

Economics: Questions for Dec 5th

First Speaker:

E1: Will the decision to extend the first-time homebuyers tax credit help the housing market?

E2: Will healthcare be, as Mortimer Zuckerman called it, the "reform that ate America?"

E3: Is the 401K still a viable retirement plan?

Second Speaker:

E4: Will the dollar continue to slide?

E5: Are we on the road to economic recovery yet?

E6: What will be the economic effects of the Copenhagen environmental summit?

Third Speaker:

E7: Are green jobs really the wave of the future?

E8: Is the Fed doing enough to fight the recession?

E9: How long will unemployment stay in double digits?

Fourth Speaker:

E10: Should the Fed be reined in and put under closer Congressional control?

E11: Is there truth to the idea of financial-market cycles?

E12: How does California's economy affect the rest of America?

Fifth Speaker:

E13: Is there a looming China-India economic rivalry?

E14: How is the battle shaping up between the White House and health insurance companies?

E15: Will it be a "Merry Christmas" for retailers?

Sixth Speaker:

E16: Is innovation helping us out of this economic downturn?

E17: Why have stocks done so well this summer and fall?

E18: Is inflation on our economic horizon?

Domestic Social: Questions for Dec 5th

First Speaker:

DS1: Is Sarah Palin still a credible political figure or just a celebrity?

DS2: Did Black Friday disappoint retailers and/or consumers?

DS3: Is America ready to expand federal civil rights to include gay rights?

Second Speaker:

DS4: Do the new mammogram guidelines erode progress against breast cancer?

DS5: Is posttraumatic stress disorder in returning soldiers reaching epidemic proportions?

DS6: Are “helicopter parents” ready to come in for a landing?

Third Speaker:

DS7: Is social gaming the next frontier for internet entrepreneurs?

DS8: Is Al Gore’s environmental vision too ambitious?

DS9: Will competitors lap the iPhone?

Fourth Speaker:

DS10: Is American innovation declining?

DS11: Is Miley Cyrus a suitable role model for tweens?

DS12: Is H1N1 over?

Fifth Speaker:

DS13: Can we survive without Oprah?

DS14: Should teens receive life sentences for serious crimes?

DS15: Do the Salahis merit the attention they’re receiving?

Sixth Speaker:

DS16: Can Wall Street and Main Street come to terms?

DS17: Is America ready for legalized marijuana?

DS18: Is fired the new retired?

Foreign Questions for Dec 5th

First Speaker:

F1: Will the 30,000 additional troops prove effective in Afghanistan?

F2: Will Turkey's plan to grant rights to its Kurdish minority help end the insurgency?

F3: How will Dubai's shaky economy affect global politics?

Second Speaker:

F4: Should an eventual exit strategy in Afghanistan be dictated by time limits?

F5: Will the Pakistani government defeat Islamic extremists in the long run?

F6: Should Obama increase pressure on Israel to freeze settlements?

Third Speaker:

F7: How should the global community respond to Ahmadinejad's assault on free expression?

F8: Will Iraqi elections still take place in January despite delays with the election law?

F9: Did the European Union select the right leaders for their new top positions?

Fourth Speaker:

F10: Did Obama's speech on Afghanistan make a difference at home and abroad?

F11: Can the power-sharing arrangement in Zimbabwe be saved?

F12: Was Obama's November trip to China successful?

Fifth Speaker:

F13: Is there enough global agreement on climate change to give momentum to the Copenhagen negotiations?

F14: What action should Obama take after his year-end deadline for diplomatic progress with Iran expires?

F15: Is the decision to prosecute Khalid Shaikh Mohammed in federal court the right decision?

Sixth Speaker:

F16: Is the US right to recognize the legitimacy of this week's elections in Honduras?

F17: What must President Karzai do to rebuild global trust and the trust of the Afghan people?

F18: Will Obama's recent offer of "incentives" prove effective in Sudan?

Domestic Politics: Questions for Dec 5th

DP1: Should Gov. Sanford be impeached?

DP2: Should 'Cadillac' health care plans be taxable?

DP3: Has President Obama strayed from his promise of working bipartisanly?

DP4: Will health care reform be passed with a public option?

DP5: What should be the US policy towards climate change?

DP6: What actions should Congress take to reform the financial sector?

DP7: Are the Democrats vulnerable in the midterm elections?

DP8: Do the recent GOP gubernatorial victories signal dissatisfaction with Obama?

DP9: What can the Obama administration do to reduce unemployment?

DP10: Has the mortgage restructuring measure passed by Congress been successful?

DP11: Is the GOP moving too far to the right for mainstream America?

DP12: Has health care stalled Obama's momentum?

DP13: Has Lindsay Graham lost the support of his constituents?

DP14: Has the auto industry bailout been successful?

DP15: Should former Guantanamo detainees be tried in US civilian courts?

DP16: Did the Department of Health and Human Services make an error in backtracking on their recent mammogram announcement?

DP17: Will the decision to send more troops to Afghanistan hurt Obama's popularity?

DP18: Has Harry Reid been an effective leader of the Senate Democratic caucus?