

## WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ, DEC. 16, 2022

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- A law banning divorce.
- A law recognizing only heterosexual marriages.
- A law recognizing same-sex and interracial marriage.

2. What is nuclear fusion?

- A nuclear reaction to release energy.
- A dance.
- A cream used to treat nuclear burns.
- A metal.

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- Elon Musk.
- Jeff Bezos.
- Bernard Arnault.
- Gautam Adani.

4. Which country's team was the first African to qualify for the World Cup semifinals?

- Morocco.
- Algeria.
- Tunisia.
- Egypt.

5. Karen Bass holds which Los Angeles record?

- The first Black mayor.
- The first female mayor.
- The first Jewish mayor.
- The first Mexican American mayor.

6. Where was Reuss a kingdom?

- Russia.
- France.
- Austria.
- Germany.

7. What's Netflix's biggest documentary debut?

- The Social Dilemma.
- Harry & Meghan.
- The Tinder Swindler.
- Pelé.

8. What is Jennifer Coolidge's character in The White Lotus?

- Olivia.
- Tanya.
- Bobbie.
- Rachel.

9. At least nine US states prohibit what app on state government devices?

- WhatsApp.
- Twitter.
- Instagram.
- TikTok.

10. Jin of BTS cut his hair. Why?

- To make a fashion statement.
- To support Iranian women.
- To join the military.
- To avoid visible hair loss.

11. Which TV show won the most nominations at the 2023 Golden Globes?

- The Crown.
- Better Call Saul.
- Abbott Elementary.
- Wednesday.

12. Zoe Saldana stars in which movie franchises?

- Avatar and Star Trek.
- Avengers and Batman.
- Avatar and Star Wars.
- Fast and Furious and Mission: Impossible.

## ANSWERS

### 1. What is the US Respect for Marriage Act?

Screenshot: PBS NewsHour - YouTube

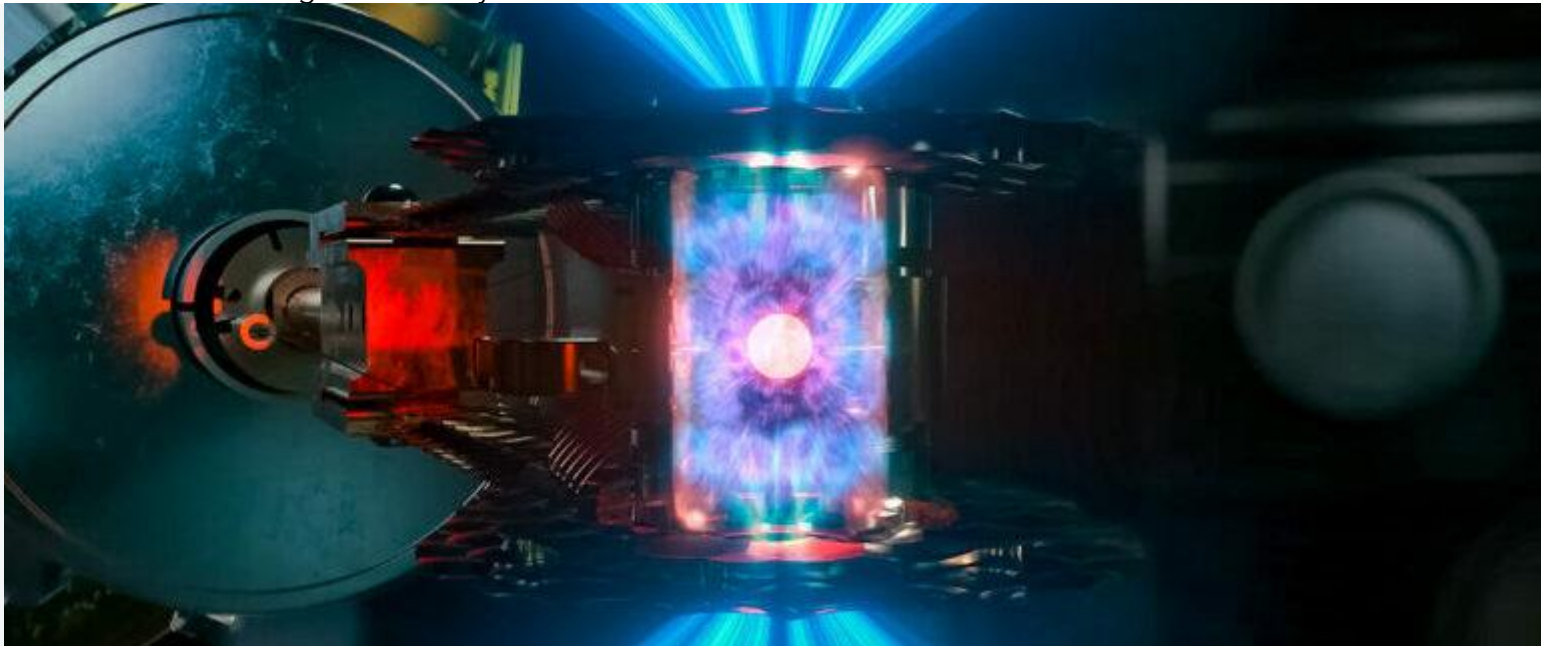


- A criminal code banning sex outside of marriage.
- A law banning divorce.
- A law recognizing only heterosexual marriages.
- **A law recognizing same-sex and interracial marriage.**

A **bill legalizing gay marriage was signed into law by President Biden on Dec. 13, 2022. The Respect for Marriage Act** protects gay marriages if the US Supreme Court reverses its **2015 decision to legalize same-sex unions nationwide.** Lawmakers from both parties attended the ceremony.

## 2. What is nuclear fusion?

Screenshot: National Ignition Facility - YouTube



- A nuclear reaction that releases energy.
- A dance performed in nuclear reactors.
- A cream used to treat nuclear burns.
- A metal used in the construction of nuclear reactors.

Nuclear fusion is a reaction in which pairs of light atoms are forced together to form a heavier nucleus, releasing energy. It's the process that powers the sun and stars, and the opposite of nuclear fission, where heavy atoms are split apart to power nuclear power stations. On Dec. 13, 2022, researchers in California confirmed they had produced more energy from a fusion experiment than was put in. Still, it will be decades before the technology can be used on a large scale.

### 3. As of Dec. 2022, who is the world's richest person?

Photo: Jérémy Barande / Ecole polytechnique Université Paris-Saclay



- Elon Musk.
- Jeff Bezos.
- **Bernard Arnault.**
- Gautam Adani.

According to Forbes and Bloomberg, on Dec. 14, 2022, **Tesla and Twitter owner Elon Musk lost the title of the world's wealthiest person to France's Bernard Arnault.** As the CEO of the luxury group LVMH, Arnault oversees some 70 fashion and cosmetic brands and is worth \$187.3 billion (£151.1 billion). According to Forbes, Musk's real-time net worth is \$176.8 billion (£142.6 billion).

#### 4. Which country's team was the first African and first Arab to qualify for the World Cup semifinals?

Screenshot: FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 - YouTube



- **Morocco.**
- Algeria.
- Tunisia.
- Egypt.

With a **1-0 win over the Portuguese** on Dec. 11, 2022, **Morocco became the first African and first Arab team to reach the semifinals of any World Cup** – where it was defeated by team France 0-2 on Dec. 14. Qatar 2022 marked the first tournament held in the Middle East.

## 5. Karen Bass holds which LA record?

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- The second woman and first Black person elected mayor.
- **The first woman and the second Black person elected mayor.**
- The first Jewish and the second Mexican American elected mayor.
- The second Jewish person and the first Mexican American elected mayor.

Karen Bass is **the first female and second black mayor of Los Angeles**. Vice President **Kamala Harris** swore her in on **Dec. 11, 2022**. Her predecessor was Eric Garcetti, **LA's first Jewish mayor and second consecutive Mexican American**. Bass said her first act as mayor would be **to declare a state of emergency on homelessness**.

## 6. Where was Reuss a kingdom?

Screenshot: DW News - YouTube



- Russia.
- France.
- Austria.
- **Germany.**

The name Reuss (pronounced ROYSS) was used for several historical states in **Thuringia, the sixth-smallest state in Germany**. On Dec. 7, 2022, **German authorities arrested 25 people suspected of plotting to overthrow the government**. They were led by **Heinrich XIII, Prince of Reuss**, who planned a violent coup to “**free Germany from the deep state’s tyranny.**”

## 7. What's Netflix's biggest documentary debut?

Screenshot: Harry & Meghan / Netflix



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- **Harry & Meghan.**
- The Tinder Swindler.
- Pelé.

During its first week, **Netflix's documentary series about Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, attracted more viewers on the platform than any other documentary.** After "Harry & Meghan" premiered on Dec. 8, its **first three episodes recorded 81.55 million viewing hours.** A total of **28 million households watched at least part of the series.** In Britain, "Harry & Meghan" was the most-watched series on Netflix between Dec. 5 and 11.



## 8. What is Jennifer Coolidge's character in HBO's The White Lotus?

Screenshot: The White Lotus / HBO



- Olivia.
- **Tanya.**
- Bobbie.
- Rachel.

Jennifer Coolidge played lip-plumped heiress **Tanya** on HBO's "The White Lotus" – one of only two characters from the first season to appear in the second. A murderous finale **concluded the second season on Dec. 11, 2022.**

## 9. At least nine US states, including Texas, prohibit what app on state government devices and computer networks?

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- WhatsApp.
- Twitter.
- Instagram.
- **TikTok.**

On Dec. 12, 2022, Alabama and Utah joined Texas, Maryland, South Dakota, and four other US states in banning the use of TikTok on state government devices and computer networks. In November, FBI Director Chris Wray warned that the Chinese government could control data collection and algorithms used in the app to target millions of US users. A TikTok spokesperson said the warning was “unfounded, politically charged falsehoods about TikTok.”

## 10. Why did Jin of BTS cut his hair?

Photo: Weverse - BTS Weverse



- To make a fashion statement.
- To support Iranian women.
- **To join the military.**
- To avoid visible hair loss.

Before joining the South Korean military on Dec. 13, 2022, **Jin, the oldest member of BTS, cut his hair. Jin will spend five weeks at an army boot camp near the border with North Korea** in preparation for his 18-month assignment. His younger bandmates will **follow him into the military in the coming years.**

## 11. Which TV show won the most nominations at the 2023 Golden Globes?

Screenshot: Abbott Elementary / ABC



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- Better Call Saul.
- **Abbott Elementary.**
- Wednesday.

The 80th **Golden Globe nominations** were announced on Dec. 12, 2022. ABC's comedy "Abbott Elementary" led the television categories with eight nominations, followed by Netflix's "The Crown." The winners **will be announced in a televised ceremony hosted by comedian Jerrod Carmichael on Jan. 10, 2023.** The ceremony in 2022 was not broadcast.

## 12. Zoe Saldana is the star of which movie franchises?

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- Avatar, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Star Trek.
- Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Batman.
- Avatar, The Suicide Squad, and Star Wars.
- Fast and Furious, Aquaman, and Mission: Impossible.

Zoe Saldana was **Nyota Uhura in the Star Trek film series** and **Neytiri in the Avatar film series**. She also portrays **Gamora in Marvel's Cinematic Universe**. Saldana has been in three of the five highest-grossing films of all time (**Avatar, Avengers: Infinity War, and Avengers: Endgame**), which no other performer has ever achieved.