

Topics & Questions for the Workshop with John Dean:

U.S. Economy and Recession

- How and why has the middle class been disproportionately impacted by recent economic challenges / recession?
- What factors contributed to the economic decline during President Biden's presidency?

Donald Trump and His Career

- **Background:** What class does Donald Trump belong to? To what extent is his image staged?
- **Career:** What factors and strategies enabled Trump's rise to the U.S. presidency?

Elections

- Why did Vice President Kamala Harris perform better in the polls than in the actual election?
- Why did Donald Trump win all swing states?
- Why did (once again) a white old man become president (considering the diverse population in the US)?

Future Outlook

What developments can be anticipated during Trump's potential presidency in the following areas?

- **Economy:** How might Trump's policies impact the economy? And how might it improve the situation of average Americans (e. g. household costs, prices for groceries etc.)
- **Foreign Policy,** in particular consequences for Europe and Germany
- **Immigration:** What are the likely directions for immigration policy?
- **Social Issues:** What positions might Trump take on issues such as abortion rights and transgender rights?
- **Climate Change:** What is Trump's stance on climate change?
- **Project 25:** Will Trump implement parts of it?

Europe and the United States

- **Higher Education:** What are the primary differences between universities and colleges in the United States and in Europe?
- **Legal Drinking Age:** How does the minimum legal drinking age differ between the United States and European countries?
- **General Lifestyle Differences:** What are some differences between life in Europe and the United States, particularly in areas such as work culture, high school experiences, cuisine etc.