



**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](#) (Moderator)

*Senior Advisor, Center for Effective Government*

*Executive Director, Center for Survey Methodology*

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9:05-10:35am

**Live Session 1: 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.

[Jeff Horwitt](#)

*Sr. Vice President*

*Hart Research*

*Co-Director of the Wall Street Journal/ NBC Poll*

[Whit Ayres](#)

*President*

*North Star Opinion Research*

[Trevor Tompson](#)

*Sr. Vice President, Public Affairs and Media Research*

*Director, The Associated Press*

*NORC- Center for Public Affairs Research*

*University of Chicago*

9:00-10:30am

**Live Session 2: 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)

*Sidney Stein Professor  
in American Politics  
Harris School of Public Policy  
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[Susan Stokes](#)

*Tiffany and Margaret Blake  
Distinguished Service Professor  
Director, Chicago Center on Democracy  
University of Chicago*

[Aziz Huq](#)

*Frank & Bernice J. Greenberg  
Professor of Law  
University of Chicago*

[Anthony Fowler](#)

*Professor  
Harris School of Public Policy  
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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.

*Panelists to be announced.*

**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.

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[Rachel Bronson](#)

*President & CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Sciences*

[Dali Yang](#)

*William Claude Reavis Professor  
Department of Political Science  
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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*Department of History*

*University of Chicago*

[Elisabeth Clemens](#)

*William Rainey Harper Distinguished Service Professor*

*Department of Sociology*

*University of Chicago*

[Katrease Stafford](#)

*National Race and Ethnicity Writer*

*The Associated Press*



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.

[William Howell](#) (Moderator)

*Sidney Stein Professor*

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*Harris School of Public Policy*

*University of Chicago*

[Mike Quigley](#)\*

*Member of Congress*

*Illinois, 5th District*

[Tom Cole](#)\*

*Member of Congress*

*Oklahoma, 4th District*

\*Tentative Pending Congressional Calendar