

# Broad View discussion topics for November 10, 2012

## 1 **Obama re-elected in defiance of polls and predictions** # #

*Barack Obama, the post-partisan candidate of hope four years ago who became the first black U.S. president, won re-election by overcoming four years of economic discontent with a mix of political populism and electoral math.*

## 2 **Democrats keep Senate - Republicans keep House** #

*With the House remaining in Republican hands, the makeup of the government will remain static: President Barack Obama was re-elected, but he will have to contend with a divided Congress for four more years.*

## 3 **Businesses start laying off workers immediately after election** # # # #

*A Utah coal company owned by a vocal critic of President Barack Obama has laid off 102 miners. TThe layoffs are necessary because of the president's "war on coal," the statement said.*

## 4 **Petraeus and Clinton announce resignations immediately after election** # #

*CIA Director David Petraeus resigned Friday after admitting to an extramarital affair -- an affair with his biographer that was revealed over the course of an FBI investigation...*

## 5 **Colorado and Washington approve recreational marijuana use** #

*In Colorado, weed is more popular than President Barack Obama. More people voted for Amendment 64 -- which legalizes and regulates recreational use of marijuana -- than voted for the president.*

## 6 **Elizabeth Warren elected to the Senate in Massachusetts** #

*Elizabeth Warren, the Massachusetts Democrat who defeated Scott Brown for the U.S. Senate, held what the Boston Herald reports as an "awkward" first press conference in Boston with Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick.*

## Nevada - State & local news

### 1 **Senator Heller re-elected**

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*Incumbent Republican Sen. Dean Heller has defeated Democratic challenger Rep. Shelley Berkley in Nevada's contentious senate race, the Nevada Secretary of State's website confirmed early Wednesday.*

### 2 **Mustang Ranch owner elected to county commission**

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*Mustang Ranch brothel owner Lance Gilman has a new job. He defeated fellow Republican Mathew Conley 62 percent to 38 percent Tuesday to win a seat on the Storey County commission.*

## Michigan - State & local news

### 1 **Union proposals defeated**

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*All five attempts to amend the state constitution... were defeated by large margins. That means the record \$150 million in spending on the ballot proposals, which generated almost nonstop TV advertising in the lead-up to Tuesday's vote, has produced little or no change...*

### 2 **Grand Rapids: Roy Schmidt lost and marijuana won**

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*Democratic candidates unseated four incumbent Republican lawmakers and won back the Grand Rapids seat they lost when state Rep. Roy Schmidt bolted for the GOP in an attempted election-rigging scheme that ultimately cost Schmidt re-election...*

## Sports

### 1 **Los Angeles Lakers already disintegrating**

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*With talk of an early season firing mounting and visions of Phil Jackson and Jerry Sloan dancing in fans' heads, Lakers executive vice president Jim Buss stated clearly, publicly and for the record that Brown's job is safe...*