

Are we going to continue space exploration in the future?

What does gun control look like for the future?

How are our foreign policies going to change?



In what ways is America a republic
and why does it matter?

Why is it that neither Democrats or Republicans in Congress are unable to compromise on anything put to a vote? Why is the legislative branch of government grinding to a halt?

Why exactly is the United States the one remaining superpower and effectively a hegemony?

How would you describe America's foreign policy? When have we intervened in wars or provided relief, and how much of it is for America's benefit?

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Change over Time

How do modern day Republicans and Democrats differ from their predecessors?

Dependence on technology,
specifically devices used on a
regularly basis. How has this
dependence developed over time?

Have psychotic violent crimes on schools, movie theaters, and other public buildings increased in the last twenty years, or is it only the coverage of these events that has increased?

How has the President's powers/duties changed in modern times?

Causation

How have interpretations of the constitution, loose or strict, and deciding how to rule on cases when it is not mentioned explicitly in the constitution shaped modern court decisions?

How has immigration over the past 100 years shaped America?

How has the increase in college attendance affected America?

Contingency

Given that there were many other health crazes in antebellum America that didn't result in huge corporations, why was Battle Creek the place where Kellogg's took off?

Contextualizing

Was Lincoln's decision to emancipate the slaves made out of military necessity or moral conviction?

Complexity

The current recession: how did it start and who is to blame?

How did the fiscal cliff become such a pressing issue? Has the national debt always been so large, has it rapidly increased in the past several years, or is it a result of political grandstanding?