

**2009 CFL District Questions**  
**Topic Area: Economics**

1. Is it a wise idea to let the Bush tax cuts expire?
2. Can Obama successfully cut the budget deficit in half by the end of his first term?
3. Why is Citigroup in such bad financial shape?
4. Is a nationalization of major U.S. banks necessary?
5. In terms of trade, should the U.S. be demanding more of China?
6. Why is the U.S. auto industry on the brink of ruin?
7. How can Zimbabwe stop its inflation problem?
8. Is political gridlock ruining Ukraine's economy?
9. Is more global free trade a help or hindrance to the world's economic recovery?
10. Will global economic problems help or hurt Latin America's leftist leaders?
11. Why should the EU care about Eastern Europe's economic problems?
12. Can economic reforms help Mexico curtail its drug problem?

**2009 CFL District Questions**  
**Topic Area: International Organizations & Agreements**

1. Should NATO be disbanded?
2. What happened to Club Med?
3. Will the G20's clout eventually overshadow that of the G7?
4. Should the world embrace the Saudi solution to the Israeli-Palestinian question?
5. What modifications need to be made to the next global climate change agreement?
6. Is Qaddafi's idea of a "United States of Africa" a pipedream?
7. How can UN peacekeeping missions increase their usefulness?
8. Should developing countries be given more of a say in IMF decisions?
9. Does the UN Human Rights Council have any more legitimacy than its predecessor?
10. Should ASEAN become more hostile to Myanmar?
11. Who should be the next member of the European Union?
12. Is the threat of ICC prosecution an effective way to prevent future human rights abuses by countries leaders?

**2009 CFL District Questions**  
**Topic Area: The Developing World**

1. Are “Fair Trade” cooperatives improving the quality of life in developing nations?
2. Is there a way to provide effective HIV prevention to developing nations that is also culturally sensitive?
3. Does the Global Renewable Fuels Alliance provide an opportunity for developing nations to speed their development?
4. Has the internet widened or narrowed the divide between first and third world nations?
5. Does Zimbabwe’s cholera epidemic pose a threat to other developing African nations?
6. Have efforts made by the United States had any effect in slowing the spread of AIDS in Africa?
7. What should be done to make potable water more accessible in developing nations?
8. What effect have US drug eradication policies had on developing nations?
9. What level of responsibility do industrialized nations have in stopping genocide in developing nations?
10. What can be done to stop human trafficking from developing nations to industrialized nations?
11. Is there a foreseeable end to the conflict in Darfur?
12. Is there a way that Central American countries can be made less vulnerable to drug cartels?
13. Can the African Union be effective in its attempts to quell the fighting in Somalia?
14. Is enough being done by the industrialized world to make food accessible in developing nations?
15. What impact is “Medical Tourism” having on the quality of medicine available in developing nations?

**2009 CFL District Questions**  
**Topic Area: Domestic Politics**

1. What strategies should the Republican Party use to gain congressional seats in the 2010 midterm elections?
2. Are Bobby Jindal's public criticisms of Obama's congressional address the unofficial start of his campaign for president in 2012?
3. Are Obama's plans for restructuring the Census Bureau an attempt at streamlining efficiency or political posturing?
4. Is the Obama administration moving too slowly in filling top leadership spots in governmental agencies such as Defense, Treasury, Education, & State Departments?
5. Was the quick passing of the stimulus package a sign of a new era of bipartisan congressional politics?
6. Will Gary Locke be an effective Commerce Secretary?
7. How will Obama deliver on his promise to make education a priority of his administration?
8. What long term effects will the Minnesota race between Franken & Coleman have on future US political elections?
9. Should Senator Roland Burris step down?
10. Will Michael Steele be an effective GOP chairman?
11. To what extent have Obama's first 30 days in office lived up to his campaign promises?
12. Have Obama's Cabinet appointments delivered on his promise of nonpartisan politics?
13. Is there a way the GOP can modernize their message for young voters while retaining their identity with older party diehards?