

Economics: Questions for Jan 16th

First Speaker:

- E 1: Will unemployment drop at all in 2010?
- E 2: Why are speculators again driving up the price of petroleum?
- E 3: Can the Dow Jones continue its rise?

Second Speaker:

- E 4: Have bankers learned their lesson from the 2009 meltdown?
- E 5: Is China manipulating its currency?
- E 6: Will gold continue its amazing rally?

Third Speaker:

- E 7: Why are housing sales still weak?
- E 8: Does health care reform really threaten to "explode the deficit?"
- E 9: Are electric cars in the future of the automotive industry?

Fourth Speaker:

- E 10: In the coming years, what risk is there of inflation?
- E 11: Will the Detroit Three automakers survive?
- E 12: Is the dollar really so weak?

Fifth Speaker:

- E 13: Why is Google leaving China?
- E 14: Is this economy showing, in the President's words, "glimmers of hope?"
- E 15: How are fiscal troubles affecting individual U.S. states?

Sixth Speaker:

- E 16: Is infrastructure spending helpful in our economy now?
- E 17: Did Ben Bernanke deserve to be named Time "person of the year"?
- E 18: Was our downturn actually caused in 2008?

Domestic Social: Questions for Jan 16th

First Speaker:

DS 1: In the America of tomorrow, will race still be a big deal?

DS 2: Will health care reform result in a healthier America?

DS 3: Should Americans be more concerned about their security or their privacy when flying?

Second Speaker:

DS 4: Will the climate change legislation garner sufficient support in the Senate to pass?

DS 5: Will recent US court decisions regarding the rights of detainees help keep Guantanamo Bay open?

DS 6: Is there a chance that modern technology will help us to find life in space?

Third Speaker:

DS 7: Will NBC recover from its late-night missteps?

DS 8: Has the push for health care reform cost Obama too much political capital?

DS 9: How can the U.S. intelligence system improve its performance in the wake of the Christmas Day attack?

Fourth Speaker

DS 10: Is Janet Napolitano capable of fulfilling her responsibilities as Secretary of Homeland Security?

DS 11: How should President Obama spur education reform?

DS 12: Does the ban on bias based on gender identity in the workplace signal growing support for LGBT issues in the Obama administration?

Fifth Speaker:

DS 13: As the annual March for Life approaches, is the U.S. becoming more or less “pro-life”?

DS 14: Could the Copenhagen climate conference actually mark the beginning of a new way forward?

DS 15: Should we blame the government for failing to keep us safe in the sky?

Sixth Speaker:

DS 16: Will there be a wind farm off Cape Cod?

DS 17: Will Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's indictment deter terrorist activity?

DS 18: How is technology changing how Americans experience the arts?

Foreign: Questions for Jan 16th

- F 1: What should the US do to mitigate the terrorist threat posed by Yemen?
- F 2: What assistance should the US offer Haiti?
- F 3: Should the US remove the economic sanctions it has placed on North Korea?
- F 4: Can Khamenei maintain his base of power in Iran?
- F 5: Will Gordon Brown's Labour Party maintain power in the 2010 elections?
- F 6: Will the recent earthquake in Haiti destabilize their government?
- F 7: What was the primary outcome of last month's Copenhagen conference?
- F 8: Will the troop surge in Afghanistan reduce the insurgency?
- F 9: Can the Yemeni government gain more significant control over its territory?
- F 10: Is Iraq ready for the withdrawal of US troops?
- F 11: What is the most crucial step the Pakistani government can take to curb terrorism in its borders?
- F 12: Should Google pull out of China?
- F 13: Is war between Israel and Iran inevitable?
- F 14: Have Mexican drug cartels become too big of a problem for its government to handle?
- F 15: Does Karzai have the political clout to effectively rule Afghanistan?
- F 16: What should be done to improve the safety of international air travel?
- F 17: Should the Pakistani government allow the US to use drone missiles in its borders?
- F 18: Will Jacob Zuma be able to live up to his campaign promises?

Domestic Politics: Questions for Jan 16th

First Speaker:

DP 1: What effect will Christopher Dodd's decision not to run for reelection have on healthcare reform?

DP 2: Does "to-big-to-fail" hurt or help America's banking system?

DP 3: How important is it for the Democrats to retain control of Ted Kennedy's Senate seat in the upcoming special election?

Second Speaker:

DP 4: Why is Obama's approval rating falling?

DP 5: Will organized labor affect the fate of healthcare reform?

DP 6: What effect will the federal trial on Proposition 8 have on the fate of gay marriage?

Third Speaker:

DP 7: Should Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab have been treated as an enemy combatant?

DP 8: Should the use of filibusters in the Senate be ended?

DP 9: What effect is the Tea Party Movement having on national politics?

Fourth Speaker:

DP 10: Is the Massachusetts Senate race a proxy for the battle over health care reform?

DP 11: Has President Obama done a good job handling recent terrorist threats?

DP 12: Is Sarah Palin still a major player in American politics?

Fifth Speaker:

DP 13: Is President Obama's job creation strategy working?

DP 14: Should Senator Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid resign over his controversial comments on race?

DP 15: Has President Obama tamed Wall Street?

Sixth Speaker:

DP 16: Are Democrat retirements from the House good news for the GOP?

DP 17: Will Obama's increasingly close involvement in healthcare reform affect its outcome?

DP 18: Should Obama impose a bank tax to recoup bailout losses?