

Modern World Tournament 2014
Round #12 Tossups

1. **Noam Chomsky feuded with this author over the details of their mutual condemnation of the bombing of the Al-Shifa plant in Khartoum. One book by this non-Dick Morris author examines how a politician he called a “horrible primate” supposedly courted the left and delivered to the right using “triangulation.” In a November 2010 debate, this author crushed Tony Blair, employing the phrase, “divine North Korea.” This author criticized the central figure’s acceptance of donations from Charles Keating and embrace of the (*) Duvalier regime in his takedown of the operator of Home for the Dying in Calcutta. This author of *No One Left to Lie To* and *The Missionary Position* coined the term “fascism with an Islamic face.” He compared faith-based beliefs to tribalism in a book arguing that “religion poisons everything.” For 10 points, name this polemical British author of *God Is Not Great*.**

ANSWER: Christopher Eric Hitchens

2. **In 2012, a Watergate Baby from this state returned to Congress after defeating Chip Cravaack. Although Democrats retook both chambers of this state’s legislature in 2012, its governor outraged liberals by not rolling back Republican budget reform with its 2013 surplus. This home of Rick Nolan experienced a 2011 government shutdown until the governor accepted those aforementioned reforms. A Republican challenger won in this state after a Senator died in 2002 and Democrats turned his (*) funeral into a tacky campaign event, before replacing Paul Wellstone with another Democratic-Farmer-Labor member, Walter Mondale, who lost to Norm Coleman, who later in turn narrowly lost in a 2008 recount. For 10 points, name this state governed by Mark Dayton, which hosted the 2008 RNC in its Twin Cities.**

ANSWER: State of Minnesota [or MN; accept goofy nicknames like Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, the North Star State or the Gopher State]

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3. **In one interview, Will Smith reacted in shock to this proposed policy by saying, “That’s different...Well, you know, God bless America.” One advisor claimed that this policy would turn a certain country into “Cuba, without the sun.” In criticizing this policy, the leader of the Left Party claimed that a policy of its type “is not supposed to punish, it is supposed to share.” This policy was ruled unconstitutional by the Constitutional Council in December 2012. The government ultimately rejected proposals to exempt (*) footballers from this policy, which was initially scrapped in March 2013, but is now planned to be implemented through employers. A newspaper declared, “Get lost, you rich idiot” when the proposal of this policy led Bernard Arnault to apply for Belgian citizenship. For 10 points, name this insanely high tax on the rich proposed in France.**

ANSWER: Hollande’s 75 percent tax on incomes over 1 million euros [anything involving 75% is acceptable as is French supertax; prompt generously on other things involving high taxes proposed in France]

4. **In France, the invocation of this legal concept requires obtaining a DUP. This concept does not exist in Japan, helping lengthen the Narita protests and once forcing some officials to depend on the yakuza for intimidation purposes. A 1894 bill hated by farmers in India allowed this, but was repealed by LARR 2011. The Supreme Court ruled that minimum scrutiny to justify this concept simply had to be conceivable, which they admitted was “practically no standard at all,” in the Hawaiian *Midkiff* decision. Kennedy sided with Court Libs to affirm the usage of this practice for (*) private profit,. The plaintiff was supported by Governor Jodi Rell of Connecticut against a city government in that case regarding this concept, *Kelo v. New London*. For 10 points, name this legal concept that allows governments to seize private property if they give supposedly just compensation.**

ANSWER: eminent domain [or Compulsory Purchase; or Compulsory Resumption; or Compulsory Acquisition; or Compulsory Expropriation; prompt on land seizure]

5. **In the music video for one of this artist’s songs, an office worker gets tased and falls into a coma before pushing a boulder up a mountain and lip-syncing to lyrics from Etta James’s “Something’s Got a Hold On Me.” Leona Lewis collaborated on “Collide” with this artist, whose biggest hit features uncredited vocals from Aloe Blacc. In the music video for that song, a young girl rides a horse with an older companion, to**

whom she says, (*) “The others...they don’t like us.” This artist collaborated with Nicky Romero on “I Could Be The One” and with David Guetta on “Sunshine.” A song by this artist begins, “Feelin’ my way through the darkness” and says that the title action should be performed “when it’s all over / When I’m wiser and I’m older.” For 10 points, name this Swedish DJ behind “Levels” and “Wake Me Up!”

ANSWER: Avicii [or Tim Bergling]

6. This setting of *Senkou no Night Raid* and *Fist of the Blue Sky* hosts the International Fashion Culture Festival. A doll named after this city is repeated in a song right before Hourai is repeated. According *The Economist*, this city has the lowest fertility rate of any major world city at 0.6. A nationally-unique pitch accent characterizes this city’s dialect. AZN-Americans are already complaining about a game by the makers of *L.A. Noire* set in this city, *Whore of the (*) Orient*. This city names the only non-American site owned by Gothamist. This location of the Bund waterfront was the model for Republic City from *The Legend of Korra*. The largest dialect of the Wu language is centered in this city, the setting of Kazuo Ishiguro’s *When We Were Orphans*, Neal Stephenson’s *The Diamond Age*, and J.G. Ballard’s *Empire of the Sun*. For 10 points, name this city on the Yangtze Delta, the largest in Mainland China.

ANSWER: Shanghai

7. This man was portrayed by Bill Pullman in a 2011 HBO film. Due to concerns about “anti-business” behavior, this man described himself as “barely a Democrat.” In a fake letter popular on the Internet, this man explains why he wouldn’t date a gold digger looking for men with incomes of five hundred thousand or more. This man characterized several provisions of Basel III as “anti-American” and called one scandal a “tempest in a teapot.” An employee of the company headed by this man named Bruno Iksil was nicknamed the “London Whale” because he accumulated large (*) CDS positions, leading to a massive trading loss in 2012. This man’s company ended up paying ten dollars per share instead of two dollars per share for Bear Stearns. For 10 points, name this current CEO of JPMorgan Chase.

ANSWER: James “Jamie” Dimon

8. Leaders of this country can issue *dahir* that have the force of law. Activists erected the Gdeim Izik protest camp in opposition to this nation’s government, which agreed to the Houston Agreement in 1997 and the Settlement Plan in 1991. *Horses of God* depicts a series of May 2003 bombings that killed forty-five people in this nation, whose ruler responded to protests by announcing the addition of more national languages besides Arabic as part of a series of (*) constitutional reforms. Amazigh is now an official language in this nation, which borders the exclaves of Melilla and Ceuta. This nation has not yet formally made peace with the POLISARIO front, which represents the Sahrawi people in a territory this nation claims to its south. For 10 points, name this nation that claims Western Sahara, an Arabic-speaking monarchy where the Casablanca bombings occurred.

ANSWER: Kingdom of Morocco [or al-Mamlakah al-Maghribiyya; or Tagldt N Lmgrib]

9. One member of this ethnic group, Asashōryū Akinori, became the sixty-eighth yokozuna in sumo partially due to his background in this group’s sport of Bōkh. In 2011, many members of this ethnic group broke out in riots after one of them was run over by a coal truck. A 1990 Democratic Revolution among these people led to the first free elections to the State Great Hural. Local districts populated by this ethnic group are called (*) Banners. In the *South Park* episode “Child Abduction is Not Funny,” these people construct a Trojan horse filled with sweet and sour pork in order to troll the owner of Shitty Wok. This ethnic group’s script is only used in an autonomous region outside the nation named for them, which still uses Cyrillic as a legacy of the Soviet domination that began in 1918. For 10 points, name these people who live in cities like Hohhot, Ordos and Ulan Bator.

ANSWER: Mongols [or Mongolians or Inner Mongolians or Southern Mongolians or Chinese Mongolians or GOD DAMN MONGOLIANS!!!!!!]

10. A “Hero” from this nation stars in a titular work where he fights the Chicago mafia with the help of the Ghost Servant. A film from this nation features a sauna receptionist who stabs a creepy old man and a miner who goes postal. A grandkid dies from choking on beans in this home of the “Plasma Economy”, where a cart-pusher visits the Victory Restaurant after donating blood. A novel begins in this nation when the protagonist borrows *Ursule Mirouët* from a friend, but he later trades it off to pay for an (*) abortion when the Gynecologist demands a book by Balzac. A widow in this setting of *Devils on the Doorstep* and *Touch of Sin* desperately tries to maintain a sorghum distillery during an invasion. A Nobel Laureate has acknowledged his

influences from this nation's "Scar Literature". For 10 points, name this country where *To Live* and *Soul Mountain* were written by Yu Hua and Gao Xingjian.

ANSWER: PRC [or People's Republic of China; or Mainland China or Dàlù or Communist China or China or Zhōngguó; antiprompt on Hong Kong]

11. **This nation's wine exports were banned by a nearby nation in both 2013 and 2006. In 2009, this nation's Communist Party won 49.5% of its parliamentary seats but was pushed into opposition by an anti-communist coalition. This country is the home of the band SunStroke Project, which features the "Epic Sax Guy." In one music video from this nation, three dudes dance on an airplane wing and say, "Hallo, salut." This nation returned to the Latin alphabet in 1989. This nation could join the EU by simply merging with the EU nation to its (*) west, from which it was forcibly detached in 1940. This nation has an unrecognized breakaway state to its east called Transnistria. This nation's pop group O-Zone is best known for a song that opens, "Mai uh hi, mai uh hu." For 10 points, name this former Soviet Republic home to "Dragostea Din Tei," a.k.a. the "Numa Numa" song.**
ANSWER: Republic of Moldova [or Republica Moldova; very reluctantly accept Moldavia]

12. **This economist criticized Krugman's "crude Keynesianism." With Joe Scarborough, he co-authored an article on why "Deficits Do Matter." Nina Munk followed this economist for six years to write a book about his "quest." This economist identified the "Wall Street-Washington complex" as one of four particularly powerful lobbies. One book by this economist argues that both major US parties are right-of-center, creating a "corporatocracy," while another suggests distributing free bed nets as a short-term solution, advocates (*) "clinical economics" and considers Malawi, Bangladesh, India and China as four stages of economic development. This author of *The Price of Civilization* and leader of the Millennium Villages Project argued that carefully distributed aid could reduce the number of people living on one dollar per day to near zero. For 10 points, name this author of *The End of Poverty*.**
ANSWER: Jeffrey David Sachs

13. **Thom Hartmann interviews a politician from this state every Friday in a section called "Brunch" with him. Act 250 is a development control law in this state, where a "Progressive" party holds three seats in the state Senate. This state's governor currently chairs the Democratic Governors Association. Though it is a blue state, open carrying and concealed carrying without a permit are legal here. This state established a state-level (*) single payer health care system in 2011. A Senator from this state delivered an eight-and-a-half hour speech against the compromise extending the Bush tax cuts in 2010 and is the only Senator to self-identify as a socialist. In 2009, this state became the first to *legislatively* enact same-sex marriage. This state is currently governed by Peter Shumlin. For 10 points, name this home of Bernie Sanders and Green Mountain Care.**
ANSWER: Vermont [or VT; accept the Green Mountain State before mentioned]

14. **"Kartels" name election alliances in this region, where the term *cordon sanitaire* was first used in the '80s to describe a boycott of a right-wing party. This region was enlarged after the BHV was split up by an agreement named after a Prime Minister's bowtie. That Butterfly Agreement was supported by this region's parties the VLD and CD&V, which formed part of the first government in their nation without a majority from this region. In the last election, almost every district in this region was won by the N-VA, led by (*) Bart de Wever. The N-VA won by capitalizing on the perception that this non-Italian region was victimized by a government-mediated wealth transfer to a region to its south, backing autonomist demands that helped lead its nation to go without a government for 589 days until Elio di Rupo took power. For 10 points, name this Dutch-speaking region of Belgium.**

ANSWER: Flanders [or Vlaanderen; or Flandre; prompt on Belgium or equivalents before mentioned]

15. **One character in this novel is chastised as a "tin soldier" for not fixing a broken sewage pipe; that character later swallows his testicles after four months of torture. Another character in this novel is promoted a year early for calling off his marriage to a woman whose communist brother he later murders. A *Quo Vadis*-quoting character in this novel loses control of his bladder due to prostate cancer and arranges trysts with young girls at Mahogany House. That cleanliness-obsessed character in this novel is mocked as "the Cop" by two crazy hobos, causing the (*) SIM head Johnny Abbes Garcia to feed them to sharks. Turk, Amadito and Antonio de la Maza shoot the occupants of a blue Chevrolet in this novel, which begins when the mute former senator Agustin is visited by his estranged daughter Urania Cabral. For 10 points, name this novel about the end of**

the Trujillo regime, written by Mario Vargas Llosa.
ANSWER: *The Feast of the Goat* [or *La fiesta del chivo*]

16. *The Translator* is a memoir by a man from this region who was detained here along with journalist Paul Salopek. The *hakura* land grant system has caused tensions in this region, which was termed “ambiguous” in a history by Gerard Prunier. Proceeds from the young adult story collection *What You Wish For* were given to people from this region, which is home to the majority of an ethnic group that in 2000 adopted an alphabet based on livestock brands. The 2011 Doha Agreement modified the 2006 (*) Abuja Agreement concerning this primary home of the Masalit and Zaghawa peoples, where Minni Minnawi and Abdul Wahid al-Nur lead the SLM. The Justice and Equality movement leads opposition in this region, where the Janjaweed militia carried out ethnic cleansings on the orders of Omar al-Bashir. For 10 points, name this conflict-ridden region in western Sudan.

ANSWER: **Darfur** [prompt on Republic of the **Sudan** or Jumhūrīyat as-**Sūdān** before mentioned; in the unlikely event that someone answers with one of the other countries that Darfur very slightly overlaps with, prompt on Republic of **South Sudan** or Republic of **Chad** or République du **Tchad** or Ğumhūrīyyat **Tšād** or **Central African Republic** or **CAR** or **Ködörösêse tî Bêafrîka** or **République centrafricaine**]

17. A bioluminescent pterosaur called the ropen allegedly lives on this island, whose governance is outlined by the New York Agreement. This island feuded with the the de Young museum over the Jolika collection. Gaddafi and the New People’s Army assisted this island’s independence groups, whose supporters illegally fly the Morning Star Flag. Rites of passage in which boys must drink older men’s semen are strangely common on this island. A native of this island named Yali is discussed in the opening of (*) *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, whose author Jared Diamond was sued for “Vengeance is Ours,” his account of the rampant tribal warfare here. The Etoro and Dani peoples inhabit this very linguistically diverse island, the world’s second-largest. For 10 points, name this island whose western half is controlled by Indonesia and whose eastern half is a country with capital Port Moresby.

ANSWER: **New Guinea** [or **Irian** island; or **Papua** island; antiprompt on **Irian Jaya**; accept **Umboi** Island, which is a tiny island off the coast of New Guinea where many ropen sightings occur]

18. This game featured Angwe, a dude who infamously killed everyone trying to cross a Harbor. The “Trade Princess Movement” led to the creation of Boss Mida in this game, whose fans nicknamed “Leap of Faith” as “Life Grip.” One character in this game repeatedly yells out, “TOO SOON! IT IS TOO SOON!!” The CDC tried to simulate real epidemics based on this game’s pet-transmitted outbreak of Hakkar-derived (*) Corrupted Blood. A group of people in this game repeatedly muttered, “Stick to the plan” before they all died. This game has provided employment to many Chinese “gold farmers.” One figure in this game pointed out that he had a “32.33, repeating, of course, percentage of survival” before a comrade said, “Alright chums... Let’s do this. LEEEEEROOOY JEEEEEEEEENKIIIIINS!” For 10 points, name this most-played MMORPG in history.

ANSWER: **World of Warcraft** [or **WoW**; prompt on **Warcraft**]

19. In 2009, people from this nation were provided British citizenship in a rare defeat for the ruling Labour Party, in part thanks to a campaign by Joanna Lumley. In 2010, earthquake response troops from this nation brought cholera to Haiti. Kirantism is a minority religion from this nation, where people sow barley in a special room during the Dasain festival. In 2001, a newly-crowned ruler of this nation was fatally wounded at a state dinner while (*) murdering his relatives. Following a decree by Birendra, this nation became a constitutional monarchy from 1990 until 2007, when its Constituent Assembly deposed the ruling Shah dynasty. A 1996 to 2006 Maoist insurgency plagued this nation, which has the world’s only non-rectangular flag. For 10 points, name this home of the kukri-wielding Gurkhas and the Sherpas of Mt. Everest.

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal** [or Sanghiya Loktāntrik Ganatantra **Nepāl**]

20. The most famous Taiwanese performer in this genre is known simply as “HotDog.” The veneration of Japan’s WWII era was advocated by a group in this genre called King Giddra. *Mauvais œil* was released by a French group in this genre called Lunatic. A major figure in this genre from New York took his name from a character in the 1975 film *Let’s Do It Again*. One work in this genre is (*) “Insane in the Brain,” a single on the album *Black Sunday*. Other albums in this genre include *The Chronic* and *The Predator*, which included the single “It Was A Good Day.” A song in this genre asks, “I don’t know if they fags or what” in response to invasive searches and takes the structure of a mock trial of the LAPD. Performers in this genre had a feud based on styles

from the West and East Coast. For 10 points, name this genre of music used by the group N.W.A., which released “Fuck tha Police.”

ANSWER: gangsta **rap** [or **hip-hop**; also accept things like **Real American Poetry** and other things rap might stand for]

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21. **Bloggers called this man racist after he mentioned that in college, he had dated Daneeeta Pope, a black woman. This man’s 2014 election opponent is best known for a documentary claiming that aliens landed on Earth, caused 9/11, and control the government. That opponent, Amardeep Kaleka, entered politics after his father died in a Sikh temple shooting. This man penned “The War on Poverty: 50 Years Later.” He has worked extensively on health-care proposals with Oregon Democrat (*) Ron Wyden. This man negotiated a budget deal with Washington’s Patty Murray. He called for the conversion of Medicare into a premium support system for those under fifty-five in *Path to Prosperity*, which he drafted while leading the House Budget Committee. For 10 points, name this Wisconsin Republican who ran on a 2012 ticket with Mitt Romney.**

ANSWER: Paul Davis **Ryan**