

## Round One: Domestic Political/Social Issues

### Speaker One

1. Is it fair to characterize Pete Buttigieg as “Jimmy Carter 2.0”?
2. NPR characterized Wednesday’s debate as an “enormous test” for Michael Bloomberg- So what’s his grade?
3. Will Sen. Bernie Sanders attack on PG&E come back to hurt him with union voters?

### Speaker Two

1. President Trump’s latest batch of commutations and pardons: Good policy or just good politics?
2. How best can Democrats capitalize on President Trump’s 2021 budget proposal?
3. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the most certain), how likely are the chances the Democrats end up with a contested convention in July?

### Speaker Three

1. Senator Susan Collin’s explained her vote on impeachment by claiming President Trump had “learned his lesson”: Has he?
2. Will their loyalty to the President pay off for the GOP in the down-ballot races?
3. How would you guide the Boy Scouts of America out of Chapter 11?

### Speaker Four

1. Does Amazon have a chance in contesting the JEDI-Microsoft contract?
2. What’s more likely- the Democrats build upon their House Majority or they win control of the Senate?
3. With Nevada and beyond, what are the odds that Bernie Sanders can now broaden his base with Democrats?

### Speaker Five

1. Potential executive order “Making Federal Buildings Beautiful Again”: Boon or Bane?
2. DNC Chair Tom Perez doesn’t want Iowa and New Hampshire to go first anymore- Is he wrong?
3. We can all agree that any good extemper should be able to name the President of Mexico, but should her failure to do so seriously hurt Sen. Amy Klobuchar’s bid to be seen as a viable candidate?

### Speaker Six

1. Your campaign to be president if foundering- Does Elizabeth Warren have a plan for that?
2. A growing number of former Federal prosecutors want him to step down and he’s considered it himself- Should Attorney General Bill Barr resign?
3. Biden was always biding his time until Super Tuesday, so are pundits rash to write off his campaign after New Hampshire?

### Speaker Seven

1. Does Michael Bloomberg’s releasing of women from NDA’s prove he’s a different kind of billionaire?
2. Will the dismissal of Joseph MacGuire hurt Trump’s support within the military.
3. Will the announcement of further farm bailouts be enough to save Trump in the heartland?

## Round Two: Domestic Economic Issues

### Speaker One

1. Would you confirm Judy Shelton to the Federal Reserve?
2. Surveys by the Conference Board and the National Federation of Independent Business indicate strong confidence in the US economy- do you agree?
3. Does Attorney General Barr's invest in Nokia and Ericsson solution to the Huawei problem make economic sense?

### Speaker Two

1. Your feelings about the man/candidate aside, are Michael Bloomberg's proposed regulations of Wall Street a policy worth pursuing?
2. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest), how worried should Apple investors be about the impact of the coronavirus on the company's bottom line?
3. How should consumers feel about the T-Mobile/Sprint merger?

### Speaker Three

1. The acting head of the OMB claims that if adopted, Trump's proposed 2021 budget would balance the budget in 15 years- How much confidence should we have in that assertion?
2. Politics aside, is the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program doing enough to address its economic goals?
3. The consumer side of the economy seems to be carrying more of the load than the industrial side- is that a sustainable trend?

### Speaker Four

1. What's the likelihood that the stock market remains bullish through the end of 2020?
2. What's the main take away from the \$265 million judgment against Bayer in the Bader suit?
3. The White House wants the SEC to absorb an independent audit watchdog: Boon or Bane?

### Speaker Five

1. To what degree does Federal Reserve Chair Powell's claim that the US budget deficit a "ticking time bomb" come off as hyperbole?
2. Do Tesla's long-term fundamentals justify the dramatic rise in its stock of late?
3. Two years after the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act- did it work like we were promised?

### Speaker Six

1. The FTC's new antitrust interest in Big Tech- Boon or Bane?
2. Your feelings for the man aside, what's the best part of President Trump's 2021 proposed budget?
3. Supposedly every crisis offers opportunities if you know where to look- so what should the savvy investor be doing in response to the coronavirus threat?

## Final Round: International Issues

### Speaker One

1. To what degree do potential trade pacts with Vietnam and Mercosur states give the EU a stronger position to resist Trump turning his trade war focus toward Europe?
2. How badly will the plague of locusts hurt Africa's economy?
3. What's the most important take away from Sinn Fein's (Ireland) election stunner?

### Speaker Two

1. Should the AfD's disruption of Merkels succession plan be a warning for the rest of Europe?
2. What's the most important take away from Sudan's announcement they will refer citizens accused of war crimes to the International Criminal Court?
3. The UK now needs a post-Brexit trade deal with the EU- what are the odds they get a fair agreement?

### Speaker Three

1. Secretary of State Pompeo calls the UN Human Rights Council a "discredited body" that "only confirms the unrelenting anti-Israel bias so prevalent at the United Nations" over HRC's "blacklist" of companies doing business in West Bank settlements- is he right?
2. To what degree does HSBC's decision to cut 35,000 jobs and \$100 billion in assets connote a negative assessment of Europe's economic health?
3. Outside of China, who has the most to fear from the coronavirus?

### Speaker Four

1. Will the Christian Democrats lose the Chancellor's seat in Germany's 2021 election?
2. Does the prisoner swap with the Houthi indicate that peace may come to Yemen?
3. What impact will the results of Friday's parliamentary election have on Iran's economy?

### Speaker Five

1. The 2021 Trump Budget argues that cutting almost \$12 billion from the State Department is in the US's best interest since it will force other international actors to step up their donations for aid/development- Do you agree?
2. Since almost every news story points out that there have been plenty of so-called peace deals with the Taliban before, to what degree should we have any optimism that this one is going to work?
3. Is the US justified in their legal and foreign policy campaign against Huawei?

### Speaker Six

1. In the midst of entertaining the idea of adding Northern Macedonia and Algeria, would the EU be better off tamping down their expansionist aspirations?
2. Let's say you're Prime Minister Justin Trudeau- besides making you young, charismatic, and rocking a great beard, it also means you have to do something about the crippling rail blockades in British Columbia and Ontario- so what are you going to do?
3. Is the long-term benefit of a second increase on the consumption tax going to be enough to offset the short-term problems it's creating for Prime Minister Abe?

### Speaker Seven

1. What does the W.H.O.'s warning to Africa about the Corona virus bode for the rest of the world?
2. Will the EU's inclusion of the Elgin Marbles open the floodgates for other countries' claims against the UK?
3. Benny Gantz takes on Bibi Netanyahu (Israel) again- is the third time the charm?