

I. Fake News (6:35 P.M., Steve/Harry)

All of these questions involve the news media

1. Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather all served as their networks' principal election night anchors for the final time in what year?

2004

2. On Election Night 2000, every media organization that was part of the National Election Pool at one point declared George W. Bush the winner of Florida *except* this one

The Associated Press

3. "No sir, are you?" was the famous response of this CBS reporter when asked by Richard Nixon at a press conference if he was running for something.

Dan Rather

4. Toward the end of ABC's election night coverage in 1996, this long-tenured newsman called the newly re-elected Bill Clinton a "bore."

David Brinkley

5. The first presidential race that CNN provided live election night coverage for was in what year?

1980

6. Boston television reporter Andy Hiller briefly became a national sensation in January 2000 when he caught this presidential candidate off-guard with a pop quiz on the identities of five world leaders.

George W. Bush

7. Then-Democratic presidential front-runner Gary Hart saw his campaign implode in the spring of 1987 when he was caught with a woman not his wife by reporters from this newspaper.

Miami Herald

8. He's an outspoken liberal commentator today, but in 1980 this one-time Lyndon Johnson press secretary served as the moderator for a presidential debate featuring Ronald Reagan and independent candidate John Anderson.

Bill Moyers

9. Tucker Carlson, Alan Keyes and Michael Savage have all hosted shows at which cable news channel?

MSNBC

10. In the 1970s, this future major party presidential nominee served as the moderator on a PBS debate show called The Advocates.

Michael Dukakis

II. Criminal Conduct (6:55, Mike Pesca)

These questions all somehow involve politicians accused of corruption

1. “The toes you’re stepping on today may be connected to the ass you have to kiss tomorrow,” is among the famous bits of political wisdom from this twice-convicted mayor of Providence, Rhode Island.

Buddy Cianci

2. This current Democratic member of the House of Representatives was once impeached as a federal judge and thrown off the judiciary.

Alcee Hastings

3. Nailed in the Abscam sting operation and expelled from the House in 1980, this Democratic congressman from Philadelphia shared the name with a character from the movie Halloween.

Michael Myers

4. The first and still-only Arizona governor ever to be impeached, Republican Evan Mecham was elected in 1986 to succeed this Democrat who would later make Bill Clinton’s short-list for a Supreme Court appointment.

Bruce Babbitt

5. After being convicted of bribery, this Pennsylvania Commonwealth Treasurer shot himself on live television in 1987

Budd Dwyer

6. There were three major candidates in Louisiana’s infamous 1991 gubernatorial race, and the only one of them who was never sentenced to prison is this man, who would go on to run for president in 2012

Buddy Roemer

7. Not one...not two...not three...but four different mayors were all arrested while in office between World War II and the start of the 21st Century in this once-mighty Connecticut city famous for making brass.

Waterbury

8. Bill Clinton survived the Whitewater scandal in the 1990s, but the same can’t be said for this Democrat who succeeded him as governor of Arkansas.

Jim Guy Tucker

9. He was convicted on federal corruption charges three years after the end of his term, but while he was in office, this Illinois governor became a hero to opponents of capital punishment by commuting the sentences of all 167 prisoners on death row in his state.

George Ryan

10. The only Republican member of the House to vote for all three articles of impeachment against Richard Nixon was the father of this current governor
Larry Hogan

The World (7:15, John Podhoretz)

These are all questions that involve politics in other countries

1. When is the last time there were two UK general elections in the same year?

1974

2. This woman received the highest percentage of the vote of any female French presidential candidate in history...

Segolene Royal

3. The Labour Party (or some form of it) won every Israeli election from the country's founding through 1973. Since the turn of this century, how many has it won?

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4. After winning the most votes in the first round, this man lost the run-off in France's 1974 presidential election – only to *lose* the first round and *win* the run-off seven years later.

Francois Mitterand

5. Rupert Murdoch's British tabloid The Sun famously claimed credit on its front page for the surprise 1992 victory of the Conservative Party, which was led by this man?

John Major

6. Who was the first Israeli prime minister who was actually born in the country of Israel?

Benjamin Netanyahu

7. This British Labour Party Leader briefly gained fame in America when it was revealed in 1987 that one of his speeches had been appropriated without attribution by then-presidential candidate Joe Biden

Neil Kinnock

8. The most recent secession referendum in the Canadian province of Quebec failed narrowly in which year.

1995

9. The UK Prime Minister who pursued a policy of appeasement toward Hitler and signed the 1938 Munich agreement was a member of which political party?

Conservative

10. In a shocking fall from power, Canada's reigning Conservative Party was reduced to just two seats in Parliament in the 1993 election, which were held shortly after the resignation of this prime minister.

Brian Mulroney

Smoke-filled Rooms (7:35, Steve/Harry)

These are all questions about the old days of American politics – before the internet and before color television

1. How many people have been elected *both* Speaker of the House *and* vice-president?

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2. This future vice-president told the 1948 Democratic National Convention that it was time to “get out of the shadow of states’ rights and walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of human rights.”

Hubert Humphrey

3. Ulysses Grant made his only unsuccessful bid for the presidency in what year?

1880

4. Who is the only man ever to win the most electoral votes and still *not* win the presidency?

Andrew Jackson

5. The first black senator in American history, Hiram Revels, was elected in 1875 by the Reconstruction-era legislature of this state.

Mississippi

6. Besides Andrew Johnson, one other vice-president changed his party affiliation after succeeding to the presidency. Name him.

John Tyler

7. Three presidents declined to seek re-election after winning election to their first term –

Rutherford B. Hayes, James Polk and who?

James Buchanan

8. It took a record 103 ballots for delegates at the Democratic National Convention to settle on John W. Davis as their presidential nominee in this year.

1924

9. The first woman ever to serve in the U.S. Senate was Rebecca Felton, who took office in 1922 representing what state?

Georgia

10. In 1952, Prescott Bush was elected to the United States Senate in Connecticut after defeating this Democrat, who would go on to become that state's first Jewish governor.
Abe Ribicoff

Capitol Hill (7:55, Stephanie Ruhle)

These are all questions about congressional politics

1. No state has produced more Speakers of the House than the eight that have hailed from this one.

Massachusetts

2. In May 1989, this Texas Democrat became the first Speaker of the House ever to resign because of scandal.

Jim Wright

3. This House majority leader died in office in a plane crash years before his daughter became a top political correspondent for ABC News

Hale Boggs

4. The margin was one vote in November 1994 when Tom Daschle edged out this New Englander and future Motion Picture Association of America chief in the race for Senate Democratic leader.

Chris Dodd

5. The closest election for House Speaker since 1981 was won by a margin of just 11 votes by this man.

Newt Gingrich

6. When a sudden party-switch gave Democrats control of the Senate in the spring of 2001, this long-serving Republican senator lost his ceremonial role as *president pro tem* and was instead named *president pro tem emeritus*.

Strom Thurmond

7. The only Speaker of the House in history who went on to serve as president.

James Polk

8. When he won a race for whip by a mere two votes in 1989, Newt Gingrich became the second-ranking House Republican behind this long-serving leader from Illinois.

Robert Michel

9. When Democrats lost their House majority in 2010, Nancy Pelosi was challenged unsuccessfully for another term as Democratic leader by this North Carolinian.

Heath Shuler

10. Before Eric Cantor, the last member of the House Republican leadership to lose in a primary was this long-serving NRCC chief from Michigan.

Guy Vander Jagt

BONUS (if we want): Four schools have produced *both* a U.S. president *and* a Heisman Trophy winner. Name the schools.

Stanford (Herbert Hoover/John Elway and Jim Plunket)

Michigan (Gerald Ford/Tom Brady)

Naval Academy (Jimmy Carter/Roger Staubach)

Miami University (Benjamin Harrison/Ben Roethlisberger)