

KESDA Questions
First Round
Topic Area: Domestic Politics

1. What issue will decide if Obama gets re-elected in 2012?
2. Will the Republicans gain or lose seats in the 2010 midterm elections?
3. Does Sarah Palin exemplify everything that is right or wrong with the Republican Party?
4. Should special elections be held for vacant Senate seats?
5. Is Mitch McConnell the Senate Minority Leader that Republicans need?
6. Was Judd Gregg's decision not to become Commerce Secretary a blow to the Obama administration?
7. How can the Republican Party make better inroads with African-American voters?
8. Was Rod Blagojevich's impeachment a rush to judgment?
9. Michael Steele as RNC Chairman: Boon or bane for the GOP?
10. Is the Minnesota recount a "positive model for other states to consider"?
11. Has Hillary Clinton been sidelined in the Obama cabinet?
12. Are the Democrats already overplaying their hand?

KESDA Questions
Second Round
Topic Area: Economics

1. Is the GOP's belief that tax cuts can solve the economic recession misguided?
2. Can "card check" rejuvenate America's labor unions?
3. Is Obama's economic team better than former President Bush's?
4. Should America's automakers have been allowed to go bankrupt?
5. Should governments be cautious about subsidizing the expansion of broadband internet infrastructure?
6. Has China done enough to soften the economic blow its farmers are experiencing?
7. Would a common African currency, overseen by the African Union, bring positive economic developments to Africa?
8. What is the state of the states' economies?
9. Why has the Canadian government turned back to deficit spending?
10. Has TARP been a failure?
11. Why are investors losing confidence in Europe's "proliferate five"?
12. Should shareholders vote on executive compensation?

KESDA Questions
Third Round
Topic Area: The World

1. Has the sun finally started to set on Britain's world power?
2. Is the influence that the Thai military commands bad for the country's image?
3. What do delayed presidential elections say about the power the current Afghan government commands?
4. How will increased Sunni participation in Iraqi elections impact the nation's political system?
5. Do recent political changes in Zimbabwe give Morgan Tsvangirai too little power?
6. Were Recep Tayyip Erdogan's remarks concerning Israel at the World Economic Forum detrimental to Turkey's attempts at becoming a Middle East peace broker?
7. Is Moscow behind Kyrgystan's attempt to close the Manas U.S. air force base?
8. Should Alvaro Uribe run for a third term?
9. Is the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Period Review too lenient on human rights abusers?
10. What does eastern opposition to Bolivia's new constitution say about the country's future political prospects?
11. Is the LDP now in its political death throes?
12. Was a trilateral offensive to eliminate the LRA a tactical failure?

KESDA Questions
Semi-Finals
Topic Area: America the Beautiful

1. Is closing Gitmo realistic considering America's goals in the war on terrorism?
2. Should states other than California be allowed to set their own vehicle emissions standards?
3. Is bipartisanship a necessity for any deal that wants to cut federal entitlement spending?
4. Will Obama try to create a new comprehensive immigration reform package?
5. Are digitized healthcare records a good idea?
6. Should the "Fairness Doctrine" be reinstated?
7. Does a recent international satellite collision show that America needs to start taking the issue of "space junk" seriously?
8. How should the U.S. deal with the global warming phenomenon?
9. What changes should be made to the No Child Left Behind law?
10. Will Obama's first Supreme Court nominee be a moderate, a leaning leftist, or a far leftist?
11. Why is ethanol struggling as an alternative energy source?
12. Should state government's pursue "obesity" taxes?

KESDA Questions
Final Round
Topic Area: The World in 2009

1. Will 2009 see China fall from its status as an emerging superpower?
2. Will Somali piracy be significantly curbed by the end of 2009?
3. Will the U.S. end economic sanctions against Cuba by the end of 2009?
4. Will 2009 see a peaceful solution to the conflict in Darfur?
5. Will the 2009 Indian elections usher in a more Pakistani-friendly government?
6. Can the West turn the tide in Afghanistan in 2009?
7. Will Great Britain join the euro in 2009?
8. Will the international community turn more towards protectionist economic policies in 2009?
9. Will 2009 witness the premiere showing of “The Argentinean Debt Default Part II”?
10. Can Barack Obama pass a universal healthcare plan by the end of 2009?
11. Will Stephen Harper’s conservative government see out the rest of 2009?
12. Will the Israeli right continue to increase its strength in 2009?