

Foreign Extemp for Oct 1st, 2011

First Speaker:

- F1. How will Putin's move to resume the presidency affect US Russian relations?
- F2. Will EU countries expand the bailout fund?
- F3. Should the international community intervene in Syria?

Second Speaker:

- F4. Will Egypt make a successful transition to democracy?
- F5. How can the international community best support Libya?
- F6. Should the US continue to press Pakistan about terrorists within their borders?

Third Speaker:

- F7. Is Saudi Arabia showing signs of liberalization?
- F8. Has Japan significantly recovered from the Fukushima disaster?
- F9. Should the US withdraw from Afghanistan?

Fourth Speaker:

- F10. Will Bahraini protesters be able to effect change in their government?
- F11. Should Greece be allowed to default on its loans?
- F12. Is stability in Yemen possible in the next few years?

Fifth Speaker:

- F13. Is austerity the solution to Europe's debt problem?
- F14. Is Iran a significant threat to international stability?
- F15. Will Palestine's bid to be recognized by the UN cripple Israeli-Palestinian negotiations?

Sixth Speaker:

- F16. Is Iraq ready for the increasing drawdown of US troops?
- F17. What can the international community do to help nations affected by the drought in the Horn of Africa?
- F18. Is a growing Chinese military destabilizing the region?

Economic Extemp

First Speaker:

- E1. Is enough being done to help troubled homeowners?
- E2. Is the US so tied to Europe that economic trouble there must rebound here?
- E3. Will Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz succeed in his call to boycott campaign donations?

Second Speaker:

- E4. What does the recent "occupation of Wall Street" tell us about American financial attitudes?
- E5. How will Apple perform without Steve Jobs at the helm?
- E6. Will the Fall see another debt showdown in Congress?

Third Speaker:

- E7. Would President Obama's jobs plan help our economy?
- E8. Is Warren Buffet correct to insist the rich are under-taxed?
- E9. Does Facebook have any serious challengers at this time?

Fourth Speaker:

- E10. Was Standard and Poor's downgrade of the United States justified?
- E11. What can be done to help consumer confidence in America?
- E12. What can American business learn from the trouble at Hewlett-Packard?

Fifth Speaker:

- E13. Is Social Security, as Rick Perry says, a "Ponzi Scheme" that robs Americans?
- E14. What can be done to mitigate the looming European financial crisis?
- E15. Is the dollar in danger of losing its status as the world reserve currency?

Sixth Speaker:

- E16. Is inflation likely to be a threat in the next five years?
- E17. Have green energy initiatives been a success or a disappointment?
- E18. Are the UAW deals with GM and Chrysler going to succeed?

Domestic Social

First Speaker:

- DS1. Is a college degree worth it anymore?
- DS2. Can the Postal Service be saved?
- DS3. Could malaria soon be just a bad memory?

Second Speaker:

- DS4. As we enter playoff season, which team will win the World Series?
- DS5. Is there hope that one day the internet will actually improve classroom teaching?
- DS6. Can better measures be put in place to predict natural disasters?

Third Speaker:

- DS7. Can Charlie Sheen salvage his career?
- DS8. Can humankind keep the lights on and the temperature down?
- DS9. Are federal or state governments better equipped to reform education?

Fourth Speaker:

- DS10. Did commemorations of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 do justice to the tragedy?
- DS11. Is the airline industry going too far with extra fees?
- DS12. If Chris Christie decides to run for president, would his weight be a liability?

Fifth Speaker:

- DS13. Is the new, cheaper Kindle another nail in the coffin for print publications?
- DS14. Is lower Manhattan a symbol of resilience?
- DS15. Will reality TV continue to dominate the fall TV schedule?

Sixth Speaker:

- DS16. Is Hillary Clinton fulfilling her mission to improve the quality of life for the world's women?
- DS17. Will disputes with owners jeopardize the start of the NBA season?
- DS18. Is requiring photo IDs a practical possibility for voters?

Domestic Politics

DP1. Is a government shut-down still likely?

DP2. Will Sarah Palin run for president?

DP3. Why does Chris Christie inspire so much presidential speculation?

DP4. Has the federal government done enough to help this summer's victims of natural disasters?

DP5. Will President Obama win reelection?

DP6. Why is Rick Perry stumbling in the polls?

DP7. Are this summer's special election results predictive of election outcomes in 2012?

DP8. Does Herman Cain's victory in the Florida straw poll signal a shift in the Republican primary?

DP9. Will President Obama's jobs plan improve his poll ratings?

DP10. Can Republicans and Democrats in Congress find any common ground?

DP11. How will the Supreme Court rule on the issue of health care?

DP12. Has the Tea Party co-opted the Republican Party, or vice versa?

DP13. Will Mitt Romney seal the deal with conservative primary voters?

DP14. Will President Obama face a primary challenge?

DP15. Are Republicans making inroads with Jewish voters?

DP16. Will the jobs issue determine the 2012 election?

DP17. Should candidates polling in the single digits be on stage at televised debates?

DP18. Is Ron Paul so 2008?