

President Obama has to prioritize. The following events take place in a given week. How should the President set his schedule

Period 3

Scenario –An earthquake of 6.5 was just registered in LA County there are reports of a few deaths and a few raised highway areas collapsing. The area continues to suffer from tremors and there is a concern of a more severe quake.

Scenario- Roadside bombings continue to plague Afghanistan. During the month of October more than 30 US Military troops were killed. On average 20 Afghanis are killed a day in by the Taliban. A disproportionate number of the insurgents are from Pakistan, an ally of the US. Americans are starting to get tired of the war, at the same time others argue that more troops should be sent in.

Scenario- Oil Prices spike to \$100.00 a barrel, the US Economy is just getting out of a recession. Economic growth in the last term was an anemic 1% and job losses have increased to over 10%. No one is sure about the cause for the increase, some say OPEC, others say price manipulation by Oil companies, a few argue it's simply supply and demand issues

Scenario- The Presidents health care proposal is about to go to the Senate, 55 Senators are ready to vote yes, 3 are on the fence, and 2 members of his party appear to be jumping to the other side. 2 members from the other party may jump ship and go with the Bill, but they haven't come out publically. The House has already passed the Bill. The American public appears split as well. The White House is getting 1000s of emails and letters from both sides.

Period 7

Scenario – H1N1 Flu is on the rise in Mexico. While flu issues have not been a major concern in recent years, the 1918 influenza epidemic led to more than 20 million deaths worldwide (there was no such thing as a flu vaccine at that time). There is a huge concern in the United States.

Scenario – North Korea announces that it has just tested a rocket which is believed to have a potential distance of 4,000 miles. It can carry a nuclear warhead. This puts our allies, such as Japan in immediate danger, as well as US bases. An attack on North Korea would likely result in an immediate reprisal from the North Koreans killing millions in S. Korea alone.

Scenario – A corruption scandal is about to break, the FBI is going to arrest 3 leading members of the Democratic Party, including the Senate Whip. In addition it looks like at least one cabinet member in the Department of Housing is involved.

Scenario- The financial industry is in turmoil. Three of the five biggest banks in the nation are on the verge of collapsing. The stock market is gyrating up and down 100s of points daily. Credit markets are frozen, Auto companies are about to file bankruptcy which will lead to 100s of smaller companies having the rug pulled from under them. The country is looking at a 1929 scenario.

Due Wednesday November 11 for both classes

Your job; (TYPED and Double Spaced!).

1. Prioritize the President's agenda: Where should he (someday she) be spending his time?

Provide your reasoning for each of the selections.

2. Name three (3) agencies/cabinet offices that should be at each meeting/scenario: Which cabinet officials, administrative agencies (eg. Dept of Justice, State, FEMA, NSA, CIA, Council of Economic Advisors (CEA), EPA, FBI, Joint Chiefs of Staff, National Health Institute, CDC (Center for Disease Control) (INCLUDE ACTUAL REAL NAMES AND TITLES). Go to whitehouse.gov, on the homepage go to "the administration" for the agencies, names and titles of people who may be involved. Give a brief 1/3rd page summarizing how and why two of those people may have gotten their position in the agency/cabinet. You can use Wikipedia.org, and should not rely upon the government website for information about the individuals (they tend to be self-serving).

3. Name two (2) members of Congress that should be included in the discussions (leaders of which committees of the Senate and House). Go to Senate.gov and House.gov to find out the various committees. (INCLUDE ACTUAL REAL NAMES AND TITLES).

4. Under what circumstances should the President seek help from the opposition party members?