

US Politics: Round 1

1. Will continued corruption scandals cost the GOP the White House in 2008?
2. Who has the best shot of denying Clinton the Democratic nomination?
3. Can McCain turn his campaign around?
4. What effect does Fred Thompson have on the GOP race?
5. Which non-front runner has the best chance of making a last minute push?
6. What is driving the Democrats' fund-raising advantage?
7. Should US political campaigns be publicly financed?
8. Should the Democrats keep trying to force an end to the Iraq War?
9. What is the single most important issue in the 2008 election?
10. If Al Gore were to enter the race, could he win it?

Africa & Latin America: Round 2

1. Is Chavez's power on the wane in Latin America?
2. Are Lula de Silva's reforms working for all segments of Brazilian society?
3. Will Zimbabwe's economic woes bring Mugabe down?
4. Will the Darfur crisis be resolved with Sudan's government in place?
5. What will happen to Cuba when Castro dies?
6. What is the single greatest obstacle to African development?
7. Will Alberto Fujimori's trial increase accountability among Latin American leaders?
8. How should Latin American nations address their large income inequalities?
9. How can the African Union best address the corruption of many of its members?
10. Does the Ethiopian backed interim government have a good chance of pacifying Somalia?

US Education, Health, and Social Welfare: Round 3

1. Would a Bush veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program hurt the GOP politically?
2. Can state level plans ensure universal health insurance coverage?
3. Should the federal minimum wage be tied directly to inflation?
4. How can the racial gap in academic achievement be closed?
5. Why are US health care costs rising so much?
6. Are higher cigarette taxes a good idea?
7. How can Congress ensure that homeland security funds are better allocated?
8. Should Congress renew No Child Left Behind?
9. Why are labor unions growing ever less influential?
10. Should college tuition be tax deductible?
11. Why is violent crime on the rise again?

Europe & Asia: Round 4

1. Would Sarkozy's economic reforms cure the French economy's ills?
2. Is Belgium in danger of splitting in two?
3. Can Pervez Musharraf hold on as Pakistan's president?
4. How should the EU react to growing Russian authoritarianism?
5. Is Taiwan moving towards independence?
6. How can Japan heal its growing rift with China?
7. Will China divest itself from Sudan?
8. Can the monks' protests succeed in freeing Myanmar?

9. How can Yasuo Fukuda succeed where Shinzo Abe failed?
10. Should Israel negotiate with Hamas directly?

US Legal & Constitutional Issues: Quarters

1. Is the right of free association being lost to enhanced security?
2. Should wiretapping of US citizens allowed at the sole discretion of the President?
3. Is Mukasey likely to restore the credibility of the Department of Justice?
4. Is adding a House seat for Washington, DC a good idea?
5. Will restoring habeas corpus for suspected terrorists threaten American security?
6. Can the Congress effectively end a military engagement?
7. Should the White House be able to withhold national security documents from Congress?
8. Should the 2nd Amendment be repealed?
9. Should judges be permitted to create new rights for minority groups?
10. Should companies be able to own the results of government funded research?

World Economy: Semifinals

1. Does the credit crunch threaten more than the financial industry?
2. How will China's economy respond to worsening environmental conditions?
3. How will parity in their currencies affect US/Canada trade?
4. Should the US and Europe end agricultural subsidies?
5. Should third world countries allow free capital flows?
6. Is corruption the biggest challenge to developing countries?
7. Why is global income inequality on the rise?
8. What impact does the US budget deficit have on global trade?
9. Can Europe sustain its socialized economic models?
10. Is the World Bank effective in combating poverty?
11. Does the IMF help or hurt the developing world?

US Foreign Policy -- Final Round

1. Should Blackwater USA be removed from Iraq?
2. Is the United States paying enough attention to Al Qaeda?
3. Is the war in Iraq lost?
4. Is the war in Afghanistan lost?
5. Why did the US increase its military aid to Israel?
6. Should the US increase foreign aid to developing countries?
7. How can the US best encourage the spread of democracy?
8. Should the US encourage a democratic rebellion in Myanmar?
9. Was Columbia University right to allow Ahmedinejad to speak?
10. Should the US support Musharraf's re-election bid?
11. Can the US restore better relations with Europe with Bush in office?