

Foreign Extemp for Oct 22nd, 2011

First Speaker:

- F1. What are the political ramifications of the conviction of former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko?
- F2. Is it wise for Israel to exchange over one thousand Palestinian prisoners for a single Israeli soldier?
- F3. Should the United States withdraw from Afghanistan?

Second Speaker:

- F4. Is Pakistan more a friend or foe to the United States?
- F5. How will the recently discovered bomb plot affect U.S.- Iranian relations?
- F6. Does Al-Qaeda still pose a significant threat to U.S. security?

Third Speaker:

- F7. Can Iraq survive the drawdown of U.S. troops?
- F8. Is the Egyptian military helping or hindering the Egyptian transition to democracy?
- F9. What are the prospects for democracy in Libya?

Fourth Speaker:

- F10. Will Putin's return as president be good for Russia?
- F11. Can Greek Prime Minister, George Papandreou, bring Greece back from the brink of disaster?
- F12. Is the world community doing enough to end the violence in Syria?

Fifth Speaker:

- F13. Does the recent passing of the Senate bill imposing tariffs on Chinese imports signal the beginning of a trade war?
- F14. What are the prospects for stabilizing Somalia?
- F15. Will the European Union survive the European debt crisis?

Sixth Speaker:

- F16. Is Turkey a good model for emerging Arab democracies?
- F17. What are the prospects for political liberalization in Myanmar?
- F18. Is Mexico losing the 'War on Drugs'?

Domestic Politics

First Speaker:

DP1. How will Latino voters influence the Republican nomination for president?

DP2. Does Herman Cain's lead in the polls make him the true Republican front runner for 2012?

DP3. Should President Obama replace Joe Biden with Hillary Clinton on the 2012 ticket?

Second Speaker:

DP4. Can Rick Perry recover from his political free fall?

DP5. Is Mitt Romney's Mormonism a hindrance for his 2012 presidential run?

DP6. How will the Occupy Wall Street movement affect the presidential candidates' rhetoric?

Third Speaker:

DP7. Are Obama's green initiatives dying?

DP8. Is Herman Cain's 9-9-9 plan economically sound?

DP9. How will the issue of race affect the dynamics of the 2012 presidential election?

Fourth Speaker:

DP10. Are there any other Republican presidential hopefuls not presently in the race?

DP11. Are the Occupy Wall Street and Tea Party movements very similar or very different?

DP12. Are Republican voters ready to anoint Mitt Romney as the Republican nominee in 2012?

Fifth Speaker:

DP13. Will Obama's jobs bill strengthen his bid for re-election?

DP14. Was President Obama's decision to appeal to the Supreme Court on health-care reform politically wise?

DP15. How will the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq affect the candidacy for the Republican nomination?

Sixth Speaker:

DP16. How will Sarah Palin influence the 2012 Republican nomination?

DP17. How will the changing primary schedules affect political campaign strategies?

DP18. Will Obama retain his majority among swing state voters?

Domestic Social

First Speaker:

- DS1. Should there be a fence built on the Mexican border?
- DS2. Should educational issues be left up to the states?
- DS3. Should the federal government push for stricter standards on carbon emissions?

Second Speaker:

- DS4. Should the government mandate that every American get health insurance?
- DS5. Was the federal government right to discontinue manned space exploration?
- DS6. Has the repeal of DADT affected the performance of our armed forces?

Third Speaker:

- DS7. Should there be a unified national curriculum?
- DS8. Should the federal government allow states to make their own immigration laws?
- DS9. Should the US invest in more nuclear power plants?

Fourth Speaker:

- DS10. Are for-profit institutions of higher learning good for America?
- DS11. Are we doing enough to combat obesity?
- DS12. What would a 2012 republican victory mean for abortion rights in the US?

Fifth Speaker:

- DS13. Will the Occupy movement continue to grow?
- DS14. How can congress reform No Child Left Behind?
- DS15. Should the US abandon the death penalty?

Sixth Speaker:

- DS16. Is the government putting people at risk by endorsing fewer screenings for rectal and breast cancer?
- DS17. What can be done to prevent the suicide of LGBT youth?
- DS18. What will a GOP victory in 2012 mean for the Environmental Protection Agency?

Economics

- E1. Will states tax revenues rebound?
- E2. Can 9-9-9 solve our economic woes?
- E3. Would a flat tax system work in the US?
- E4. Is recovery in sight for the middle class?
- E5. Is the Euro, meant to unite Europe, fracturing it?
- E6. Will the Occupy Wall Street protest influence future US economic policy?
- E7. Has the sovereign debt crisis undermined the European Union?
- E8. Can austerity measures and taxes turn Greece around?
- E9. Has Germany overextended their economic reach?
- E10. Can European leadership negotiate a deal to shore up Europe's banks?
- E11. Will Japan and South Korea's currency swap insulate them from the European debt crisis?
- E12. Is the US economic outlook still tied to the housing market?
- E13. Will more countries adopt China's tactics on currency?
- E14. Can the US cultivate the Chinese consumer?
- E15. Can the US avert a true double-dip recession?
- E16. Will world-wide protests against economic policy bring change?
- E17. Is the Federal Reserve using monetary policy to replace fiscal policy?
- E18. Have regulations hurt bank profits?