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USX

Is the Federal Reserve raising interest rates quickly enough to combat domestic inflation?
Are book bans really a major impediment to the future of American education?
Is the legislative rift between Progressive and Centrist Democrats too large to bridge?
How is extremist messaging on social media impacting the nature of terrorism in the United States?
How will the results of the midterm elections impact the long-term political organizing strategy of the GOP?
How can Thomas Massie avoid being further ostracized by the GOP extremes?
Will the recent nationwide grounding of flights represent a major shift in Congress's investment in national infrastructure?
Should the United States follow in the UK's recent decision to propose plans limiting screen access in elementary education?

IX

How will discussions held at the 33rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting impact the future of US-China relations?
Should Peru take over the Chancay Port from China?
How will One Nation disrupt the balance of political power in Australia?
How should Europe prepare for future heatwaves?
Is it too pragmatic to assume Myanmar's elections will be democratic?
Is the Sanchez Administration's minority government too weak to build trust and decisive housing policy reform in Spain?
Could a US dismantling of the International Criminal Court (ICC) lead to a new era of global lawlessness?
How can the Trump administration use the ASEAN summit to maximize America's foreign policy influence in the Indo-Pacific?

Hypo

In a showing of their international capacity, ISIS-K declares America as the next target of their jihad, launching thousands of Pro-Islam accounts to flood social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and more. Seeing the potential for profit, Elon Musk endorses the accounts, saying "Freedom of Religion is as constitutional as driving a Tesla Roadster," and opening X to as much Islamic propaganda as possible. Throughout 2027, this leads to a 75% spike in terrorist attacks, as school shootings expand with masked "jihadists" declaring it's time for America to fall. As the Trump administration finally catches wind of the crisis, how can his government take action in a new domestic "war on terrorism"?

11/10

USX

Should NVIDIA reduce Jenson Huang's decision-making power amidst his current cheating scandal?
How has the recent midterm election affected US inflation?
How will the recent Binance heist impact the prospects of renewed diplomatic talks between the United States and North Korea?
What can Republicans learn from South Dakota's prevention of the Democratic Blue Wave?

How can Rep. Jim Jordan unite the Republican Party to resist Democratic lawmaking in the House next year?
How will the balance of power in Columbus shift following the 2026 Ohio midterm elections?
Is it time for Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to be impeached?
Does the Department of Homeland Security's removal of detainees with final deportation orders from its public database violate constitutional due process?

IX
What will it take for the safe repatriation of Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State to be possible?
How will the resignation of Paraguayan President Santiago Peña impact the nation's economic future?
Can bilateral environmental cooperation between Singapore and Indonesia prevent escalating resource nationalism in Southeast Asia?
How will the closure of Novaya Gazeta impact the Russian disinformation landscape?
What steps should Türkiye take to align its domestic climate policy with its touted status as a 'climate champion?'
Would Syrian military support for Saudi Arabia be enough to combat the Houthis in the Red Sea?
As China's export surplus surpasses $1 trillion, should the government start reprioritizing greater domestic economic investment?
How can Spain effectively balance humanitarian aid and border security amid surging migrant arrivals in the Canary Islands?

Hypo
After admitting to an extramarital affair with Alice Huang, Jensen Huang is now subject to national security concerns regarding espionage. However, upon seeing Huang's failure, an outpouring of support appeared on social media, with many young people saying 'they would do the same' if put in the same position as Jensen Huang. In the following week, thousands of Chinese people moved to the Bay Area in an attempt to 'find AI secrets' from Bay Area Founders. Is Jenson Huang's ABG fever a sign of a greater problem among Bay Area CS majors?

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USX
Are the results of the midterms proof that pre-election polling is a poor indicator of actual results?
How will the Supreme Court's apparent leaning toward Catholic preschools in Colorado impact the future of LGBTQ nondiscrimination laws?
Will Google's new "guided learning mode" effectively curb academic dishonesty in K-12 classrooms
How should US policymakers address the rising cost of healthcare premiums?
How have companies like Perfect Child abused applied behavior analysis to overcharge in the autism treatment industry?
How can women help fill the shortage in skilled trade sectors of the American economy?
Will the passage of New York's S9051B set a precedent for AI chatbot restrictions other states can follow?
Are fears of election fraud in the 2026 midterm elections valid?

IX
Is Vucic's defeat in Serbia a sign that the nation is headed toward a more Democratic future?
How can Israel's military build its security independence if the United States cuts off military aid?
How will the European-Canada Alliance for the Future improve the state of trans-Atlantic relations?
How will security divisions influence the leverage of far-right parties like Otzma Yehudit in Israel's coalition negotiations?

To what extent does African music, from artists such as Teddy Afro and Azagaia, reflect the growing unrest across the continent?
As the world blames North Korea for the recent Binance heist, should North Korea be less quick to rebut such claims?
How is AI amplifying the disinformation landscape surrounding elections worldwide?
Would the Baltic States hosting of nuclear warheads be a sustainable solution to deterring Russian aggression in Eastern Europe?

Hypo
In a sick twist of Halloween misfortune, Dracula turns out to be real. Having converted every former world leader into a Vampire, Halloween becomes the day in which all of them return to their homelands from Transylvania to terrorize the populus. As thousands of vampire leaders descend upon nation states, the United Nations calls an emergency intervention to draft a resolution to fight back against these vampire terrors. As charismatic vampire leaders in Europe rally together along with far-right parties, what steps should the United Nations take to limit the damage done by these vampires to global society?

10/27

DX
Can Talarico convince Texas he's a moderate despite his progressive past?
What do Trump's recent rallies demonstrate about the future of the MAGA movement?
How will a federal grand jury's decline to indict former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson affect the Justice Department's push to prosecute Trump's foes?
Which 2026 midterm race will be the most decisive?
Will the results of the midterm election put the United States on the path toward another government shutdown?
What steps should Anthropic take to maximize the value of its IPO?
How is the Cornell 7 case shedding light on the presence of Ketamine on college campuses?
How should states renegotiate the Colorado River Pact?

IX
As European centrists lose their political control, can extremist parties guide EU nations toward better fiscal security?
How will the results of Israel's elections guide the military strategy of the Netanyahu government?
How can French protesters create real political change?
How has the fallout over Cryptogate and $Libra token impacted the credibility of Milei's government?
Does Melania Trump's recently brokered ceasefire have a chance of successfully ending the Russo-Ukrainian War?
How should the Bolsonaro family go about strengthening their right wing movement in Brazil?
Are Persian Gulf oil exports sustainable?
How is AI investment disproportionately impacting the economic growth of Asia-Pacific nations?

Hypo
On election night, a tight race between Jackson and Collins ultimately sees the Democrats edge out by a few votes. As Trump calls the vote fraudulent, Jackson openly taunts Collins, calling his victory the "rise of the left." Would this open embrace of leftist politics be another political liability for Democrats in 2028?

10/20

DX

Does President Trump's "energy ceasefire" strategy with Vladimir Putin undermine broader Western deterrence against Russian aggression?
How can the residents of Edgerton, Kansas, strengthen their resistance to AI data centers?
How will the rise of left-wing populist factions alter the municipal policy of major Western capitals like Berlin and New York?
What steps must local governments take to protect the "chain of custody" of voting equipment from unlawful disruption?
How will data center anxiety impact the 2026 midterm results?
What does the hasty removal of Katie Zacharia signal about the stability of the Trump administration?
How has private equity warped the treatment of autism in children in the United States?
What steps should Trump take to ensure his 5,000 dollars for every US adult message actually translates into Republican control of Congress in the midterms?

IX
Will the enacted October 12th law successfully revitalize Cuba's struggling oil and gas industry?
How will student-led protests in Albania affect the nation's EU accession process?
How have recent French protests impacted the stability of Macron's government?
Is the postponement of 'Davos in the Desert' a sign that Saudi Arabia's ambitious Vision 2030 economic goals are in jeopardy?
Could Trump's idea of denuclearization talks between the United States, Russia, and China yield fruitful results?
What steps should Alberta separatists take to ensure their movement doesn't fade away from mainstream discourse?
Will geopolitical uncertainty make keeping Japanese inflation below 2% impossible?
Is the "gold rush" in West Africa a boon or bane for civilian well-being?

Hypo
In visiting an ASEAN meeting to discuss Myanmar's status, delegates secretly smuggle a mass shipment of 300 tons of cocaine into illicit distribution networks in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The mass drug exodus heightens the alertness of border officials throughout Southeast Asia as drug overdoses spike in major cities. Should ASEAN nations launch a "war on drugs" to stop this crisis from growing larger?

10/13

DX
Will AI regulations in California set a precedent for nationwide regulatory action?
To what extent did former Special Counsel Jack Smith's congressional testimony undermine public trust in the Department of Justice's independence?
Will the Trump administration's "morally binding" AI Accord be sufficient to protect Americans from the existential risks of frontier artificial intelligence?
How should Congress respond to Trump's push to remove Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook?
How will low consumer confidence affect the results of the 2026 midterm elections?
How is concern over an AI bubble impacting the state of the US stock market?
Is Trump's diesel diplomacy with Russia costing the US its European relationships?
What unintended consequences have emerged in favor of the Democrats as a result of Republican gerrymandering?

IX
Is renewed conflict in Tigray putting Ethiopia on the path toward a new war?

Can Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu effectively guide France through its worsening fiscal crisis without a secure parliamentary majority?
How will US sanctions on the ICC affect its international capabilities?
Should Saudi Arabia pursue further military action against the Houthis in the Red Sea?
How will the British Green Party's decision to define Zionism as racism affect their political viability?
Could splitting up Pakistan be an effective strategy toward addressing governance concerns?
What can other Latin American nations learn from Paraguay's recent economic stability?

Hypo
Following the HSI raid on Representative Ilhan Omar's residence, Donald Trump grows confident he can continue. Through Executive Order 191102, Trump launches the "Remove Aggravating Politicians (RAP)" to investigate and reveal evidence aimed at forcing representatives and senators to undergo resignation on their own terms. As the Trump administration redirects funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs and investigates nearly 3 dozen Democratic politicians, a dozen swing-state politicians resign in a matter of days, prompting a dozen new elections to open up for the 2026 midterms. How can Republicans capitalize on this opportunity to keep swing states red?

9/29

DX
Has the recent conflict with Iran exposed the vulnerability of U.S. military bases in the region?
Will Donald Trump's White House media restrictions survive in court?
Are states making the right choice by trying to challenge data center expansion?
Should Big Tech be allowed to "pace the AI frontier?"
What are the political consequences of President Trump's recent efforts to ban select news outlets from the White House?
What are the implications of the Supreme Court allowing the Trump administration to use the SAVE citizenship-verification database?
Are unnecessary surgeries that support higher healthcare profits too burdensome on US citizens to be economically acceptable?
Do the benefits of ALPR technology outweigh the detriments to American privacy that come with it?

IX
Did the recent UN General Assembly meaningfully move the needle toward peace in Iran?
Was the recent Trump-Xi summit a success in lowering tensions between the two nations?
What will be the effect of Salva Kalir's dissolution of South Sudan's parliament?
Will the US-China AI red phone meaningfully reduce the risk of an AI-driven crisis?
What role do Italian mafias play in preventing fentanyl overdoses in Italy?
How will Chancellor Merz's historic unpopularity affect the future governance strategy of the CDU/CSU Coalition?
Can state-run airlines be an economic catalyst for isolated states in Nigeria?
Will the new U.S.–Denmark–Greenland defense pact repair transatlantic security relations?

Hypo
On the day of the first round of the 2027 French Presidential Election, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, the left-wing leader of La France Insoumise, snatched a spot in the runoff against Marine Le Pen. As French citizens decry the results, centrist parties are left scrambling to back the only candidate left to challenge Le Pen. How can French centrist parties ensure the nation doesn't fall into the hands of Le Pen?

9/22

DX

What strategy should the US pursue at the 2026 United Nations General Assembly to stabilize the Middle East?
How should Trump approach his upcoming meeting with Xi Jinping?
As GOP Rep. Ashley Hinson calls for a ban on diesel exports to ease skyrocketing diesel costs for U.S. farmers and truckers, is an appeal to farmers a winning strategy for her competitive House race?
Is the shuttering of youth gender clinics a serious threat to the well-being of LGBTQ+ minors?
Will an imminent vote on the war powers resolution pass in the Senate?
Will progressive groups step up in funding Abdul El-Sayed in the midst of a massive spending disadvantage?
How will the Supreme Court's ruling on the surrogacy custody dispute reshape the ethical boundaries of reproductive contracts in the United States?
How should the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reform its controlled substance quota system?

IX

Can Europe do anything to combat Russia's growing confidence in their grey-zone attacks?
How has China tightening export controls on Japanese firms impacted the security policy of the Takaichi administration?
Will new technology deployed by Russia against Ukraine finally cause the government to collapse?
As gangs infiltrate local government in South Africa, is Cyril Ramaphosa right to forecast organized crime as "the most immediate threat" to South African society?
How can Colombia support women trapped in illegal gold mining regions of the country?
Can high economic growth help India to "outgrow" poverty?
Has China's crackdown on tutoring created a black market it can't control?
Who should French centrists pick to challenge Marine Le Pen in the upcoming presidential election?

Hypo

In an attempt to derail the upcoming Trump-Xi Summit, Taiwanese digital criminal groups released deepfakes attempting to sow domestic distrust in both countries. As their handshake failed to reach the 15-second mark seen months earlier and talks at the summit are limited, press releases afterward from the Trump administration disparage his counterpart, calling the summit "the biggest failure in the history of failures." How should Rubio direct US diplomats to mend relations with the PRC?

9/15

DX

Will calls for US AI development to "slow down" finally force US lawmakers to regulate the AI industry?
How can Abdul El-Sayed use grassroots mobilization to beat Former GOP Rep. Mike Rogers in elections this November?
Is the unity of the Republican Party a threat to their political strength?
Should the Democratic Party stick to its strategy of remaining a big tent party?
Following 9/11, has counterterrorism been worth the costs?
Will cosmetic changes be enough to shield "DEI bureaucracy" in universities nationwide from conservative scrutiny?
After Colter Bay dried up two months early, what should Wyoming do to prepare itself for decreasing water access?

To what extent will Trump's MAGA presence impact the results of the 2026 midterm elections?

IX
How can European politicians dispel fears of an Islamic takeover in local communities subject to Islamic entryism?
How has the Chinese film Dear You affected local perceptions of regional ethnic groups in Beijing?
Will declining test scores create a long-term drag on the economies of developed countries?
Can Malaysia ensure its data center boom doesn't come at the cost of its environmental sustainability?
Is opium production in Myanmar too chaotic to control?
What must Nigeria do to lower the rate of mothers who die in childbirth?
What will be the legacy of Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's first chief executive?
To what extent does the recent migration crisis in Ceuta represent a failure of Spanish domestic policy in managing immigration?

Hypo
After years of sweeping economic reform, Argentina's economy has grown for a second year in a row, a rarity since the end of the 2008 commodity boom. However, Milei's popularity has dropped instead of rising, dipping to newfound lows. In response, President Milei has launched his re-election cycle by declaring his nationwide "Ley de la Revitalización del Argentina," a plan targeted at arbitrary social reforms, providing major cash distributions to Argentinian citizens alongside calling for an invasion of the Falklands to establish national sovereignty. Will this appeal to nationalism strategy be enough to win Milei re-election in 2027?

9/8

DX
Following the resignation of Dan Driscoll, will Pete Hegseth's aggressive restructuring of military leadership permanently politicize the Department of Defense?
Should the American left ditch identity politics in favor of class-conscious populism?
How can states reduce the cost of educating disabled children without cutting vital services?
How will US manufacturers fare in the face of Canadian tariffs on steel and aluminium products, among other goods?
What bandage fixes can be applied to hold up American confidence in the education system?
Will America's acquisition of a major stake in North American Blue Energy Partners (NABEP) truly be the "biggest oil deal in world history" that Trump has promised?
Is US debt management becoming impossible?
Will Miami's booming economy give way to steady, sustainable expansion, or collapse in the near future?

IX
Will the rise of the AFD continue to weaken the mandate of Friedrich Merz?
As Yoweri Museveni grows frailer, how can Uganda navigate fair elections?
How will the Japanese "Sanaenomics" use of state-directed investment affect the future of the Japanese economy?
Is Chandrababu Naidu's technological vision for India too ambitious to succeed?
Is the suspension of the Renan Santos campaign a sign that the Brazilian Supreme Court has grown too powerful?
After two weeks, what can be learned from the recent Nepalese floods in preventing similar disasters across South Asia?
How will Chinese military drills in Egypt affect the shifting security dynamic in the Middle East?
Can the new King Haakon VIII maintain the approval of the Norwegian monarchy?

Hypo
After holding the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in Palau led many China-aligned nations to withdraw their leaders at the last minute, the Solomon Islands rescheduled a new date for early December 2026. As China lambasts many PIF member nations for recognizing Taiwan, will Beijing's aggressive rhetoric inadvertently strengthen Taiwan's remaining diplomatic ties in the region?

9/1

DX
After "Lake America," what will Trump rename next?
What does the detention of Milo Yiannopoulos by ICE tell us about the agency's goals?
What actions can the National Park Service (NPS) take to shield Yosemite from commercial development?
How far will the Supreme Court go in shielding Donald Trump from legal accountability?
How has Trump's rejection of foreign immigration affected the potential of domestic businesses?
Are sanctions an effective strategy for the US to cripple the Iranian regime?
How is Trump's deportation machine continuing outside of the public spotlight?
As US naval capacity declines, what can the US government do to bolster the capacity of its struggling navy?

IX
Is Nepal's government doing enough to address the country's flood crisis?
Is renewed resentment within Iran a cause for concern for the country's government?
Can the Venezuelan government reassert control over its energy sector in the wake of the US oil deal?
What do the results of the Iceland referendum on EU membership tell us about the country's future relationship with the Union?
How can multinational companies navigate the pressure of both Chinese and American lawmakers on their business practices?
What can far-right leaders learn from Giorgia Meloni's continued control over Italy?
How will a further alignment between Australia and Pacific nations impact China's influence in the region?
Is Panama's choice to bolster its Neutrality Treaty a decision that will negatively impact its regional security?

Hypo
In a repeat of a heist a few months ago, a smuggling operation at Nairobi airport occurs. After successfully stealing more than 10,000 African harvester ants, the ants arrive in China to fuel the booming market for live queen ants. However, after modification by the Chinese government, these ants are distributed to Eastern Europe, taking over the nests of the European Fire Ant and disrupting the local ecosystem. How can the EU intervene to prevent further disruptions to European ecosystems?

8/25

DX
How will Bessent's decision to increase the amount of long-dated debt the US Treasury buys back impact the US economy?
What can other states learn from Oklahoma in fighting extremism nationwide?
Will the scaling back of US operations in South Korea undermine America's Indo-Pacific presence?
Why has Donald Trump's big bet on oil failed to materialize in energy gains for the United States?
What have been the long term effects of Trump's tariffs on domestic manufacturing?

After the dust settles, what will be the final result of restrictions surrounding mail-in voting?
Will Susan Collins' decision to distance himself from the Trump campaign negatively impact her Senate re-election chances?
How will Nevada's decision to sue the newly finalized management plan for the Colorado River affect the future of Southwest water management?

IX
How will the legacy of Jason Arday plague the reputation of Cambridge University?
Can the popularity of Guarani in Paraguay serve as a model for the preservation of indigenous languages in South America?
What should Carney do to prevent a US-Canada trade war from crippling the Canadian economy?
Following Kazakhstan's recent elections, what are non-governmental organizations' next steps toward restoring Kazakhstan as a Democratic state?
As India celebrates its 80th birthday, what has India learned about the preservation of civil rights?
How has local mismanagement affected the quality of life of South African citizens?
Will Somaliland's bid to help secure the Red Sea give it a real chance of securing international recognition?
Has the failure of the anti-AFD Brandmauer proven its time for German politics to embrace a far right future?

Hypo
Volodymyr Zelensky, following massive international pressure, sets snap elections for next week. As various political organizations call this out as an authoritarian attempt to stay in power, Zelensky mobilizes military forces around key polling booths to "keep the peace." How can Russia exploit this chaos in Ukraine to finally take control of Ukraine?

8/18

DX
As Republicans target Dr. Fauci, should vaccine skepticism be the real blame for Covid-19's high death rate in the United States?
Could US attacks on Iranian water and desalination infrastructure constitute a further progression in America's blatant violation of international laws?
How can the US better improve cybersecurity to protect critical water infrastructure nationwide?
As the media brands Indiana Fever guard Sophie Cunningham as "MAGA Barbie," is the WNBA becoming the new center of America's culture war?
Does the erosion of the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure agency under the Trump administration present a serious threat to national security?
As MAGA Inc appears reluctant to share its war chest, what should Republicans do to increase the fundraising viability of individual candidates in competitive races?
What is behind the recent weakening of Obamacare?
How can artists like Morgan Wallen continue to keep country music relevant for a new generation of Americans?

IX
How will the rising belief of eventual AI consciousness affect the degree to which global institutions regulate AI?
Is Iran's new military junta led by Mohsen Rezaei a serious threat to Khamenei's fragile regime?
Despite its astronomical growth, what keeps China's job market weak?

Does Netanyahu's sympathy toward extreme settlers in the West Bank pose a serious risk of a third intifada?
What would a British de-coupling from Palantir look like for the UK?
Does the distortion of power in favor of courts mean that Brazil's presidential election holds little meaning for the future of the nation?
How can Japanese Gen-X workers find a new footing amidst Japan's rapidly changing economy?
Will the Northern Sea Route prove as promising as China hopes it is?

Hypo
In a shocking bipartisan showing of good faith, Congress passes a law that restores all provisions of Obamacare that expired, alongside removing any retrospective changes that negatively impacted the effectiveness of Obamacare. As healthcare becomes more accessible for Americans, is the appeal of the Democratic message "Medicare-for-all" still enough for Democrats to win up and down the ballot in the upcoming elections?

8/4-8/11

2026 EIF Extemp Season Champ Questions - Practice Set

7/28

DX
Will the implementation of REAL ID meaningfully improve US national security?
Which issue will have the greatest impact on youth voter behavior in the 2026 midterm elections?
Has Seattle done enough to address gun violence following the Bite of Seattle shooting?
Has the federal government done enough to address the health impacts of Canadian wildfires on American cities?
How should the US government improve food safety regulations following the cyclospora outbreak?
Why is the US government struggling to get prediction market regulation right?
Is San Francisco seeing a renaissance as a home and destination for Americans today?
As new studies quantify the effects of GLP-1 in reducing America's "obesity penalty," will social censure toward heavier people grow?

IX
How can Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi leverage diplomatic relations to bolster her waning domestic popularity?
How can African nations ensure the preservation of historical monuments doesn't come at the cost of economic growth?
With new leadership, is Lebanon on the path to rebuilding itself as a global business hub once again?
How can AI tech companies increase their revenue to offset increasingly high borrowing costs?
Should Europe attempt to crack down on drug smuggling through West Africa?
As AC becomes an increasing global necessity, how can governments prevent it from becoming a political problem?
Can French nuclear weapons be a deterrent for Europe if the US walks away?
How can India's government better address the concerns of the Cockroach Janta Party protest movement?

Hypo
In a not so shocking election result, Netanyahu's Likud Party did not succeed in Israel's October elections, as the party of Gadi Eisenkot, Yashar, surged in the polls instead. In response to this leadership swap,

Palestinians, angry over increasing Jewish settler violence, use the instability to launch a new intifada. As violence quickly ramps up in the West Bank just days after the election, Should Eisenkot's government continue to engage in Israel's forever wars by deploying the IDF, or seek a new form of diplomatic resolution?

7/21

DX

How has the Trump administration transformed the Department of Justice?
Does the pursuance of heavier anti-trust action by states put serious pressure on business monopolization?
Will Democratic states succeed in blocking Paramount's merger with Warner Bros?
As the US imposes new tariffs on Canada, what will it take for Trump administration to learn its lesson from tariff targeting and stop this strategy altogether?
Will AI data center moratoriums be a good enough solution to preserve the Colorado River?
What precedent will the Supreme Court's rulings in Watson v. Republican National Committee for American election law?
How can US AI companies ensure open weight Chinese models don't put their companies out of business?
As Instagram pulls Gen-Z youth outdoors, are hiking mishaps putting a strain on federal government resources?

IX

Should the international community push harder for knowledge on the status of Aung Sung Suu Kyi?
How can Panama ensure its canal doesn't become part of the United States and China's greater geopolitical game?
Will the Houthis naval blockade on Saudi Arabia open up a new front in the US Iran war?
What has kept oil prices from surging to unprecedented peaks as a result of the US Iran war?
Which nation has the most to lose if China's Belt and Road Initiative unravels?
What must happen for meetings between Chinese and Filipino diplomats to succeed in reducing tensions in the South China Sea?
How can British PM Andy Burnham ensure his first month in office seems sustained popularity?
Does abolishing elections meaningfully change anything about the state of authoritarian governance in Nicaragua?

Hypo

Prolific extemp competitor Rohan Dash knew that one day, he would put his extemp skills to work. Dashing from university, ETOC Champion Rohan attended the 2026 NATO Summit. On the sidelines of discussions on Ukraine, Dash used innovative new Chinese brainwashing technology to convince Hungary, Estonia, Lithuania, and Poland to establish the HELP Coalition. Over the next few weeks, the HELP Coalition held secret talks, applying the brainwashing technology in private meetings with diplomats from other NATO Countries. On July 29 during EIF's Round Robin, Rohan makes a hypothetical come true, leveraging the HELP Coalition to bring NATO members Britain, France, Finland, and Spain (BFFS) to launch a strike on Belarus, swiftly annexing the nation. With Russia mobilizing troops to deploy a counterstrike, Rohan leverages his technology to bring Belarusian leader Lukashenko to declare the nation of Belarus stateless, abolishing borders and dissolving the nation. Amidst the scramble for control, how can Rohan leverage his technology to work alongside the HELP Coalition to bring Belorussian territory under Polish control whilst holding off the BFFS from annexing the territory instead?

7/14

DX

How will Trump's continued blockade of the Iranian ports impact public perception of US foreign policy?
What does America's World Cup knockout mean for the future of the sport in the United States?
Does religious violence still present a real threat to Muslim communities nationwide?
After the suspension of Graham Platner's campaign, do Maine Democrats have any way to still win the Senate this November?
How would Paramount's acquisition of Warner Bros Discovery impact writers and adjacent creative industry workers?
How will Trump respond to the seeming defiance of Fed Chairman Warsh?
Will other states follow in suit of New York's data center moratorium?
What threat does the Trump administration's rescinding of the definition of "harm" imperiled wildlife pose to the future of environmental protectionism?

IX
How can foreign companies navigate Venezuela's complex debt situation to reduce losses?
Does the potential for economic benefit outweigh environmental concerns for Trinidad & Tobago in permitting US companies to develop data centers there?
How does stress surrounding the Gaokao impact the mental health of Chinese high school students?
As the war in Ukraine's impacts come home, will rising anxiety over the war cause Russians to act?
Has the war against Iran jeopardized Netanyahu's chances of reelection?
Should climate resilience become a greater priority in Taiwan's national security strategy?
Why do Europe's largest stock exchange markets continue to lag behind other developed regions of the globe?
Will Saudi Arabia's investment in global sports improve its international reputation?

Hypo
In the 2027 El Salvadoran elections, Nayib Bukele won by a landslide, cementing him as president and his party's supermajority. Amidst rampant human rights violations in their crackdown against gangs, the ICC issues a warrant for his arrest. Despite El Salvador being a signatory to the Rome Statute, Bukele demands police step down. After this event, has the ICC lost all its international credibility?

7/7
DX
How can Graham Platner prevent the Democratic establishment from further turning their back on his campaign?
How can the preservation of Route 66 be used as a tool for reducing political polarization?
How will America 250 be remembered in the American cultural zeitgeist?
To what extent did 2008 serve as a turning point in America's political history?
Does the nascent economic profitability of Confederate monuments justify the preservation of racially motivated histories?
How divisive is foreign policy within American politics?
Should America discard its founding principles if it has the possibility of resetting political polarization?
Who is to blame for America's World Cup Failure?

IX
By ditching its formal climate-targeting loans, is the World Bank leaving solving climate change behind?
If successful, how will Cuba's recent emergency reforms transform its economy?
Can semiconductor investment be a catalyst for Japanese economic growth?
Are supersized capital flows a net positive for the global economy despite their rising risks?

Will rail investment solve Mexico's problem of clogged urban sprawl?
To what extent has Israel's actions in the Middle East since October 2023 impacted its international standing?
Is the international community ready to bear the costs of rebuilding Syria?
How would cooperation between Israel and Türkiye benefit both nations?

Hypo
Taiwanese is declared the official language of Taiwan, altering school systems and raising the sense of Taiwanese nationalism held by its citizens. As the DPP further consolidates its power, how should the United States respond to prevent China from invading?

6/9

DX
Who will win Nevada's gubernatorial election?
Should Democrats be worried that scandals surrounding Graham Platner will threaten his electability?
How can Republicans best leverage nationwide primary results to win the Senate in 2026?
What will it take for the US to pass federal AI laws?
Will states win in their lawsuits against the Trump administration over anti-DEI language in federal contracts?
Why do Americans lack faith in the Trump administration's ability to deliver justice in Epstein cases?
How can local governments reduce fears of AI job replacement?
Will Uber's lawsuit against New York City's driver protection law successfully redefine corporate liability?

IX
Do new attacks on Iran compromise American hopes for a peace deal?
Is Canada making the right choice by introducing legislation to ban social media for individuals under 16?
Should Vietnam's Vingroup forge ahead with its construction of the "world's largest stadium"?
How can the UN help Cuba despite continued US sanctions?
Why is the world struggling to contain Ebolavirus in the Congo?
What is the future of Armenia following Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's re-election?
Will Abelardo de la Espriella win Colombia's upcoming runoff election?
What steps can Indonesia take to better address child abuse nationwide?

Hypo
Farmers in Thailand, angered over rising costs of fertilizer and fuel, revolt against the government of Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul. In response, the Anutin government establishes a program called Free Fuel for All (FFF), taking on debt to finance its existence. Should other Southeast Asian nations follow in Thailand's model of farmer support even if it comes with major economic costs?

5/26

DX
Is the Trump administration's "Anti-Weaponization Fund" a politicized payout system or a genuine move towards federal accountability?
What will be the lasting implications of the conclusion of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" on traditional media?
Does Elon Musk's loss in his lawsuit against OpenAI signal the company's growing favorability within the US government?
What must the states of the Colorado River Compact do to ensure that the water levels in the Colorado River don't dip to 0?

How will the use of federal grand jury subpoenas to access gender-affirming care records for minors redefine the boundary between state healthcare protections and federal oversight?
What steps should states take toward electric grid reform to lower prices for consumers nationwide?
Should the Trump administration support shrinking the US cattle market if it means winning environmental votes?
What lessons can the Trump administration take away from the EU's regulatory efforts on "addictive" social media platforms?

IX
Should the collapse of the Latvian government be a sign of concern for NATO unity?
Did the Chinese government make the right choice by deciding to loosen hukou restrictions?
Could a rushed US-Iran deal risk bringing the Middle East closer to China?
Should NATO countries militarily support Trump's war in Iran to rebuild trust with the United States?
What lessons can the Labour Party take away from the success of ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair in navigating their current political unfavorability?
Why is Russia trying to rebuild trust with Central Asian nations like Kazakhstan?
Is maintaining a "cold peace" with North Korea a plausible solution to ongoing US-North Korean tensions?
What is behind the surging crime rates across Belgium?

Hypo
While visiting both Koreas, Singaporean Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan "sings" his way into the hearts of Kim Jong Un and Lee Jae Myung, convincing them to sign the KKK (Korea Kinship Koalition) to fight xenophobia in both nations. As the Koreas open their doors to increased immigration, how can Singapore leverage its international standing to exploit new migrants?

5/19

DX
Will Trump continue his use of national guard deployments?
Are so-called "teen takeover" youth demonstrations a real threat to the nation?
How should the Department of Justice take on the rise of chip smuggling schemes?
How has the Minnesotan economy been impacted by recent attacks on legal protections for Somali migrants?
Is the US hospitality industry in need of more integrated AI tools?
Will president approval ratings lose their significance in a post-Trump world?
Should Republicans in Congress be worried about the decline of US-NATO relations?
Where are the proposed tribal land bills for 2027 falling short?

IX
How does Joseph Vijay's rise to power represent political changes within Tamil Nadu?
What should the Taiwanese government take away from the Trump-Xi summit last week?
How should the World Health Organization respond to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?
What is the power of the Siberia 2 pipeline for Russian and Chinese leaders?
How will efforts to dissolve the Israeli parliament affect Prime Minister Netanyahu's coalition over military conscription disputes?
What awaits the Jonglei state of South Sudan after nearly 5 months of conflict?
Should the recent rise in global executions come as a surprise or an expected development?
Has Chilean president José Antonio Kast lost control over the economy?

Hypo
Following Israel's near-win, major broadcasters around the world decide to ban the 2027 Eurovision song contest. Will this have any impact on Israel's use of Eurovision as a soft power tool?

5/12

DX
To what extent will the Iran war continue to impact the U.S. housing market?
Will Trump's policy paradigm on gas prices be enough to ease disapproval of the war in Iran?
Could the hantavirus be posing a serious threat to the US?
Are pension leaders justified in challenging the proposed governance model of SpaceX?
What does the future of US aid packages to Ukraine look like in the current political climate?
Are other social media companies likely to face the same legal consequences as Meta and YouTube over teen mental health?
Is it finally time to rethink Social Security?
How will Kevin Warsh as the new Fed chair impact its independence as a federal agency?

IX
Should the UAE have left OPEC?
Which international organization is best suited to address the trend of mass species extinctions?
How will Reform UK's historic win in local elections affect the next general elections?
Is it time for North Korea to withdraw its troops from the Russia-Ukraine war?
What can the African Union do to increase its enforcement power over member states?
Has the Mercosur alliance become too fragmented for effective economic policies?
What country stands to gain the most from the Strait of Hormuz blockade?
Is Arctic tourism a better bet for Greenland's future than mineral mining?

Hypo
Egypt launches a surprise attack on Sudan out of desperation for some economic relief. What do humanitarian organizations do to prevent the existing crisis in Sudan from worsening after the attack?

5/5

DX
How will the Supreme Court's decision in Louisiana v. Callais impact the 2026 midterm elections?
Should Trump's new IRA program be considered a win for gig workers?
Is the US capitalizing enough off of its e-smoking market?
Are standardized tests more of an opportunity or a barrier to students of color?
Has Trump's counterterrorism strategy against drug cartels made any progress in mitigating drug smuggling?
Would the Golden Dome missile defense system be a worthy investment for the US Space Force?
How can environmental groups protect endangered species in the Gulf of Mexico after the recent removal of many federal protections?
How might the US mend its tattered relations with Germany?

IX
Will tensions between the United States and Iran lead to renewed conflict in the Strait of Hormuz?
Will Japan's new arms export rules decrease or increase tensions in the South China Sea?
What does Iran stand to win or lose from the UAE's departure from OPEC?
Should Singapore's controversial anti-bullying measures for schools be tried by other Asian countries?

What does Israel have to gain by carrying out its strikes on Beirut?
What are the implications of China's state-backed chip fund being used to fund AI companies like DeepSeek?
Is the war in Iran on track to turn into a global conflict?
Can Russia still exert influence in Africa given the resistance it has faced from insurgent groups?

Hypo
The hantavirus outbreak spreads and causes the next global pandemic. How should the Trump Administration upgrade their pandemic response since Covid-19?

4/28

DX
Should the Supreme Court uphold the D.C. Circuit's ruling that the President cannot unilaterally suspend asylum rights at the southern border?
What impact will Virginia's redistricting vote have on future gerrymandering efforts by both parties?
What does the shooting at the White House Correspondents' Dinner signal about the current state of the First Amendment?
What are the lasting effects of the Department of Justice's investigation of Jerome Powell?
Are data centers becoming too much of a burden on urban development?
Should the Trump administration resume funding for all previously funded carbon-capture hubs?
How are geofence warrants posing legal challenges for law enforcement, if at all?
In what ways is the US education system lagging behind that of rivals like China?

IX
How is Hezbollah likely to affect the stability of the Israel-Lebanon ceasefire?
What message is Pope Leo's Africa Tour trying to send to African leaders?
How can Iran benefit from a stronger relationship with Russia amidst the US-Iran war?
Is it reasonable to expect a resurgence in Somali piracy after recent hijacking incidents?
What was the role of Russia's Africa Corps in the thwarted coup attempt in Mali?
Should Mexico continue to prioritize a kingpin strategy when it comes to cartels?
What is behind Anthony Albanese' aversion to gas export taxes on existing contracts given the ongoing global fuel crisis?
Is the EU doing enough to unify anti-sexual assault efforts across all member states?

Hypo
After the UAE announces its decision to leave OPEC, the other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council threaten mass sanctions. How can President Trump de-escalate the situation?

4/21

DX
Will moves to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth make it far in Congress?
What changes should the libertarian party push for in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act?
Are FCC regulations on cellphone carriers too strict, too lenient, or just right?
Should more independents embrace the campaign strategy of Dan Olson in Nebraska?
How will Virginia's redistricting efforts impact the upcoming midterm elections?
Why are Trump's public statements having such an influence on insider trading patterns?
What should San Francisco do to better protect local marine life and ecosystems?
How will the CDC's policy priorities shift under Erica Schwartz?

IX
Is it Iran's interest to keep the Strait of Hormuz open?
Four years into Sudan's civil war, how can the international community contain its spillover violence?
What should the Tisza party do within the parliament to check the power of Prime Minister Viktor Orban?
How should Russia respond to the results from Bulgaria's parliamentary elections?
What more can Indonesia do to protect the rights of domestic workers?
In what ways will Japan loosening its arms export rules affect diplomacy with China?
Can South Africa reform its criminal justice system in the face of widespread corruption?
Should the Nigerian government be doing more to discourage coup plots?

Hypo
Trump goes through in replacing Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell with his top choice, Kevin Warsh. Should Democrats be concerned?

4/14

DX
Who is best placed to win the 2026 gubernatorial race in California?
How does RFK Jr.'s stance on peptide injections impact the pharmaceutical industry?
Will the ceasefire with Iran last in the face of a US naval blockade?
Is NASA's investment in human spaceflight a good use of funding?
How can the trucking industry stay competitive in the face of record-high diesel prices?
What are the effects of recent military interventions on legal immigration to the US?
Is the CDC still relevant to US politics?
What should be done to expand mental health treatment options in rural areas?

IX
Should other EU members follow Greece's example in banning social media for adolescents under 15?
Will Ireland's fuel price protests catch on in other European countries?
Should North Korea be held accountable for the actions of the Lazarus Group?
Under what conditions would Burkina Faso end its war against Islamist insurgents?
What can Viktor Orban do to prevent internal fallout in his party after the recent election loss?
Will the Philippines and China be able to peacefully resolve their disputes in the South China Sea?
Are there any prospects left for Syrian democracy?
What should the IMF do in order to curb global inflation fears?

Hypo
American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and Guam demand that their residents are given equal voting rights or they no longer recognize the authority of the US government. Which side should Latin American countries back?

4/7

DX
Who should Trump select to replace Pam Bondi?
Is President Trump's war rhetoric doing more harm than good to his war efforts?
How will the conflict in Iran affect the US labor market?
Should more Democrats follow the campaigning strategies used by independent candidate Graham Planter?
Do Trump's recent threats to bomb Iranian infrastructure warrant a response from international legal bodies?

Is the US doing enough to protect its journalists in conflict zones?
How can Congress tackle the rise of health care fraud involving hospice?
Will Texas' social studies overhaul help boost standardized test scores?

IX
Does Israel's new death penalty policy violate international law?
Is Cuba putting its sovereign clemency power to good or bad use with its recent mass prisoner release?
To what extent do strikes near nuclear facilities increase the risk of broader regional conflict?
What can Viktor Orban do to help his party rival the opposition Tisza party before elections?
Why are Mediterranean migrant death rates continuing to be so high?
What major takeaways can be made from the aviation industry's response to higher fuel prices?
Is China better-suited than other countries to broker peace between Pakistan and Afghanistan?
Should there be an international binding agreement on regulating AI surveillance technology?

Hypo
After recently blocking Kanye West from entry, the UK decides to simply turn away *all* foreign artists for the foreseeable future. How would such a policy affect their online entertainment industry?

3/31
DX
In what ways will the recent verdict against Meta and Youtube mark a turning point in social media regulation?
What does the Democrats win in the Mar-a-Lago district reveal about Republicans' public relations tactics?
Will the cost of the conflict in Iran sway US voters during the 2026 midterms?
Could the recent blocking of 2 executive orders signal an increase in legal challenges to the presidency?
Should Trump's threats on birth right citizenship be considered an actual concern or mere threats?
Can state governments do anything to mitigate the rise in oil prices on their own?
Are deaths in ICE custody hurting the US diplomatic relationship with Central America?
Could projects like the Nevada Lithium Mine significantly decrease US reliance on African minerals?

IX
Will the US decision to relax sanctions encourage Iran to comply with international nuclear agreements?
Is the Taiwanese military compromised by Chinese intelligence?
To what extent will Israel's expansion of military operations in southern Lebanon escalate the broader conflict with Hezbollah and Iran?
Will the new EU-Australia free trade agreement be enough to reduce either country's economic reliance on China?
Does the future of Cuba's energy sector depend on Russia?
How can the UN better enforce laws meant to protect their international peacekeepers?
Will Putin continue to maintain political support for the war in Ukraine after 4 years of fighting?
Is the United Kingdom's decision to scrap its non-crime hate incident rules a mistake or a step in the right direction?

Hypo
The Trump administration passes its proposed executive order that would permit the DHS to create a nationwide list of verified eligible voters. How will the executive order's effects on mail-in voting impact the 2026 midterm elections?

3/24

DX

How is the partial government shutdown affecting long-term civic participation?
How has the president's role as commander in chief shifted in the past decade?
In what ways can the US limit the number of displaced people as a result of its foreign policy?
Are universities doing enough to prevent gun violence on campus?
Could detention facility reform be significant to controlling the recent measles outbreak?
Can Trump reach a deal with Iran that still manages to benefit US oil companies?
At this rate, can Social Security last another decade?
What is behind the ailing electric vehicle market in the US?

IX

Can the Cuban government survive the United States' oil blockade?
How will regional terror groups respond to the recent relocation of NATO troops from Iraq?
What will be the long-term environmental impacts of the war in Iran?
Are the attacks on Sudan's hospitals the result of military strategy or an overall lack of accountability?
What has been the role of surveillance companies in supporting the war in Gaza?
Can South Africa and the US restore their diplomatic ties?
What is the impact of Quebec's secular law on local women empowerment efforts?
Will rising global oil prices prompt European countries to return to Russian oil?

Hypo

A massive volcano erupts, causing the world temperature to increase by exactly 2.5 degrees Celsius. How should global climate agreements be updated in order to prevent Earth from crossing the point of no return?

3/17

DX

Will the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act be doing enough to address the housing affordability crisis?
Is it possible to regulate political polarization in digital spaces without running the risk of censorship?
Given its efforts to censor news coverage of the war in Iran, is the FCC bordering on authoritarianism?
Where will the US draw the line between humanitarianism and its interventions abroad?
Should more preschools be federally funded?
What precedent will the xAI lawsuit set for legal personal AI usage?
What are the implications of Dr. Vinay Prasad's resignation from the Food and Drug Administration?
What lessons can Democrats take away from the Texas primary election?

IX

Should US allies follow American demands to deploy warships in defense of the Strait of Hormuz?
Will the US ever be punished under international law for its strike on the Minab Girls' School in Iran?
Will Trump's naval blockade on Cuba drive it closer or further from Russia?
Should Ángel "Lobos Menor" Aguilar be considered a national security threat in Mexico?
What are the long-term implications of Nepal's general election results?
Will US cooperation with Ecuadorian forces ease tensions between the U.S and Latin America?
Is President Sadyr Japarov driving Kyrgyzstan towards autocracy?
Is the enforcement of high seas law being neglected?

Hypo

Kristi Noem publicly degrades Trump following her resignation. Will her action be able to shake up Trump's MAGA following?

3/10

Enjoy your spring break, extempers!

3/3

DX

How will Trump's challenges to judicial authority weigh on the economy?
What sort of precedent is Anthropic setting for AI use in the military?
Will conflict between the US and Iran undermine the "America First" policy?
Should the FTC continue to explore restrictions on foreign call centers?
Are there sufficient checks on election machine integrity?
How should LGBTQ advocacy organizations respond to Kansas' new driver license requirements?
What takeaways should Democrats from other states make from the Texas primaries?
How will utilities providers respond to the recent surge in gas prices?

IX

How does the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei alter Iran's political landscape?
How can Tajikistan better counter attacks by Afghan militant groups?
In what ways has ISIS exploited political divisions in Syria?
Is France's new nuclear doctrine a threat to European security?
Will stronger ties between Canada and Australia actually help them resist global hegemonies?
What will be the defining voting issues in Nepal's upcoming general election?
Will Cuba's tourism sector survive the current fuel shortage?
Is German chancellor Friedrich Merz wise in choosing a more cautious foreign policy approach?

Hypo

Global sea levels rise by nearly 3 feet overnight, decimating many islands and coastal locations in the process. How will global agriculture be impacted?

2/23

DX

Will Congress agree to enforce the SCOTUS ruling on Trump's tariffs?
How does the current DHS shutdown impact everyday Americans?
Should Democrats finally address concerns about their involvement with AIPAC?
What measures should be taken by US colleges to reduce hazing incidents?
Is the global dominance of the US dollar currently in trouble?
Has the National Public Health Coalition been successful so far in forming a "shadow CDC?"
How are Trump's lawsuit threats over state AI laws affecting new legislation?
What kind of precedent is Trump setting through his use of the rhetorical presidency ?

IX

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Has the India AI Impact Summit shown that India is ready for a central role in global AI policy?
Are Middle Eastern powers prepared for potential conflict between the US and Iran?
How will the capture of El Mencho affect regional trade in Central America?
How can international human rights organizations work to protect Iranian students?

Four years into the Russia-Ukraine war, how has the role of mercenary groups shifted?
Should CK Hutchinson give up on its economic ambitions in the Panama Canal?
Are southeast-Asia's cyberscam farms starting an international crisis?

Hypo
Armenia and Azerbaijan break their peace agreement and blame the US for being a poor mediator. How can the US restore peace while rebuilding its credibility as a world power?

2/16
Brief hiatus. Thank you for your patience.

2/9
DX
Are Trump's calls to nationalize operating elections a serious threat to this nation?
How will Democrats' demands affect Congressional negotiations over ICE?
Is the Trump versus Harvard saga likely to end soon?
What does the Turning Point USA alternative Super Bowl half time show reveal about the current nature of political polarization in the US?
Is there any chance that the most recent release of the Epstein files will lead to criminal charges or investigations?
Can a resurgence in local newspapers still happen?
Should Trump's comments on current Team USA Olympic athletes be addressed by past US Olympians?
How will delays on the Gordie Howe International Bridge affect the US fuel trade with Canada?

IX
Was the Portuguese energy grid underprepared for Storm Leonardo?
What factors are behind the LDP's success in Japan's recent snap elections?
Has the Houthi rebel group lost its capacity for violence?
Is the public or private sector of Pakistan more responsible for current gains in its tourism sector?
How can mining companies in Mexico better protect their workers from cartel violence?
Should humanitarian organizations be doing more in Cuba following effects from the US embargo?
Should other countries follow the examples of France and Canada and open more consulates in Greenland?
How is the Epstein files scandal affecting the credibility of European governments like those of France and the United Kingdom?

Hypo
The SAVE America Act finally passes Congress. What are its implications on middle-age, independent voters?

2/2
DX
How will the Senate's partial federal funding lapse affect public education quality?
Is Amazon's agreement with Open AI setting a bad precedent for Big Tech's involvement in the AI industry?
How can Democrats capitalize over weak Republican showings across the country?
Is Temporary Protected Status (TPS) about to be gutted by the Trump administration?
Will the merger of xAI and SpaceX make space exploration more unreliable?

Come May 2026, how might the Federal Reserve change under the leadership of Kevin Marsh?
Are unions hurting the US manufacturing industry more than they're helping it?
How can immigrant detention centers do more to protect detainees from viral illnesses?

IX
In the long-term, is it wise for nations like the UK to seek closer relations with China?
How has Russia's winter energy campaign changed civilian life in Ukraine?
Can the EU play a great role in Serbia's fight against official corruption?
How can the Lobito Corridor be upgraded in order to promote regional economic growth?
While in use, was Starlink a significant military advantage for Russia?
Will Iranian protestors eventually succeed in overthrowing and replacing their government?
Are international humanitarian organizations doing enough to address mental health concerns like PTSD?
What do Costa Rican elections reveal about populist politics in Central America?

Hypo
Aleksander Vucic loses power in Serbia. What should Russia do if its goal is to have more soft power in the Balkans?

1/26

DX
How should civil rights organizations react to how the federal government has handled the murder of Alex Pretti?
What can the GOP do to restore its unity ahead of the 2026 midterm elections?
Will Trump's recent executive order on large single-family home investors make homes more affordable?
Despite inter-party criticism, will Josh Shapiro become the 2028 Democratic presidential nominee?
Could there be a political advantage for Republicans if Trump fires Kristi Noem?
How can the power grid in rural areas be cold-proofed after recent winter storms in the US?
How can plane manufacturers work to improve airline security and reassure fliers?
Should slowing population growth be more or less of a priority for lawmakers?

IX
What are the global effects of EU-India relations having improved in the past year?
How has Davos 2026 veered off-course from previous summits?
What are the diplomatic implications of the US officially leaving the World Health Organization?
Did China play an outsized role in Myanmar's recent election?
Would Germany benefit from adopting an immigration policy similar to Spain's?
How can the international community better support protestors in Iran?
Can health officials in India do more to reduce the global spread of the Nipah virus?
Should Bulgarian protests against the Euro be of genuine concern to the European Union?

Hypo
The Minneapolis Police Department declares that it won't cooperate with federal ICE agents anymore. Expecting backlash from the federal government, how can Governor Walz protect the state from turning into a federalist battleground?

1/19

DX

How will Tim Walz's decision to not run for reelection affect the strategy of Democrat lobbyists in Minnesota?
Is the federal reserve truly an independent agency?
Would it be wise for the US to invade Iran in the next year?
How have scandals with ICE changed the way the federal government defines legal immunity?
Are anti-ICE demonstrators taking civil disobedience too far?
What will be the biggest voting points in the 2026 midterm elections?
How can AI use in the workplace be reformed to maximize worker efficiency?

IX
If Trump goes through with his threats to set tariffs on Greenland, how should the EU react?
Will the Trump administration's execution of Operation Absolute Resolve restore Venezuelan democracy?
Is the Chinese Navy on track to facilitate an invasion of Taiwan?
How could the ceasefire between Syria and the Kurdish SDF affect global oil prices?
Is it possible for the US's "Board of Peace" to mitigate long-term violence in Gaza?
In what ways might Vietnam's attempt to boost the economy backfire?
Should the UN get involved when countries like Uganda weaponize internet access during election periods?
How can Sudan's allies do their part to prevent the collapse of the Sudanese healthcare system?

Hypo
Global coconut prices hit an all-time low. How can the Indonesian economy, known for its tropical agriculture, rebound?

1/12

DX
Will protests against the murder of Renee Good do any good in reforming ICE?
How might Trump's expressed support of Iranian protestors affect interest groups in the US?
In what ways is the Uvalde school shooting trial relevant to current debates on police reform?
How can Republicans use the example of Mississippi to shape the future of their education policy?
Will Mary Peltola be the saving grace for Senate Democrats in 2026?
Have laws on transgender athletes become too politicized instead of focusing on athlete health?
How will the Republican party fare in 2028 without the face of Trump?
How are rising water levels affecting Native American tribe sovereignty?

IX
If given the chance, should Greenland deploy NATO forces in response to recent remarks from Trump?
How is the Khamenei regime asserting power in the face of nationwide protests?
Are neighboring countries like Nepal sufficiently helping Myanmar weather its Rohingya refugee crisis?
Is the Cuban energy industry beyond saving?
What is the greatest challenge to Thailand's liberal opposition for the upcoming elections?
What are the moral implications of Russia targeting Ukrainian utilities in the winter?
Will the situation in Venezuela inspire China to take similar action against Taiwan?
Is it possible for Tanzania to mitigate election violence without using military force?

Hypo
You're given the option to invest $10 million in any one country's technology sector. Which country do you choose to create the greatest societal change possible?

1/5

DX

Will Trump actually end up invoking the Insurrection Act?
What will be the political implications of Trump's mass rural healthcare subsidies?
Is the government response to the Somali daycare scandal an overreaction or a valid precaution?
What is behind the surge in US data center demand?
Considering US military activity in the Caribbean, has the US navy lost its credibility?
Are environmental groups succeeding in pushing a national standard for clean energy?
Is there any potential for the utility of the American train system in the next decade?
Following an invasion of JD Vance's home, is it time to beef up security services for government workers?

IX

What is China's goal in conducting extensive military drills around Taiwan in recent years?
Are international sanctions and restrictions on Iran empowering or hurting protestors?
Will UK–French airstrikes prevent an Islamic State resurgence in Syria?
How will global oil markets react to the evolving situation in Venezuela?
What are the implications of China's advances in AI use for medical diagnoses?
Should Yemen follow through on its plan to reclaim territory from UAE-supported groups?
Will currency reforms in Syria succeed in encouraging investment into the country?
How are trends in the global equity funds market likely to impact tech startups in 2026?

Hypo

In a surprising twist, Luigi Mangione is convicted of state terrorism charges that were previously dropped.
How will this decision impact future Supreme Court decisions related to political violence?

12/29

Questions will resume in 2026. Happy holidays!

12/22

DX

What are the effects of Rep. Elise Stefanik dropping out of the New York gubernatorial race?
Is it wise for House Republicans to get behind Trump's proposed Patriot Games?
Following new regulations, what does the future of transgender healthcare look like?
How can cases of assault against police officers be tackled without emboldening police aggression?
Is the FBI's use of AI to address national security threats a good idea?
How should homeless shelters prepare for the worsening affordability crisis?
Should higher education institutions finally abandon tenure?
Fifty years later, what grade does the federal IETC deserve for its support of American households?

IX

How has Mercosur been affected by the right-wing wave across Latin American politics?
To what extent should Australia update its gun control laws after the Bondi Beach shooting?
Can the Japanese economy weather the US-China trade war?
How is the American military's strategic flexibility keeping China's regional power in check?
What are the consequences of the India-New Zealand trade agreement on their relations with the UK?
Are the Thailand-Cambodia peace talks adequately representing the needs of the ASEAN alliance?
What word best describes the state of the Sudanese media industry right now?
How are melting Himalayan glaciers threatening the livelihoods of local farmer villages?

Hypo
Right before the 2026 midterms, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is revealed as the "new face" of the Democratic party. How will this impact rural voter turnout during the midterms?

12/15

DX
What does the House's passage of the Protect America's Workforce Act signify for the rest of Trump's term?
How will Trump's deal with the Potawatomi tribe redefine relations between the government and natives?
How can private entities like Brown University do their part in the fight against gun violence?
Have states been given enough time to implement new food aid restrictions?
Should SNAP fraud be a genuine concern for the US government?
For the most part, are AI/tech jobs in the US being filled by qualified candidates?
Are restrictions on military flights a policy worth pursuing for Democrats?
What will be the effects of more lax federal marijuana restrictions on low-income communities?

IX
Is the Ukrainian corruption scandal a valid reason to limit military aid to the country?
How will the US' seizure of oil tankers affect the cost of living in Venezuela?
Is the Bondi Beach shooting the start of a new trend in gun violence or a historic outlier for Australia?
How might US troops be posing a challenge to the Syrian government's goal of national unification?
How can local authorities limit the health risks of smog for their people?
How are current winter storms changing the nature of humanitarian operations?
What does the conviction of Hong Kong tycoon Jimmy Lai mean for the security landscape in Asia?
Will an international commission for Ukraine war damages do any economic good for the region?

Hypo
A new global pandemic emerges. How can African governments prepare for the unique challenges they are likely to face?

12/8

DX
Will Trump's federal aid package adequately help farmers affected by trade wars?
What should minority advocacy groups take away from the ICE raids in Minneapolis and New Orleans?
What will be the future of the USMCA trade agreement in 2026?
Is the "war on terror" a real justification for strikes on drug boats?
What most caused the downfall of the USIP?
What will be the implications of Trump ending AI regulations on the state level?
How can American think tanks become increasingly independent from the government?
How will Netflix's proposed acquisition of Warner Bros. change the film industry?

IX
How can regional allies prevent escalation between Thailand and Cambodia?
Should Airbus recalls be an economic cause for concern in the aerospace industry?
What is behind the uptick in deadly floods across Southeast Asia?
Will the DRC-Rwanda peace agreement hold?
What will the Russia-India visit amount to in terms of trade?
What is the greatest factor behind Hong Kong's low voter turnout?

How should parents be viewing Australia's new social media law?
Is the Vatican doing enough to regain the trust of indigenous communities?

Hypo
You wake up in the body of Bashar al-Assad, determined to fully democratize Syria in the next year. What are your first steps?

12/1

DX
What does the recent shooting of members of the National Guard reveal about anti-immigrant rhetoric?
What will be the result of a failed congressional compromise over extending ACA premium subsidies?
Will Trump granting clemency to David Gentile have significant political ramifications?
How might President Trump's personal attacks against female journalists perpetuate misogyny in the workforce?
Is the Supreme Court on the verge of dismantling the Voting Rights Act?
How will massive reversals on fact-checking affect political misinformation?
Are grand juries justified in rejecting Trump administration prosecutions?
How will "America-first" upcharges at national parks affect inter-state migration?

IX
How can international NGOs punish Georgia for using chemical weapons against protestors?
How should the WHO work to expand equitable access to obesity jabs?
Did climate protestors in Australia succeed in attracting support for their mission?
Has Palau become a pawn in the US-China rivalry?
What do recent floods in Southeast Asia suggest about the future of tropical storms?
How will Sudan's slow collapse reshape the power balance in East Africa?
Is Africa providing the next global paradigm for environmental planning?
How are shadow-fleet tankers in the Black Sea changing the Russia-Ukraine war?

Hypo
The UN mysteriously repeals its international protections for cultural workers. Could international NGOs succeed in protecting cultural workers' rights on their own?

11/24

DX
Is the Supreme Court about to effectively gut the Voting Rights Act?
What are the national implications of the US refusing to attend COP30?
How has the Epstein scandal reshaped the conservative movement?
Is it time for Democrats to rethink their approach to immigration policy?
Should the trend of jobless economic expansion be a true concern for the Federal Reserve?
How should high-profile Republicans respond to Trump and Mamdani's meeting?
Has America become desensitized to political violence?
Will Trump's tariff exemption on some foreign food items be enough to inspire further exemptions?

IX
Should US attacks on Venezuelan ships be considered a violation of international law?
What does the future of democratic government look like for Guinea-Bissau?
Will Trump's 28-point plan for Ukraine succeed in deescalation?
How can the UN further contribute to Gaza reconstruction efforts?

Is Mexico's crime-fighting model one other Latin American countries should follow?
How can the EU hold the UAE accountable for its continued role in regional conflicts?
What are the implications of Tunisia's continued reliance on external voting?
Is reviving the NATO-Russia council a good idea?

Hypo
Congress makes a typo while finalizing the upcoming budget and accidentally devotes over $50 billion to bureaucratic agencies. How should bureaucrats use this money in order to address the current exodus of civil servants?

11/17

DX
Is the US planning to invade Venezuela?
What precedent will the longest government shutdown set for future ones?
Has the air travel industry turned into a "political football" for the government?
Will the CDC as an institution survive past the end of Trump's current term?
How has the release of emails sent by Jeffrey Epstein changed public opinion on Republican leadership?
What are the implications of the ruling made in the case against former FBI director James Comey?
What does US law say about the presence of border agents in North Carolina?
Would a meeting between Trump and Mamdani truly be beneficial for either main political party?

IX
Is the EU-Mercosur trade deal succeeding in boosting their respective economies?
What are the main takeaways from Iraq's 2025 parliamentary elections?
Should the national debt still be a key concern for the Egyptian government?
How can the UN better address growing cybersecurity risks in Africa?
What will the indictment of Sheikh Hasina mean for the future of India-Pakistan relations?
Is the WTO still relevant in the wake of cryptocurrency?
What grade does the Japanese government deserve for its mediating power between China and Taiwan?
What would be the effects of approving the proposed Gaza stabilization force?

Hypo
Gavin Newsom unexpectedly quits his job as governor of California. What should he be doing leading up to 2028 if he still aspires to receive the Democratic presidential nomination?

11/10

DX
What does the blue wave in the recent gubernatorial elections reveal about voter priorities?
What's at stake with the US resuming its nuclear testing program?
Is the most recent government report on the labor market credible?
How should civil society organizations react to the proposal to overturn the same-sex marriage precedent?
Is PETA still relevant in the fight for animal rights?
What are the implications of only 8 Senate Democrats supporting the GOP-backed proposal to end the shutdown?
Should Chuck Schumer step down as Democrat minority leader in the Senate?
How will the Supreme Court be likely to rule in Learning Resources, Inc v. Trump?

IX
How will the US absence from the G20 African Summit affect the overall security landscape in Africa?

Can Europe's economy stay strong despite US political turmoil?
How will the outcome of Hungary's 2026 election affect its relationship with the EU and NATO?
Should other countries follow the example of Bulgaria and publicly acquire companies like Lukoil?
What role is Chinese green technology playing at COP30 this year?
Which country should be taking the most action against rising numbers of drug boats in international waters?
Is there hope for deescalation in the conflict in Sudan?
Is it time for more stringent ethical guidelines on brain technology?

Hypo
All geostationary satellites fall from the sky overnight, causing a global outage of telecommunications services. How should the telecommunications industry adapt to this catastrophe?

11/3

DX
Is Congresswoman-elect Adelita Grijalva not being sworn in a worrying sign for US democracy?
How long will it take for the US economy to fully recover from the shutdown?
What key voting issues will define the New Jersey gubernatorial race?
Are sin taxes proving to be effective solutions to gambling?
With stars like quarterback Joe Burrow being injured, how can the National Football League (NFL) reform its injury reporting system to be more just?
What lessons can Republican candidates learn from the current New York mayoral race?
Are American colleges and universities justified in denying a platform to organizations like the Jewish Voice for Peace?
Does the US have a fair system of campaign finance?

IX
As the US continues its crackdown, how far will Moscow go to defend Venezuela?
What does Japan's new aid policy under Prime Minister Takaichi imply for East Asian militaries?
Does Israel violating the current ceasefire necessarily mean that current peace won't hold?
Are Central American countries' early warning systems ready for Hurricane Melissa?
What foreign policy issues will be prioritized in the upcoming Argentine elections?
Can Australia afford to play a greater role in the global critical minerals market?
What are the main reasons behind Senegal's current media crackdown?
What are the implications of the UAE's involvement in Sudanese peace talks?

Hypo
Following the release of Sora II, the Japanese government, through the International Court of Justice, sues Open AI for copyright infringement of Japanese media. As media companies like Japan's Shueisha and America's Disney join in solidarity, what will be the global verdict on AI copyright law?

10/28

DX
Is the Supreme Court likely to weaken the Voting Rights Act?
Which super PAC will be most reliable for Republicans in the 2026 midterms?
How will the gerrymandering fights in New York, Illinois, and Virginia affect national polarization?
Are the US and China close to reaching a new trade agreement?
How will agricultural workers be affected by the temporary stop in SNAP benefits?
Have gambling regulations become too lax?

What is behind the surge in private donations to support US foreign aid?
How should the US prepare for the unique challenges to be posed by Hurricane Melissa?

IX
How can ASEAN help to ease tensions in Asian trade?
Should Canada continue to trade with the US, given the imposition of new tariffs?
Is Japan's new prime minister doing enough to protect women's rights?
Would deploying international troops be effective in enforcing peace in Gaza?
What precedent will the debut of Afghanistan's women football team set for countries like Saudi Arabia and Qatar?
How has Moscow retained influence in the post-Assad era?
How will the addition of Timor Leste to ASEAN affect the organization's diplomatic abilities?
How can humanitarian organizations better approach child disappearances?

Hypo
To the dismay of vice president JD Vance, Trump announces his plans to run for a third term. How should Democrats in Congress react?

10/21

DX
Considering recent leaks, should the GOP distance itself from the Young Republicans group?
What should be the takeaways for investors from the ongoing crypto crash?
What are the implications of the federal shutdown for Republicans' policymaking strategies?
Why have Republican campaigns been prioritizing affordability and similar social issues?
Is light rail the future of the American public transport system?
What does the success of candidates like Zohran Mamdani tell us about nationwide shifts in political ideology?
How can standardized testing be reformed to become more equitable?
Does Trump's immigration policy violate the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

IX
Will the new Afghanistan-Pakistan ceasefire hold?
What do Madascagar's protests foreshadow about the nation's future?
What will be the long-term effects of acute food insecurity on economic development in Gaza?
Is it in the military interests of the Sudanese RSF to change its stance on humanitarian aid?
How will the planned Putin-Trump tunnel affect Ukraine's relations with the US?
Should the US stop sending military support to South Korea?
Is there hope for Columbia in curbing its drug trade?
What can security companies learn from the robbery in the Louvre?

Hypo
Because of growing numbers of memes about the job-seeking process, online recruiters like Linkedin decide to shut down for good. How will the labor market adjust to the fall of online recruitment?

10/13

DX
How is the government shutdown framing the debate on healthcare in Congress?
What will the new "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education" mean for the Ivy League?
Has the Department of Justice been weaponized by the Trump Administration?

What will the new Insurrection Act mean for American cities?
Is the immigration crackdown in Chicago having its intended effect?
How have scholars and their research been affected by growing US-China tensions?
How can the budget of special education services be reformed to survive recent cuts?
Is the US playing too large a role in the peace talks in Gaza?

IX
How is Article 23 continuing to affect democracy in Hong Kong?
Is conflict in store for Afghanistan and Pakistan?
What influence will the new deal in Gaza have on the Palestinian Authority's political power?
Will the Gaza ceasefire hold?
Are counterterrorism efforts in North Africa enough right now?
How can Madagascar's government minimize the risk of future coup attempts without overreaching its power?
What country should Mexico consider its greatest ally in 2025?
Should ASEAN take a tougher stance on maritime sovereignty?

Hypo
Due to frustration from recent funding cuts, NASA cancels all major exploration projects for the next decade. How can China's space program best capitalize off of this development?

10/6

DX
What does the government shutdown mean for the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank?
What are the implications of Pete Hegseth's new standard for the military on US foreign policy?
Why is the US soybean industry failing?
Will Trump's renewed "War on Drugs" succeed in cornering drug cartels?
Is the federal government doing enough to protect women in the military?
Are synthetic opioids as much of a threat as they were 2 years ago?
Will the Department of Education survive the ongoing government shutdown?
Is military coverage of IVF a good idea?

IX
What is behind the decline of France's centrist party?
What is unique about the appointment of SanaeTakaichi as Japanese prime minister?
How should Congo tackle the current rise of ebola cases in the country?
Is the CDC succeeding in doing its job on the global level?
What are the implications of the pending Gaza deal on future restoration projects?
How can Britain recover after the Manchester synagogue attack?
How will Storm Amy affect British-Irish relations?
Is Europe's Green to Grey environmental project doing enough to protect agricultural lands?

Hypo
Hollywood caves and hires its first "AI actor:" the controversial Tilly Norwood. How should labor unions in the film industry respond?

9/29

DX
Does labeling antifa a terrorist group actually protect safety?

Can the US government avoid a shutdown before October 1st?
How will the indictment of James Comey impact trust in the American justice system?
How can the CDC restore trust in acetaminophen after recent comments by the president?
Based on the recent conference with Netanyahu, what are the prospects for US-Israel relations?
Are TV conglomerates in the US doing enough to protect free speech?
How should Congress work to avoid future shutdowns?
Is the US losing political influence in Central America?

IX
How should South Korea prevent future data center outages?
How should the European Commission garner national support to successfully implement the Draghi report?
Should the international community anticipate direct conflict between China and the Philippines?
Are snapback sanctions enough to reel in Iran's nuclear program?
How can the super conservatives in France better maintain voter support?
How will uncertainties in Nepalese politics affect the regional economy?
What are the effects of Ghana's brain drain on its healthcare system?
What takeaways for the Russia-Ukraine war can be made from the recent Alaska summit?

Hypo
Feeling embarrassed after President Trump's recent speech, the UN general assembly decides to cease operating for a month and focus on self-reflection. What will be the impact of their decision on all active warzones?

9/22

DX
What does Jimmy Kimmel's firing mean for free speech in America?
Will the new $100K fee on H1-B visas help America?
Why did the US go forward with the TikTok deal?
How should Democratic lawmakers react to "Border Tzar" Tom Homan's bribery charges?
Are partisan differences inhibiting advocates' ability to protect free speech?
Should states like Minnesota finally legalize sports betting?
What is the most pressing challenge facing tribal communities this year?
How are low-income communities adjusting to Trump's tariffs almost a year in?

IX
Will Trump's military buildup in the Caribbean push Maduro to negotiate or provoke a wider regional conflict?
What will happen to Israel's local influence if they fail to renegotiate American military support for after 2028?
Should the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) be considered a rising concern for Middle Eastern stability?
Have Middle Eastern nations become too dependent on the UN for diplomacy?
Are Nigerian counterterrorism efforts failing the country?
What can be done to protect European airports from future cyberattacks?
How can the Paris Agreement be amended to better discourage use of traditional fuel sources?
Is China's current system for reacting to natural disasters enough to protect citizens?

Hypo

Following the release of the iPhone 17, all major US tech companies realize they could maximize their profits by making more breakable tech. How should the federal government react in order to establish a higher standard for tech quality?

9/15

DX

Will Trump continue deploying the National Guard to U.S. cities?
What is the influence of the Court of International Trade's (CIT) tariff ruling on upcoming SCOTUS trials?
How will the recent ICE raid on a Hyundai factory affect US semiconductor trade with Taiwan?
Will the federal reserve bank's "credibility gamble" pay off for the American economy?
What is behind the growing social influence of political influencers and commentators?
Should the recent national job report concern the food production industry?
What can pro-gun advocates do in the fight against political violence?
Is US military support for Israel still worth it?

IX

How should Ishiba's successor better manage the US-Japan tariff war?
What factors were behind Russia's recent encroachment on NATO airspace?
How is Israel's budget crisis affecting its diplomatic missions?
Will the US and China be able to secure more "deliverables" at future trade summits?
Will El Salvador finally be able to get organized crime under control in 2026?
How should NATO respond to provocatory Russian actions without spurring a larger conflict?
What does the future of UN aid missions in Gaza look like?
Is the new Nepalese leadership well-equipped to govern?

Hypo

The entire world population becomes extroverted, causing governments to interact with all uncontacted native peoples. How should human rights organizations react in order to protect the sovereignty of those groups?

9/8

DX

How will vaccine funding cuts affect the future of bipartisan healthcare policies?
How will Trump's push for new sanctions shape the outcome of the Russia-Ukraine war?
What impact would Donald Trump's voting reforms have on future elections?
What impact will the Trump Administration's crackdown on sanctuary cities have?
Will the absence of voting machines help or hurt rural America's civic engagement?
Should other metropolitan areas follow the example set by New York City's recent executive order on vaccine administration?
Is there hope for greater math proficiency among girls given the current state of STEM education?

IX

Are Donald Trump's tariffs pushing India away?
Are recent movements to ban so-called LAWs in the right?
Was Trump's military strike on Tren De Aguas justified?
How can Emmanuel Macron choose an effective Prime Minister while also keeping the needs of his people in mind?
Following the recent case of attempted arson on its parliament building, will Nepalese democracy prevail?
Are Russia's attacks on Ukrainian government buildings a sign of an escalating war effort?

Is Peru doing enough to protect the human rights of uncontacted people?

Hypo
Frustrated by nearly a year of fruitless negotiations, the Trump administration sends a warning to Israel and Hamas that they must either accept his terms for peace or the US will forcefully intervene. Will this finally be enough to stop the Israeli war effort?

9/1

DX
What are the implications of Dr. Lisa Cook's removal from the Federal Reserve on its autonomy as an institution?
In light of recent events, what can be done to restore public trust in the CDC?
Will humanitarian organizations be able to survive into 2026 without US foreign aid?
What are the impacts of President Trump's rollback of federal union protections for the future of labor rights in the United States?
Following the passage of the IEEPA, does the executive branch have too much or too little authority over economic policy?
How will new voter ID requirements affect Republican turnout in the upcoming midterm elections?
How should Democrats take advantage of the upcoming government funding deadline to restore the trust of their youth voters?

IX
What does Prime Minister Shinawatra's dismissal mean for the future of Thailand's politics?
Are recent protests in Indonesia a turning point in the nation's battle with corruption?
Has the International Criminal Court made meaningful progress in protecting human rights?
How does India continuing its oil trade with Russia impede US interests in the region?
Will NATO's updated commitments to defense spending be effective in helping Ukraine win the war against Russia?
What, if any, are the effects of renewed Russian military activity in the Arctic on scientific expeditions there?
Is Israel's reaction to closer Saudi–Iran relations justified?

Hypo
To mark the start of September, Russia launches an unexpected offensive into Western Ukraine, taking many of the key cities there by storm. While aiming to minimize civilian casualties, should NATO take this as a sign to invoke Article 15?

8/25

DX
How will the recent federal takeover impact the District of Columbia in the long-term?
Is current U.S. economic policy boosting or burdening the stock market?
How much has the Epstein scandal eroded public trust in the Justice Department?
Is the Trump-Intel deal beneficial for the U.S. Economy?

IX
How should Pakistan reform its disaster response to address increasingly deadly monsoon seasons?
How will the recent defeat of Bolivia's main left-wing party shape the country's future economic policy?
Could upcoming elections in Myanmar stabilize the nation's troubled economy?
Is recent compensation for the Lolldaiga fires a step in the right direction for British decolonization?

Hypo
With President Trump replacing two of his Federal Reserve Governors with well-known cryptocurrency advocates, the Chinese government felt inspired and launched its own national cryptocurrency called "Pooh coin." Will this new currency attract or discourage other Asian economies from trading with China?

8/18

DX
What impact might U.S. President Donald Trump have on potential peace deals between Russia and Ukraine?
If confirmed, what will be the economic impact of E.J. Antoni leading the BLS?
Why is Gavin Newsom proposing redistricting plans?
What will be the impact of Trump's reshaping of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program?

IX
If the Government of National Unity in South Africa collapsed, who would be the greatest beneficiary?
Can Palestine survive its war as media coverage perishes in Gaza?
How will Brazil's Foreign Policy be affected by its Tariff Fallout with the United States?
Is India's grassroots boycott of US goods doomed to fail?

8/11

DX
What will be the impact of the Trump Administration's cuts to medical research on our response to a future pandemic?
Will Donald Trump's plan for a new census actually happen?
What are the long-term implications of the Trump administration's firing of IRS Chief Billy Long?
How will the Trump targeting of UCLA affect the response strategy of future public universities?

IX
Is the Chinese property market finally stabilizing?
How will the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace deal be received by countries in the region?
Should the United Kingdom's online safety laws be used as a global model?
Why is Israel's plan for Gaza so controversial?

8/4

DX
Why is Emil Bove's nomination to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals so consequential?
What will be the implications of the EPA's reversals on climate change?
Did the Trump administration make the right decision to lift H20 export controls?
How can private health insurance companies best stay afloat in the wake of an economic crisis?

IX
What are the implications of the Trump Administration's targeting of Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes?
Does Bukele's recent consolidation of power signal that El Salvador is heading toward dictatorial rule?
What actions can countries take in response to the precedent set by Trump's tariffs?
Will Zelenskyy's authoritarian tendencies lead to another Euromaidan in Ukraine?

7/28

DX

What does the Tea App incident signal for the future of American cybersecurity?
Should gerrymandering be a concern in the 2026 elections?
How will the Big Beautiful Bill's changes to immigration impact private detention firms?
Will President Trump be able to deal with the Epstein files without hurting his political stance?

IX

What endemic tensions are driving the persistent conflict between Thailand and Cambodia?
What will be the long-term effects of France's recognition of a Palestinian state?
Is Clara Brugada's plan to address concerns of gentrification in Mexico City sufficient?
Will the new US-EU trade deal stabilize transatlantic economic relations or spark further trade tensions?

7/21

DX

Following "crypto week," legislation, what is the future of crypto regulation in the US?
Can public media survive Trump's massive funding cuts?
How will the Trump administration's handling of the Epstein files affect public approval?
What are the implications of McMahon v. New York for federal layoffs?

IX

Should the international community play a greater role in mitigating the conflict between the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese Armed Forces?
Will recent financial investigations into the National Rally hurt their electoral chances in 2027?
What does the fragile ceasefire in Syria's Suwayda province reveal about the region's long-term stability?
Will the new peace deal between the DRC and Rwanda lead to a true peace?

7/14

DX

To what extent has Trump's protectionist trade policies affected marginalized communities within the United States?
What can be done to alleviate heat related deaths in the United States?
What implications do the Texas floods hold for the future of US disaster management policy?
What will be the effects of Trump's broad cuts to American public services?

IX

Is BRICS a threat to American hegemony?
Are current Western sanctions against Russia effective enough to deter further aggression?
What reforms to aviation will be prompted following the crash of the Air India Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner?
Will the new France-UK migration deal be successful?

7/7

DX

What can be done to alleviate heat related deaths in the United States?
What are the problems with Trump's golden share?
To what extent does the OBBB fulfill Trump's campaign promises?
How are Trump's immigration policies contributing to political polarization?
Will Elon Musk's America Party reshape the balance of power in Congress?

IX
What are the biggest barriers to democratic activists in Hong Kong?
Will Paetongtarn Shinawatra and her Pheu Thai party manage to stay in power by the end of 2025?
Can Vietnam effectively balance its ties to China amid tariff tensions?
Did Europe make a mistake pledging more military spending through NATO?

6/30

DX
What precedent does the SCOTUS ruling against the power of federal court to dismiss executive orders set for freedom?
Can courts credibly fight Trump's slew of wrongful deportations?
To what extent has Trump's attendance at the recent NATO summit affected trans-Atlantic relations?
What are the implications of Zohran Mamdani's primary win in NYC?

IX
Will the DRC and Rwanda's peace deal be effective at stabilizing the region?
Will a ceasefire between Israel and Iran hold?
Can refreezing save the Arctic?
What effect will recent events in Iran have on Israeli-Syrian normalization?

6/23

Due to NSDA nationals, extemp questions were on hiatus.

6/16

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6/10

DX
What does Trump's decision to deploy the National Guard to quell ICE raids signal for the rest of his Presidency?
Should DOGE have been granted access to Social Security information?
Will DOGE continue to have an effect on the US government after Elon Musk's departure?
Will agentic AI do more harm than good for American businesses?
Can the US maintain its leadership in AI development?
How can the United States address declining education standards in tribal schools?
Will Trump's preference for oil and gas production sink efforts to boost the hydrogen industry?

IX
Will Mexico's reform of the judicial system decrease corruption or erode justice?
What is the future for South Korea's PPP after Yoon's failed attempt to declare martial law?
How will Karol Nawrocki's presidency affect Poland-EU relations?
What must happen for a new US-Iran Nuclear Deal to be forged?
How will the international community be impacted by President Trump's travel ban?
Is the UN fulfilling its objectives?
Should Germany ban the AfD?

Hypo

Donald Trump is discovered to be using an auto-pen machine and the machine malfunctions, leaving Trump to pass every bill that comes to his desk. In 2026 and beyond, what does this mean for legislative priorities?

6/3

DX

To what extent does $TRUMP threaten national security?
How will the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington rule on Trump's usage of the IEEPA?
Why did Moody's Ratings choose to downgrade the US?
How will Nippon's acquisition of US Steel alter the American steel sector?
Did Elon Musk achieve his main goals as a part of the Trump administration?
How can AI companies reduce their energy footprint?
Should people be required to present proof of citizenship before voting?

IX

Will the recent extension of Myanmar's ceasefire lead to progress toward long-term peace?
Will Donald Trump's attempts at peace in Ukraine help or hinder US alliances?
Is Turkey becoming a truly authoritarian nation?
What does Karol Nawrocki's rise in Poland signal about the future of populism in Europe?
What are the biggest challenges facing the newly elected Korean president?
Were Mexico's judicial elections a good idea?
What is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan for Gaza?

Hypo

The Fairy Godmother from Cinderella waves her magic wand and creates a fully functioning "Golden Dome," albeit one that requires human maintenance. Will this successfully protect the United States from external military threats?

5/26

DX

How should Senate Democrats handle the GOP's One Big Beautiful Bill?
Will Harvard win its legal fight against the Trump Administration?
Can American businesses trust the Trump administration to offer predictable trade policy?
Do AI chatbots enjoy some of the same free speech rights granted under the First Amendment to people?
Should the Ten Commandments be required to be displayed in school classrooms?
Do funding cuts to NPR violate their free speech rights?
Is the US Steel-Nippon Steel merger cause for concern?

IX

Can the May 2025 India-Pakistan ceasefire hold amid the conflict within the region?
Can Vietnam successfully avoid Trump's tariffs?
Should the US be concerned about North Korea's developing military?
Does the future of aid distribution in Gaza rely on Israel?
Is Nigeria making progress in reducing its debt crisis?
How can neighboring countries work together to ensure the extension of a truce in Myanmar?
Why has Japan lost the world's top creditor status?

Hypo

Grok, the AI created by xAI, begins taking over US government agencies and making its own autonomous decisions. How can Congress fight back and reclaim the government?

5/19

DX

Will President Trump's executive order to decrease drug prices succeed?
Why is measles making a comeback?
Will Trump's lifting of sanctions in Syria be enough to stabilize the country?
Is Georgia's heartbeat law consistent with constitutional protections and medical standards?
What will be the implications of Trump's ban on Harvard's acceptance of international students?
Will the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" increase the federal deficit?
Should the US really get rid of the penny?

IX

Will Ukraine and Russia reach a peace deal by the end of the year?
What can Saudi Arabia do to achieve its Vision 2030 by 2030?
What will be the impacts of the euro's recent rise in value?
Is it a wise choice for Qatar to sell the Boeing to the United States?
Is it sustainable in the long term for the Israeli government to continue its war in Gaza?
What are the implications of declining US-South Africa relations?
How can the global community work together to save our forests?

Hypo

President Trump's ban on international students at Harvard is extended by the administration to include all US universities involved in the Gaza protests last year. How, if at all, does higher education suffer under this mandate?

5/12

DX

Will judicial intervention be enough to stop Trump's executive overreach in federal restructuring?
Is the US-China trade war finally at an end?
How will the US-UK trade deal benefit American industries?
Why did President Trump choose to accept solely white South Africans as refugees into the US?
Should President Trump accept the Air Force One offered by Qatar for his permanent use?
Will President Trump's proposed tax policies be good for the economy?
Why has Dartmouth been so successful in avoiding Trump's ire?

IX

How can the UK better protect itself against cyberattacks?
How can humanitarian organizations push to allow more relief into Gaza?
Will Pope Leo XIV follow in his predecessor's footsteps?
Is Friedrich Merz out of political trouble?
Are white South Africans being discriminated against by the government?
Why does Rodrigo Duterte remain so popular in the Philippines?
Has either India or Pakistan violated the terms of their ceasefire yet?

Hypo

Fueled by the tears of AP students, Bhutan's hydropower capabilities surpass any other country's overnight, making it the leading destination for cheap green energy. How should Bhutan leverage its new hydropower potential?

5/5

DX

What will be the impacts of President Trump's new budget proposal on low-income Americans?
How can the CMF's New AI model help the US better manage critical resources?
Should the American public be concerned about President Trump's attacks on public media?
Is the environment of healthy disagreement fading from elite college campuses?
Should the US deport illegal immigrants to Libya?
How is the federal government attempting to break up Google?
Will the enforcement of REAL ID make airports safer?

IX

Will tensions over Kashmir boil into all-out war?
How is the "Trump effect" impacting global elections?
Is it a good time to be a Quebec separatist?
Why did Singapore's ruling party win yet another election?
What role can the United States play in defusing tensions over Kashmir?
How should the international community react to the Israeli plan to occupy the Gaza Strip?
Is Nayib Bukele seriously threatening human rights in El Salvador?

Hypo

Bad Bunny's latest song convinces Texans to begin migrating across the Mexican Border. Can the Trump and Sheinbaum administration negotiate a new migration agreement?

4/28

DX

Will President Trump succeed in deporting 1 million immigrants by the end of 2025?
How can retailers best mitigate the effects of the US-China trade war?
Will Trump's tariffs be able to halt China's AI rise?
Will the George Santos scandal have any lasting impacts on U.S. politics?
How, if at all, has President Trump's behavior been influenced by alleged ties to "big business"?
Is President Trump failing to comply with court orders?
What upgrades does the Federal Aviation Administration need to make air travel safer?

IX

What are the hurdles for the implementation of the recent peace deal in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?
Will Fernando Collor's imprisonment further erode public trust in Brazil's political system?
How can India and Pakistan work together to de-escalate over Kashmir?
What can the U.S. do to immediately relax economic tensions across the world?
What should be the Liberal Party's first policy priorities in Canada?
How can Spain prevent future power outages like the one on April 28th?
Who will be the next Pope?

Hypo
A Burmese scammer steals millions of dollars from US President Donald Trump, prompting a US investigation into Burmese scam centers. How does US involvement in Myanmar affect relations with China?

4/21

DX
Does humanity truly have a future on Mars?
What does Trump's feud with the Federal Reserve signal for the American economy?
Will Harvard's response to the Trump administration's list of demands affect other colleges' responses to federal threats?
Have efforts to stop Donald Trump's mass deportation efforts been successful?
How will the ruling to reinstate AP affect the White House's relationship with the media in the future?
Will efforts to combat climate change be hindered by the shutdown of NOAA?
Does Trump's tariff policy constitute insider trading?

IX
What does the UK Supreme Court's Equality Act ruling mean for transgender women?
Will Gonzalez's allegations of electoral fraud erode public trust in Ecuador's democratic institutions?
Is globally united climate change action too late to be impactful?
Will Al-Sharaa ever succeed in uniting Syria's various militias?
How will global trade be affected by the U.S.' 125% tariffs against China?
Will the current government in South Sudan avoid a civil war in 2025?
Will Brazil become a global leader in green hydrogen?

Hypo
The US Congress unanimously decides to ban assault rifles. Will their decision help or hurt the Republican party?

4/7

DX
What lessons should Florida Democrats learn from recently lost Congressional races?
Does the Trump administration's actions on tariffs constitute insider trading?
Has Booker's Senate speech marked a significant change in Democratic morale?
Is the CHIPS Act living on borrowed time?
What will be the impact of President Trump's exclusion of most electronics from Chinese tariffs?
Should Congressional representatives be allowed to vote by proxy?
Should people be required to present a form of identification in order to vote?

IX
Should Jair Bolsonaro be arrested by Brazilian police?
Would global food standards in local food systems be a boon or bane for local populations?
How can the international community assist Haitian refugees?
Has the ICC lost its credibility?
What does the emergence of Sergei Beseda mean for Ukrainian peace talks?
Has local hope for democracy in Hong Kong finally ended?
Has China's shift to a smaller, greener BRI been beneficial for developing economies?

Hypo
President Trump announces the US's official withdrawal from NATO. Which country is best prepared to step up and lead the alliance?

3/31

DX
How can Tesla executives bring their sales back up?
Should President Trump overturn Biden's family pardons?
Is Harvard's decision to make tuition free for middle class students part of a wider effort to make higher education more accessible?
Is President Trump's deportation scheme legal?
Will RFK Jr's initiatives succeed in improving public health?
How should the Trump administration deal with "Signalgate"?
Does withdrawing Stefanik's UN nomination signal Republican instability or strategic planning?

IX
How will Duterte's arrest impact the domestic politics in the Philippines?
Following the detainment of Mayor Imamoglu, is Erdogan on the path to Turkish authoritarian rule?
How can Montenegro's party regain voter trust after recent corruption allegations?
Is the North Korean investment of troops into Kursk going to benefit them in the long run?
Following the collapse of USAID, will we see a wave of infectious disease in Sub-Saharan Africa?
Does Poland's immigration policy violate human rights?
What does the Sudanese army's recent gains in Khartoum mean for Sudanese civilians in the region?

Hypo
The United Nations suddenly receives $10 billion in hard cash. How should it allocate these funds globally?

3/19

DX
Will Mahmoud Khalil be successfully deported?
How can the federal government get more people vaccinated against measles?
Is the Trump administration violating free speech by arresting campus protestors?
How will Elon Musk's role in the Trump administration shape U.S. exploration of space?
Will the Supreme Court allow Trump's wide ranging efforts to reshape the judicial branch?
What are the infrastructural implications of advancing climate change?
Should Texas loosen its near-total abortion ban?

IX
How should the international community respond to Russia's delay in agreeing to a ceasefire in Ukraine?
Will Donald Trump's "maximum pressure campaign" help or hurt Iranian protest movements?
What does Demokraatit's victory in Greenland's parliamentary elections mean for the country?
What will be the regional impacts of an escalation of US strikes on the Houthis?
Can the international community re-negotiate a ceasefire in Gaza?
Should the US dollar remain the international currency standard?
Will the withdrawal of Poland and several Baltic nations from a 1997 landmine ban destabilize Europe?

Hypo
Putin suddenly gives into demands to accept Ukraine's ceasefire demands, and the war in Ukraine temporarily halts. How should Putin and Zelenskyy work together to make sure that peace lasts?

3/12

DX
What will be the long term impacts of Donald Trump's environmental policy reforms?
Will Congress cave to Trump's pressure to dismantle the Department of Education?
Will BlackRock's efforts to acquire key ports in the Panama Canal be successful?
What steps must the DNC take to "find a path out of the wilderness" for a fighting chance in 2028?
Should the US vaccinate its birds against bird flu?
Is the US heading towards a recession?
Is the US in for a government shutdown?

IX
How will President Embaló's decision to run for reelection affect democracy in Guinea-Bissau?
Will Mark Carney stay as Canadian Prime Minister?
Will the US-African minerals race revive a colonial "race to the bottom" within African industry?
Has Ukraine lost its diplomatic edge in peace negotiations?
Will Rodrigo Duterte be convicted on war crime charges?
How can Poland revitalize its military?
Is Armenia and Azerbaijan's new peace deal the one to finally end the conflict?

Hypo
You are the President of the United States and the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Mississippi sees its main reactor explode, rendering it completely nonfunctional. Should you tell your nation?

2/24

DX
What are the consequences of Trump's research funding cuts?
What will federal education look like post-Donald Trump?
Will the federal government's plan to make a sovereign wealth fund be a success?
Will Vivek Ramaswamy become Ohio's next governor?
Is President Trump's "gold card" visa a good idea?
What's behind the recent outbreaks of measles?
Will Florida's version of DOGE be successful?

IX
What was the purpose of China's recent naval drills?
How can West Africa combat its opioid epidemic?
Is the South African Expropriation Act No 13 fair?
How can Venezuela recover from years of economic instability?
Should Ukraine have agreed to the mineral wealth deal?
Which of the Liberal Party candidates in Canada are best prepared to deal with President Trump?
Are there crimes against humanity occurring in Sudan?

Hypo
DOGE's young agents get tired of working for Elon Musk, saying they were disappointed it wouldn't involve more memecoin. Will DOGE's changes last?

2/17

DX
What's up with the price of eggs?
Will MAHA actually make America healthier?
How should states respond to the federal government's threats to slash Medicaid funding?
Should the U.S. government grant DOGE access to the IDRS?
Will the Supreme Court be a meaningful barrier to Trump's efforts to reduce the federal workforce?
Is the safety of trans prison inmates at risk?
Will America regret President Trump's cuts to National Park Service employees?

IX
How will the US and Israel's relationship change over the next four years?
How can Germany strike a balance between ensuring national security and maintaining compassionate immigration policies?
Who will win Ecuador's presidential runoff?
How can Europe get involved in Ukrainian peace talks?
Will the AfD win big in Germany's upcoming parliamentary elections?
Are Justice Alexandre de Moraes' actions good for Brazilian democracy?
How can Pakistan combat its water crisis?

Hypo
All of Sudan's military forces, including terrorist organizations, lay down their arms in a shocking ceasefire deal that sees the current government remain in power. How should the international community rebuild the country?

2/10

DX
Could President Trump actually 'take over' the Gaza Strip?
Are President Trump's actions in combating immigration Constitutional?
Will President Trump's decision to freeze most USAID programs impact the United States' geopolitical standing?
Will immigration stop-work orders return?
Should the US implement President Trump's proposed Iron Dome system?
Was it a good idea to appoint Tulsi Gabbard as Director of National Intelligence?
Can President Trump end the war in Ukraine this year?

IX
How can South Korea lift itself out of political turmoil?
How will the impeachment of Sara Duterte affect the Philippines' stability?
Does China have the ability to replace USAID?
Will President Trump's sanctions on the ICC achieve their goals?
Is famine coming to Sudan?
Will the Israel-Hamas ceasefire last all the way through?
Are the Italian police winning the fight against mafia groups?

Hypo
All of the federal workers that were offered a Trump payout actually end up taking it. What happens to the federal government's ability to carry out its essential functions?

1/27

DX
To what extent will Trump's use of tariffs succeed in achieving his political and economic goals?
Should the United States eliminate judicial elections?
What impact would dismantling FEMA have on national disaster relief efforts?
Will Trump actually withdraw from NATO in his second term?
Can Nvidia recover from its DeepSeek setback?
Do Trump's executive orders violate the Constitution?
Will Trump successfully bring down soaring egg prices?

IX
How would a major Nankai trough earthquake impact Japan's economy?
What would be the impact of the Law and Justice Party winning the Polish presidential elections?
What are the biggest takeaways from the Davos summit?
How should Latin American nations respond to Trump's tariff threats?
Why is the capture of Goma by M23 so significant?
Will Trump's foreign funding freeze cripple international aid groups?
Can Bangladesh's Awami League reestablish itself as a major political player?

Hypo
BRICS reveals a revolutionary new currency to rival the dollar's status as the world's currency of choice. How should the United States respond?

1/13

DX
How will Meta's decision to end fact checking on its platforms impact misinformation on social media?
What steps should be taken to combat conflict of interests for future cabinet members?
How can Los Angeles improve its wildfire mitigation efforts to prevent the impact of future devastating fires?
What policy changes will Trump implement in the beginning of his second term?
Can Bezos' Blue Origin outcompete Musk's SpaceX?
How will the ban on Red Dye No. 3 impact the food industry?
Will the Tiktok ban be a net negative or positive for Americans?

IX
How can Joseph Aoun help Lebanon rebuild?
Will Trump's efforts to acquire Greenland be successful?
How can Syria address concerns over bias in its new curriculum?
How will recent Central Asian border dispute resolutions affect the region's economic growth?
What is different about the newest Israel-Hamas ceasefire?
What's the best way that the international community can stabilize the new Syrian regime?
What does Elon Musk's growing political influence mean for the EU?

Hypo
As he's about to leave office, Biden reveals that the moon landing was a hoax after all, crushing popular belief in scientific experts. How can the federal government restore public faith?

1/6

DX
Have Democrats and Republicans finally found common ground on credit card policies?
Would the United States be ready to respond to a bird flu pandemic?
How will Biden's judicial appointments during his term shape court decisions during Trump's next presidency?
What changes will the Trump administration bring to cryptocurrency?
How seriously should we take Trump's wishes to annex Greenland?
Will Daniel Lurie finally "flip the script" for San Francisco?
Has Meta pivoted to the right?

IX
What must the UK do to defuse diplomatic tensions over the Chagos Islands?
Why did Ukraine halt the flow of gas from Russia?
How can AGOA be reformed to ensure its reauthorization?
What can Edmundo González do to promote Venezuelan opposition while he is in exile?
Will Lebanon be able to successfully elect a president soon?
Can Syrians trust their new government?
Who could replace Justin Trudeau as leader of the Liberals?

Hypo
Elon Musk buys TikTok, renaming it to "T". What can Elon Musk do to make the platform serve the interests of the incoming Trump administration?

12/30

DX
What impact, if any, will the Matt Gaetz ethics report have on the Republican Party?
What is the most effective way for the United States to solve its homelessness crisis?
What will be the long-term effects of OpenAI's transition to a for-profit company?
Can Biden protect Donald Trump's political rivals from prosecution next year?
What will be the legacy of former President Jimmy Carter?
Will Trump succeed in restricting H1-B visas?
How has Elon Musk become such a powerful political player?

IX
Who will come out on top--Morales or Arce?
In light of recent BRICS actions, how should the United States counter de-dollarization efforts?
Is a renewed Kosovo-Serbian conflict inevitable in 2025?
How should the international community respond to the Azerbaijan Airlines incident?
How can the international community support the rights of Afghan women?
Should international watchdogs re-define famine in conflict zones?
Can Ukraine endure another year of war?

hypo
Jimmy Carter magically comes back to life for an hour to offer some advice to the Democratic Party. What does he say?

12/23

DX
Will the Social Security Fairness Act be enough to fix social security in America?
What conditions are needed to reverse the US's growing national debt?
If Kristi Noem is confirmed as Secretary of the Interior, who should replace her as South Dakota's governor?
What will it take to end the Teamsters strike against Amazon?
What are the chances bird flu becomes the next big pandemic in America?
How should the US government stop forced labor in prisons?
How will the Supreme Court rule in Kerr v. Edwards?

IX
Is Ethiopia's funding of the East Africa Electric Highway, instead of other sectors wise?
How can Justin Trudeau avoid a catastrophic defeat in the 2025 Canadian election?
How will the Pacific Islands' case at the ICJ shape international environmental regulations?
Will India and China be able to come to peace on their border in 2025?
How should Panama's government respond to Donald Trump's threats of taking over the Panama Canal?
Is Belarus' opposition movement dead?
How will the fall of Syria's Bashar al-Assad impact Iran's regional influence?

Hypo:
Less than 3 weeks after his arrival in Russia, Bashar al-Assad executes a coup d'étàt, leaving Vladimir Putin dead and Assad the nation's new leader. What is Russia's new orientation in the world?

12/16

DX
How should the federal government address growing concerns over drone sightings on the East Coast?
Is 'Swiftonomics' a good or bad thing?
How likely is a TikTok ban in the United States?
Will dock workers and the US Maritime Alliance be able to successfully avoid impending strikes by January 15, 2025?
Should Honda and Nissan merge?
How can the US government reduce AI's massive carbon footprint?
Has the murder of United HealthCare CEO Brian Thompson sparked wider conversations about healthcare inaccessibility?

IX
Who will be the next leader of Syria?
Will the Christian Democrats take control of the German Parliament in 2025?
Will increased internal border controls within the Schengen Area exacerbate the EU's migrant crisis at large?
How will Claudia Sheinbaum handle Trump's tariffs?
Does Egypt's new asylum law violate international refugee rights?

Is it wise for Israel to continue its plans to occupy Syria?
Should Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resign?

Hypo:
Artificial intelligence programs like ChatGPT and DALL-E suddenly gain consciousness in the US, and take over the federal government. With their current repertoire of knowledge, will they govern the US more successfully than humans?

12/9

DX
How can the health insurance industry reform themselves to avoid future incidents?
What legal obstacles will Trump face in his deportation plan?
Will President Biden's decision to pardon Hunter Biden significantly change public perception of the Democratic Party's leadership?
Should the U.S. involve themselves with Syria with the collapse of the Assad regime?
Will the killing of Brian Thompson, the UnitedHealthcare CEO, create meaningful change in the healthcare insurance industry?
How can colleges and universities revitalize interest in higher education?
Will Biden's approval of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge mean significant drilling in the region?

IX
Should Indonesia favor closer ties with the United States or China?
Will the PPP regret walking out on Yoon Suk Yeol's impeachment vote?
Given recent protests, will Georgia move closer once again towards EU accession?
Is Russia successfully maintaining its influence in Central Asia?
Will Syria finally see peace with the fall of the Assad regime?
Why is China probing Nvidia for antitrust violations?
Will the election of former President John Mahama turn things around for Ghana?

Hypo:
After suspending its talks for EU membership, Georgia decides to embrace cooperation with Russia instead. Without going down the same path, how should the rest of Central Asia respond?

12/2

DX
Which political issue should Republicans address in California?
Should HR 9495 be passed, how can nonprofits likely to be targeted ensure they survive?
Will the Democratic Party see a significant shift in national leadership during Donald Trump's next term?
How would a dismantlement of the Department of Education affect the US economy?
Is the pay package Elon Musk is trying to pass by the courts fair?
Should Joe Biden have pardoned his son, Hunter Biden?
What do the various 'Word of the Year' words say about social media?

IX
Does the international community need to step in to address issues with judicial elections in Mexico?
How should the Bolivian government stabilize its economy?

Is peace still achievable through political means in Syria?
What is the future of the French government?
What would be the impacts of a 25% tariff on the Mexican economy?
Will violent protests in Georgia sway the government to put the country back on a quick path to EU membership?
How can Hong Kong boost tourism?

Hypo
After disagreements about the best Taylor Swift album, France and Germany withdraw from the European Union, each stating that 'they can no longer work with nutcases'. What does this mean for stability in the region?

11/18

DX
Will DOGE oversee a significant reduction in federal government spending?
To what extent will Biden's climate legacy survive the Trump administration?
Will Marco Rubio's foreign policy improve or damage U.S.–Mexico border cooperation?
Will Trump's mass deportation plan be successful?
Is Pete Hegseth qualified to run the Department of Defense?
Will Matt Gaetz be confirmed by the Senate?
Will Arab Americans come to regret abandoning Kamala Harris?

IX
Will Trump's presidency accelerate the EU's move towards strategic political autonomy in international affairs?
How would Brazil joining the BRI affect the rest of South America?
What policies should Myanmar's junta implement to reverse the effects of the group's national conscription?
How can South Africa tame its widespread illegal mining industry?
What will be the impact of the US approving Ukraine's usage of long-range missiles in Russia?
How can Pakistan's government improve their response to the smog crisis enveloping Punjab?
Why is New Zealand currently seeing massive protests?

Hypo
After Pete Hegseth's nomination as Defense Secretary, every woman in the US military decides to resign at the same time in a show of protest. What would the military look like without women?

11/11

DX
How will Trump's immigration policy affect America's relationship with Mexico?
Will Donald Trump's cabinet picks safeguard democracy?
Will the newly created Department of Government Efficiency have an influential role in government?
What's next for Kamala Harris?
Is Kathy Hochul's decision to revive the congestion tax wise?
What does the election of John Thune as Senate Majority Leader mean?
How can the United States address the senior caregivers shortage?

IX
Will the Irish party Fine Gael win the greatest number of seats in Parliament on Nov. 29?
Was Mexico's "Hugs not Guns" policy a failure?
Has the international community done enough to support Myanmar?
Can the ICC undergo reforms that would make it more effective?
What should China expect from another Trump term?
How can Delhi combat extremely dangerous levels of air pollution?
How can South Africa combat illegal gold mining in the country?

Hypo
After decades of preparation following their previous defeat, emus in Australia are back at war with the government, recklessly destroying property and agriculture. How should the Australian government keep their country safe?

11/4

DX
Which presidential candidate would better help improve medical accessibility in the United States?
Despite reassurances that election fraud is extremely unlikely, why are American voters concerned about the 2024 election's integrity?
What can be done to revive the influence of the Voting Rights Act as recent gerrymandering weakens it?
Whose responsibility should it be to combat election misinformation and social media attacks in U.S politics?
If Donald Trump loses, will he try to contest the election results?
Have abortion restrictions seriously impacted other maternal services in red states?
Who would be better for the economy: Kamala Harris or Donald Trump?

IX
Will North Korean troops change the tide of the war in Ukraine?
What do Japan's election results mean for its geopolitical role in Asia?
Will Germany's ruling coalition survive budget negotiations?
How can New Zealand come back from its economic slump?
Will Russia transfer technological secrets to North Korea in exchange for troops heading to Ukraine?
How can Spain fix its disaster response plan?
Will Moldova ever join the EU?

Hypo
A lack of business since Donald Trump left the White House has bankrupted his preferred pen brand, the Sharpie. He spontaneously combusts in anger (but still survives) and accidentally destroys Pennsylvania. Without the state, who wins the presidency?

10/28

DX
What can Colin Allred do to appeal to more voters in Texas?
What has prevented the U.S. from closing the adoption immigration loophole sooner?
What will be the legacy of Donald Trump's 2024 presidential campaign?
Will the North Dakota Supreme Court reinstate the state's abortion ban?
Will weight loss medication innovation help obese children become healthier?
How can the US win the war in quantum computing?

Will the results of the 2024 election results be reliable?

IX
How should Latin American countries address cartels?
What has led to Keir Starmer's decreasing popularity in Great Britain?
Did Egypt make the right choice by replacing Abbas Kamel?
How will the recent border pact between India and China shift military relations between the two?
How can Egypt and Ethiopia resolve their water dispute?
How will Israel's ban on UNRWA operations impact aid to Gaza?
Will the Russian war effort be advanced by the shipment of North Korean soldiers to Ukraine?

Hypo
Fears over a major battle between India and China in the Himalayas have finally manifested…in the form of a dance battle. Angry that the Indians have outdanced the Chinese to the Haidilao song, Xi Jinping declares war on India. Who would win?

10/21

DX
What do the trends from early voting say about the 2024 election?
Will Trump or Harris win more voters in the key swing states?
What should America take away from declining tobacco use among teens?
Will Robert Roberson's subpoena give him sufficient opportunities to overturn his execution sentence?
Should the rest of the nation take notes from Baltimore's plan to combat violent crime?
Is Musk's $1 million voter petition lottery legal?
Will Colin Allred turn Texas blue?

IX
What steps can Cuba take to rebuild its crumbling power grid?
Will Bulgaria's upcoming parliamentary elections finally bring about the formation of a government?
What impact will the death of Yahya Sinwar have on the Israel-Hamas war?
Why is Russia meddling in Moldova's election?
What will be the legacy of outgoing Indonesian President Joko 'Jokowi' Widodo?
Is BRICS ready to take on the West?
With the election of Daniel Chapo, is Mozambique finally headed towards a brighter future?

Hypo
Henry Kissinger suddenly rises from the dead, angry that Tiktokers are still making fun of him. Because Joe Biden has fallen asleep again, he gains full control over the nation's foreign policy. How does this impact the world?

10/14

DX
Will JD Vance be the 2028 Republican presidential nominee?
Which candidate has better endorsements in the 2024 presidential election?
How can the United States reform the bail system?
Can the immigration crisis be solved?
Should ghost guns be completely banned on a federal level?
Are we in the middle of an AI bubble?

Would the SAVE Act help Americans?

IX
What will be the impacts of Australia's Fair Work Act?
Can the international community relieve Venezuela's economic crisis?
Will the introduction of THAAD into the Middle East be a disaster for the region?
How can the US mediate disagreements between Canada and India?
Are Justice Alexandre de Moraes' actions protecting or harming democracy in Brazil?
What steps can African nations take to address voter fraud?
What can Britain do to save its immigration policy?

HYPO
In a stunning upset, Jill Stein wins the presidency, Republicans gain control over the Senate, and Democrats win the House of Representatives. How can Jill Stein cooperate with a divided government to pass her budget priorities?

10/7

DX
How should the federal government reform flood insurance programs?
Will the United States remain in the Middle East for the foreseeable future?
What will be the impact of Texas laws against emergency abortions?
Will East Coast dock workers reach a deal with their employers by January 15, 2025 to avoid another dock strike?
Should Congress have automatic continuing resolutions for government spending when fiscal year deadlines approach?
What is the most politically feasible solution to address the national debt?
Will the vice presidential debate between Tim Walz and JD Vance tip the scales?

IX
Will Claudia Sheinbaum change Mexico for the better?
How can India best tackle gender violence against women?
Where should China start in its attempts to reinvigorate its national economy?
How should the Caribbean best deal with its gun smuggling crisis?
Is Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy successfully protecting democracy in the country?
Will Egypt start a water war with Ethiopia?
Can Pakistan disarm the TPP by threatening Afghanistan?

HYPO:
Jeff Bezos experiences a mental mixup and starts promoting Amazon, the rainforest, instead of Amazon, the company, causing billions of dollars to be donated to Brazil for the express purpose of protecting the Amazon. How does this impact President Lula da Silva's Amazon conservation strategy?

9/30

DX
What would happen if the United States went into a government shutdown?
Will Ohio's new redistricting plan influence other states to establish independent redistricting commissions as well?
Will Hurricane Helene result in more US legislation on climate change?
Will CVS break up…with itself?

Should Georgia get rid of their new policy requiring ballots to be hand-counted?
How can schools better revamp their CTE curriculum?
Should the US invest in nuclear plants as the future of green energy?

IX
Should the United States pursue another attempt at maintaining influence in the Sahel region?
Is the European far-right here to stay?
Will Israel's assassination campaign against enemy political and military leaders be successful in the long-term?
Should South Korea develop nuclear weapons?
Can the international community end the war in Sudan?
Will Freidrich Merz be the next chancellor of Germany?
Will the recent infighting within the Sinaloa Cartel present an opportunity to cut down on gang violence and trafficking?

HYPO:
Rishi Sunak decides Keir Starmer doesn't host enough tea parties as British Prime Minister and makes him go back in time to the Boston Tea Party to properly appreciate the commodity. Who will replace him as PM?