

Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
The Battles Ahead: Domestic and Global Implications of the 2020 US Election
January 15th- February 19th, 2020

Unless otherwise specified, all live sessions include an interactive exercise and time for Q&A. All times are Central Time Zone.

Day 1

Friday, 15th January, 2021

9:00 - 9:05am

Course Overview and Introductions

[Marc Farinella](#) (*Program Director*)

Senior Advisor, Center for Effective Government

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9:00-10:30am

**Live Session 1: What Is the State of American Democracy
in 2020-2021?**

This panel will examine the health of democracy in the United States. We will consider the question of whether faith in crucial democratic norms and institutions maybe eroding, and, if so, what must be done to restore confidence.

[William Howell](#) (*Moderator*)

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Day 2

Friday, 22nd January, 2021

9:00-10:30 am

Live Session 2: What Did The Voters Tell Us on Election Day?

This panel will examine the factors that drove the election outcome and explore the demographic, cultural and political changes underway in the U.S. electorate.

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Day 3

Friday, 29th January, 2021

9:00-10:30am

Live Session 3: The Domestic Issues Landscape in 2021

This panel will address President-Elect Biden's domestic policy agenda and consider what can and can't get done in our closely divided Congress.

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Political Reporter at Axios



Day 4

Friday, 5th February, 2021

9:00-10:30am

Live Session 4: America's Place in The World in 2021

President Trump upended America's long-standing multi-lateral approach to foreign affairs. This panel will explore where the outgoing administration leaves us today and where the incoming Biden administration might take U.S. foreign policy.

[Ethan Bueno De Mesquita \(Moderator\)](#)

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*President & CEO of the
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[Paul Poast](#)

*Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
at the University of Chicago*



Day 5

Friday, 12th February, 2021

9:00-10:30am

Live Session 5: The Social Movements Reshaping America & Its Politics

This session will explore the major social trends reshaping America's political and cultural landscape.

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Day 6

Friday, 19th February, 2021

9:00-10:30am

Live Session 6: Threats and Opportunities

We'll talk with two prominent members of Congress- one Democrat and one Republican-- about the mounting challenges confronting our nation and how and whether the U.S. government can respond.

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