## PRELIMS

\*What can Howard Lutnick bring to the table as Trump's pick for Commerce Secretary?

\*Will a second Trump term in office lead America to be a nation that is less tolerant to people living on the margins?

\*Has the Great Barrier Reef become the world's 'canary in the coalmine' for the impacts of climate change?

\*Should AI be more heavily integrated into the American defense establishment?

\*Why should Jerome Powell be selected to serve a 3rd term as Chairman of the Federal Reserve?

\*Is it time for the United Nations to be seen as a failure in preventing and mediating global conflicts?

\*Why should Iraqi Kurds fear the results of a new national census?

\*Is Benjamin Netanyahu serious about a ceasefire in Lebanon, or is just using the circumstances for political survival?

\*What efforts must be taken to improve the sustainability of monoculture economies in the Global South? \*Has the COP29 summit shown that future consensus around climate change will result in ineffective action being taken?

\*Will the Trump Administration set a dangerous precedent for American foreign policy using trade policy as a tool for diplomatic gain?

\*What can American institutions of higher learning do to ensure the safety of undocumented students following Trump's inauguration?

\*What should the U.S. food industry be prepared for with RFK Jr. as head of the Department of Health and Human Services?

\*What must the Democratic Party do to ensure the safety of transitions of political power to the incoming Trump Administration?

\*Which federal agencies should be the most concerned about efforts by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?

## FINALS

\*Does the Senate have the public and political capital necessary to appoint all of Trump's cabinet nominees? \*What role will AI have on the efforts of the Trump administration to increase governmental efficiency? \*Has North Korea's entry into the Russo-Ukrainian War been enough to tip the scales in Russia's favor? \*What projects should the DOT undertake to usher in a "golden era of American transportation" under Trump? \*Is the Trump administration already facing a serious scandal involving improper influencing of cabinet nominations?

\*Will the selection of Jay Bhattachary to lead the NIH set back U.S. efforts to advance global health efforts? \*Why is momentum gathering for calling a UK general election in early 2025?

\*Has the UK set off a diplomatic timebomb over its affairs in the Chagos Islands?

\*Is SWAPO still the best political party to rule Namibia after 34 years in power?

\*Is India losing its role as the primary ally of Bangladesh following the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina?

\*Should the ICC be granted additional powers to compel member states to arrest suspected war criminals? \*Will a recent wave of methanol poisonings do permanent damage to the tourism industry in Southeast Asia? \*Will a proposed ban on social media use by Australian minors find enough support to overcome political and public scrutiny?

\*What will be the lasting implications should Calin Georgescu become Romania's President?

\*Will the election of Yamandú Orsi as Uruguay's leader put the nation more at odds with its neighbors, Argentina and Brazil?