a rising stock market?
30. Is regulating portion sizes an effective way to combat growing obesity rates?
31. Are Americans warming to the idea of the full legalization of marijuana?
32. Will the trend of increasing state restrictions on abortion continue?
33. Is the United States government doing enough to provide support for veterans wounded in war?
34. Are Israel and the United States getting closer to a unified position on how to deal with Iran?
35. Is it time for a complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan?
36. Is the Obama administration using drones to excess?
37. Can President Obama succeed in reducing trade barriers with the European Union?
38. Is the election of Shinzo Abe good or bad for U.S.-Japan relations?
39. Is the F35 a worthwhile investment in American defense?
40. Is the U.S.-Mexico border sufficiently secure?
41. Should the United States take more aggressive action to deter North Korea?
42. Will the increased availability of e-Books undermine public libraries?
43. Will the new Ultra HD picture technology gain a foothold in the consumer market?
44. Should Congress impose sales taxes on all online commerce?
45. Is the United States on the way to being free of foreign oil dependence?
46. How safe are U.S. nuclear power plants?
47. Has Windows 8 given Microsoft a new burst of competitiveness?
48. Should the United States expand compulsory education to age 4?
49. Should Georgia's proposed juvenile justice reforms be more widely adopted by other states?
50. Should states eliminate the use of mandatory minimum sentences for convicted criminals?

51. Was the Supreme Court wrong to agree to review cases pertaining to gay marriage?
52. Do school suspensions fuel the pipeline of juveniles going to prison?
53. Should public school teachers receive formal firearm training?
54. Should state governments encourage the expansion of online education?
55. Should the United States increase the number of students earning 2-year college degrees?
56. Should prospective voters be required to produce citizenship papers when registering to vote?