

# Broad View discussion topics for December 8, 2012

## 1 Fiscal cliff talks getting nowhere

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*Republican House Speaker John Boehner accused U.S. President Barack Obama of pushing the country toward the "fiscal cliff" on Friday and of wasting another week without making progress in talks.*

## 2 Unemployment rate down because labor participation rate down

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*Confused why the unemployment rate dropped? The same, favorite BLS adjustment - a drop in the labor force participation rate which declined by 0.2% to 63.6% once again, as the number of people out of the labor increased by over 540K to 88,883,000.*

## 3 UN votes to recognize state of Palestine

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*The United Nations voted overwhelmingly Thursday to recognize a Palestinian state, a long-sought victory for the Palestinians and an embarrassing diplomatic defeat for the United States.*

## 4 Weapons used to kill Ambassador Stevens may have come from Obama

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*...a secret delivery of arms shipments to Libyan rebels, okayed by the Obama administration, might have gotten into the hands of Islamic terrorists, and may very well be the weapons used by Al Qaeda linked terrorists to kill U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens.*

## 5 Rioting against Morsi in Egypt

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*Thousands of protesters march on the Egyptian President's palace in Cairo in a fresh attempt to reverse a decree placing Mohammed Morsi's decisions beyond judicial review.*

## 6 MIT prof calls Windows 8 a "Christmas present for someone you hate"

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*Internet entrepreneur and MIT professor Philip Greenspun has cast his critical eye over Microsoft's latest operating system and concluded that it is the "Christmas gift for someone you hate."*

## Nevada - State & local news

### 1 **Senate leader proposes driver privilege cards for illegal immigrants** #

*Incoming state Senate Majority Leader Mo Denis, D-Las Vegas, has proposed a law allowing driver privilege cards for illegal immigrants and others hoping to bypass the stricter requirements of a driver's license.*

### 2 **Harry Reid's online gambling power grab** #

*Sen. Harry Reid is launching a bill in the lame duck congressional session that he says is about standardizing online gambling, but may really be about granting the gaming industry in his state complete power over online gaming well outside Nevada's state lines.*

## Michigan - State & local news

### 1 **Legislature passes right-to-work amid angry union protests** #

*Michigan Republicans touched off a firestorm Thursday with an abrupt push to pass right-to-work legislation, in what would be a blow to organized labor in the home of the U.S. auto industry.*

### 2 **County DA suing city of Grand Rapids over legalized marijuana** #

*Marijuana decriminalization in the city is on hold pending a lawsuit filed in Kent County Circuit Court. County Prosecutor Bill Forsyth has sued Grand Rapids over the legality of a city charter amendment...*

## Sports

### 1 **Murder-suicide by NFL player** #

*...officers were called to Belcher's home around 7:50 a.m., after he fatally shot Perkins... Belcher then drove about five miles to the stadium, where he was met by general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel, whom Belcher thanked for all they had done for him.*