

Global Discussion Questions

No decision in foreign policy is made in a vacuum, and the repercussions of any single decision have far-reaching effects across the range of strategic interests on the U.S. policy agenda. This Great Decisions feature is intended to facilitate the discussion of this year's topics in a global context, to discuss the linkages between the topics and to encourage consideration of the broader impact of decision-making.

- 1.** Consider “Global Famine” in the context of “War Crimes.” Can provoking a famine during the midst of war be considered a war crime? If so, should international law be used to prosecute it?
- 2.** Consider “Economic Warfare” in the context of “Global Famine.” As shown in both articles, the implementation of western sanctions on Russia has resulted in an increase in the number of food insecure people worldwide, particularly in Africa. Should the west reconsider its sanction policy for this reason?
- 3.** Consider “China and the U.S.” in the context of “Politics in Latin America.” As China’s global reach continues to extend into Latin America, more countries in the western hemisphere continue to fall under China’s influence. Should the United States do more to prevent this sway? Why or why not?
- 4.** Consider “Economic warfare,” “Iran at a crossroads,” and “Energy security.” How effective have sanctions against Iran been? Can they work if countries need oil and are willing to ignore sanctions?

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