

THE QUESTIONS I SHOULD HAVE ASKED

When you live in flyover country and have the opportunity to appear on cable, it lacks some of the niceties of the big city: no green room, no professional makeup artist, and sometimes you have to drive yourself to the studio through Detroit's version of rush hour traffic (yeah, I know, no one works in this city anymore, but we're on the rebound).

Which means you don't get the same opportunity to compose your thoughts.

So here's what I should have said when asked what two questions I'd ask Elena Kagan in a confirmation hearing:

1. Do you think the President should be able to order the assassination of an American citizen with Predator drones with no due process?
2. What sort of disclosure does your former employer Goldman Sachs owe its clients when it makes a massive bet that millions of Americans will lose their homes?