



## Predictions from the Center Mid-Field 2011

### Economic Predictions

- U.S. unemployment ↓ from 9.7% to 8.9%
- U.S. GDP ↑ from 2.5% to 3.1%
- Oil prices ↑ from \$74.5 to \$85 a barrel
- Fed funds rate will ↑ from .17% to .5%
- Ten-Year Treasury Note rate will ↑ from 3.4% to 4.0%
- USD/EUR exchange rate ↑ \$1.32 to \$1.40
- Renminbi/USD ↑ 6.81 Renminbi to 7.20 Renminbi
- Savings rate ↓ from 4.7% to 3.1%
- Budget deficit ↓ from \$1600B to \$700B
- Exports ↑ 20% over prior year

### Socio-Political Predictions

- Temporary work arrangements become increasingly legitimate in the marketplace; temporary employment up 20% over prior year
- Chinese consumer begins to have global impact
- Significant Afghanistan draw-down regardless of situation on the ground
- Hillary Clinton resigns Secretary of State post
- No change to ObamaCare provisions
- A rethinking of Homeland Security priorities leads to travelers' ability to pass through airport security without taking their shoes off

### Industry Predictions

- PE M&A deal volume up 25%
- Retail comparative sales up 3.2%
- Construction and housing recovery begins slowly in 2011
- Biotech (IPOs, approved drugs, etc.) comes back
- Recruitment firms see 30% growth from 2010