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## Topic Choices

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### 1. *Technology Finance*

- a. There are two pillars that are the foundation of our society: Economics and Finance. Over the past 10 years, technology has emerged as the clear future of all societies. A clear example of the Finance and Technology integration is at Stevens. The Business Technology program was created because Investment banks were looking for technical students to develop new derivatives to help predict the market. However, the problem was that the engineers and math students had no to little knowledge in finance or just general business. Stevens saw the potential to create a new market and gain positioning on their competitors. Now, Stevens Business Technology students are heavily recruited by top tier Investment Banks. Integrating technology with finance will change how financial markets are analyzed. Technology Finance is the future of global financial success.

### 2. *Education Finance*

- a. In order to meet the ever changing demands of future civilization, investing in the education of citizens is of paramount importance. As technology advances, jobs are becoming more complex and require a higher level of knowledge. Thus, the issue of financing education is among the most important we can analyze moving forward. Additionally, this topic is relevant to our team members as current students at an expensive private University facing the challenge of financing our futures. There are many aspects within this topic that can be studied such as student loans, federal financial aid, public schooling and education taxes to name a few.

### 3. *Energy Finance*

- a. The energy crisis is on the forefront of global concern, as it ties directly into economic development, climate issues, and more. Energy investments are important to future development, and have proven to be lucrative as startups have succeeded in bringing alternative energy to the mainstream. This topic is full of fascinating research areas from solar, to wind, to hydroelectric power

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generation and investment, to the impacts of changing power paradigms on existing economies.



