

## **EXEMPT TOPICS**

### **2008-2009 Season**

#### **Domestic**

Oct./Nov.

Elections

Economics

1. Congressional Bailouts
2. Executive Branch policies
3. Housing

Dec.

Energy

1. New Types & revamp of existing
2. Regulation & Exploration
3. Political Impact of 1 & 2

Environment

1. Federal Regulations (carbon policies)
2. Natural disasters
3. Innovations/discoveries

Jan.

Education

#### **Foreign**

Oct./Nov.

Middle East

1. Pakistan & Afghanistan
2. Impact of the Iraqi war on region
3. Iran & Syria

Russia

1. Aggressive Policies
2. Impact on World Energy
3. Integration into Eastern European & NATO countries
4. Role in Asia

Dec.

South America

1. New Leaders
2. Policies & U.S. Government

Energy & Environmental Issues

Jan.

World Economy