

## Sabato's Crystal Ball Wins Top Honors in 2006

*Prediction Success Caps Banner Year for Election Analysis Site*

Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball "came closer than any other of the 10 top political predictors this cycle," said The Pew Research Center and Pew Charitable Trusts' Project for Excellence in Journalism (PEJ) in recognizing the accuracy of Sabato and the U.Va. Center for Politics in predicting results of the 2006 Midterm Congressional elections. "Perhaps Larry Sabato really does have a crystal ball," noted representatives of the PEJ.

race, and over 95% of individual House contests nationwide.

Although the business of political prognostication always involves a certain amount of luck, much of the Crystal Ball's success in 2006 can no doubt be attributed to hard work and state-by-state, district-by-district research to determine the true dynamics in each race. Between the start of 2005 and the November 2006 elections, the staff for the Crystal Ball produced and published over 50 newsletter installments and countless website updates packed with analysis relevant to the battles for governorships and control of Congress.

Under the guidance of Director Larry Sabato, Senior Editor Matt Smyth, and House Editor David Wasserman, the Crystal Ball continued to enhance its reputation as a leading handicapper of presidential, congressional, and gubernatorial politics, all while keeping its resources free for students, educators, political junkies, and interested voters alike. Teams of talented and dedicated student interns contributed hundreds of hours of research and assistance over the course of 2006 to help make this possible. During the fall, five student interns served as Crystal Ball regional correspondents, regularly advising staff on relevant developments within their coverage areas.

Indeed, it would have been exceedingly difficult to come any closer to predicting the year's election outcome than did the Crystal Ball. The final pre-election update for congressional races hit the nail on the head: Sabato and Crystal Ball

staff at the Center for Politics successfully predicted the exact Election Night Democratic gains of 6 seats in the House and 29 seats in the Senate. The Crystal Ball's election triumph included correct final predictions for each individual Senate race, all but one gubernatorial



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Prof. Larry Sabato offers Crystal Ball predictions during Tucker Carlson's live broadcast at the U.Va. Rotunda.

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Be sure to bookmark and visit the website often! The Crystal Ball can be found on the web at: [www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball](http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball)

■ ■ The year 2006 also marked a period of significant growth and improvement for the Crystal Ball and its resources. In addition to more frequent mid-term election updates, e-mail newsletters issued during the fall campaign season featured new HotRace Readings™ charts to clearly display the Crystal Ball's ratings for Senate, House, and gubernatorial races. As we enter what is sure to be an exciting 2008 presidential

election cycle, the Crystal Ball site will see enhanced ease of use for all visitors, and an increased subscriber base that now totals well over 20,000. Among other upgrades, the Crystal Ball plans to introduce new syndication options and a new graphic design for its readership as it embarks on comprehensive coverage of the 2008 battles for the White House, Congress, and statehouses. ★



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Top:  
Conference attendees gathered at the Jefferson Hotel.

Bottom left:  
Anne Holton, First Lady of Virginia

Bottom right:  
Mary Sue Terry, former Virginia Attorney General



As an extension of the Center for Politics **Virginia Political History Project**, the Center collaborates annually with the PBS Community Idea Stations to produce documentaries highlighting content and figures important to the history of the Commonwealth. Central to the mission of the Center is the pursuit to renew civic interest and participation in the electoral process, particularly among our nation's youth. Thus, it is fitting that in 2006 we turned our focus to **J. Sargeant Reynolds**, whose legacy is largely defined by his commitment to engage Virginia's young people in the political process.

**"Sarge Reynolds: A Documentary"** shows Reynolds' tireless devotion to promote racial equality and public education throughout the state, as well as delves into the reasons for his extreme popularity and his ability to communicate to the youth of the tumultuous '60s. Through interviews with family, friends and political historians, award-winning producer/director Mason Mills ("Wilder: An American First") explores how the death of this former lieutenant governor, who some say was on the fast-track to the presidency, left a void in the Democratic Party and changed Virginia's political landscape.

## Virginia Political History Project

### 2006: Women in Politics

The 2006 Virginia Political History Project on Women in Politics saw the conference's largest turnout to date. Held on July 21, 2006 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, the one-day conference, co-sponsored by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, featured remarks and panel discussions by women who have served the Commonwealth in a variety of elective and appointive offices. These women shared their experiences in politics, and provided insight and encouragement for future generations of female leaders in Virginia.

The present First Lady of Virginia, Anne Holton, introduced the keynote speaker, former Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, the only woman to be elected to statewide office in the Commonwealth of Virginia thus far. The first panel, titled *Political Pioneers:*

*Paving the Way*, discussed the challenges and celebrated the triumphs of former and present female political leaders. This panel was introduced by Robin DeJarnette and moderated by Susan Magill. The panelists included Dr. Deirdre Condit, Secretary Vivian Watts, Senator Yvonne Miller, Senator Eva Scott, former First Lady of Virginia, Senator Edwina Dalton Phillips, and Eva Teig Hardy.

The second panel, titled *Toward the Future: Women's Leadership in Virginia Government and Politics*, was introduced by Larry Sabato and moderated by Secretary Viola Baskerville. The panelists discussed present and future trends and challenges for women in politics and included Secretary Jody Wagner, former First Lady of Virginia Dr. Roxanne Gilmore, Delegate Terrie Suit, Delegate Jennifer McClellan, and former Virginia Lieutenant Governor Leslie Byrne. ★

# American Democracy Conference

*The 2006 Midterm Elections and the 2008 Presidential Election*

With the sweeping results of the midterm elections still fresh on the national political scene, an all-star cast of journalists and political operatives from both sides of the aisle

assembled in Washington, D.C. on November 30, 2006 for the ninth annual American Democracy Conference, titled “The 2006 Midterm Elections and the 2008 Presidential Election.”

Held at the Ronald Reagan Building and generously sponsored by the Wrinkle in Time Foundation, the conference drew one of its largest crowds to date and

was the ninth joint venture between the Center for Politics and *The Hotline*, the National Journal Group’s daily political briefing. The audience of nearly 500

beltway insiders and members of the political community was treated to a full day’s worth of insightful discussion focused on both the dramatic Democratic sweep of Congress three weeks earlier and the quickly developing free-for-all race for the presidency in 2008.

To the victors go the spoils, and Democrats in attendance were able to begin the day by listening to an entertaining address from one of their favorites. Democratic consultant and former Clinton campaign guru James Carville, this conference’s keynote speaker, provided a lively and engaging introduction to the day’s three panels. Carville told attendees of all political persuasions he believes the nation will witness one of its most exciting and consequential presidential contests ever in 2008 thanks to a lack of an incumbent and several larger-than-life figures who are expected to run.

Moderated by Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato, the first panel, titled “*ReDEMption*,” aimed to deconstruct the results of the “sixth year itch” elections of 2006. *Weekly Standard* Executive Editor Fred Barnes and Slate Chief Political Correspondent John Dickerson offered insights from their coverage of the elections. John Lapp, Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, added his perspective as one of the engineers of his party’s takeover of the House. Federal Election Commission Chairman Michael Toner, who picked apart the role of fundraising and spending in the elections, and Democratic mega-consultant Donna Brazile (the only non-U.Va. graduate of the group), rounded out the panel.



The “*ReDEMption*” panelists discuss the “sixth year itch.”



James Carville was the 2006 ADC keynote speaker.



Left: Donna Brazil, Democratic consultant

Right: Fred Barnes, Executive Editor, *Weekly Standard*

Setting sights ahead to the next election, *The Hotline's* Chuck Todd moderated Panel 2, *The 2008 Republican Presidential Contenders*. Clearly enlivened by prospects of an improved election result in 2008, the group of featured GOP political consultants and insiders discussed likely campaign strategies and hurdles of the announced and several other potential Republican presidential challengers. Already jockeying for their horses in the race, David Kenzinger (strategist for Sen. Sam Brownback), Mark McKinnon (media consultant for Sen. John McCain), Jan van Louhizen (pollster for former Gov. Mitt Romney), joined at-large-GOP-strategists Alex Vogel and Rich Galen on the dais. "I think there is an unusual constellation of candidates and primaries this particular year," remarked McKinnon. "You could have someone pop in Iowa, someone else pop in New Hampshire and someone else pop in South Carolina."

The final panel, *The 2008 Democratic Presidential Contenders*, mirrored the star quality of the preceding group featuring a spirited lineup of six leading Democratic minds. Moderated by *The Hotline's* John Mercurio, these political consultants of the party hoping to reclaim the White House discussed

the strategies and goals of the likely group of Democratic presidential contestants. The panelists included Anita Dunn (media consultant for Sen. Evan Bayh), Steve Murphy (media consultant for Gov. Bill Richardson), Jennifer Palmieri (strategist for former Sen. John Edwards), Jessica Vanden Berg (strategist for retired Gen. Wesley Clark), and at-large-Democratic-consultants Doug Sosnik and Jim Jordan. Concerning the pre-primary money chase in 2008, Jordan warned: "There's an opening bid somewhere between \$20 million and \$50 million, but \$60 million isn't twice as good as \$50 million; there are diminishing returns."

If elections are the seminal events in the life of our democracy, then it is altogether fitting that an examination and appraisal of our democracy's landscape take place in conjunction with them. As we count down the months remaining until the presidential election in 2008, the Center for Politics looks forward to future programming opportunities such as the American Democracy Conference to dissect the state of American politics and its prospects for the future. ★

## HAVA Grant

### *Center for Politics Student Poll Worker Program*



The Center for Politics received a grant through the **Help America Vote Act** (HAVA) in August 2006 to recruit and train college students to serve as poll workers in election precincts in the City of Charlottesville and the neighboring County of Albemarle. The Center for Politics recruited students from the nearby Piedmont Virginia Community College and the University of Virginia, and interested students received training through the city and county Offices of Voter Registration. Those who successfully completed training were invited to attend a swearing-in ceremony in the Dome Room of the University of Virginia Rotunda. Larry Sabato hosted this event and several public officials attended, including EAC Commissioner Gracia Hillman, Virginia State Secretary of Elections Jean Jensen, and City of Charlottesville Mayor David Brown.

On Election Day 2006, **twenty-nine college students** worked through this program, and preliminary analysis of a student survey shows that students enjoyed participating and plan to work the polls again in the future.

# YLI's Mock Election program

*Nearly 1 million votes cast as students learn the importance of civic involvement*

**B**etween October 25 and November 2, 2006, students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia cast nearly 1 million votes in the nation's largest, student-only online mock election. In addition to the state-wide races provided by YLI, this year's Mock Election offered educators the opportunity to customize their ballots to include local races and referendum issues, enabling

teachers to connect to students on the federal, state and local levels, thus making the Mock Election a more authentic tool for teaching students about voting and democracy.

In this congressional mid-term election year, students voted for candidates vying for the offices of Governor, Senator, and U.S. House

of Representatives, depending on their state. The customization feature was extremely popular with teachers. Many expressed their appreciation for being

able to tailor ballots to reflect issues important to their communities, schools and classrooms. Peggy Lear Bowen, a middle school teacher in Reno, Nevada noted this about her students' experience with the YLI Mock Election, "My students had never been asked to vote before and they felt as if they had done something

important...they practiced using the most powerful weapon in the defense of democracy, their vote. My students plan

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**Peggy Lear Bowen**  
**Middle School Teacher**  
**Reno, Nevada**

to register to vote when they turn 18 and vote until the day they die!"

In addition to providing supporting lesson plans for teachers on topics such as campaign advertising, elections, debate watching and more, YLI also created lessons comparing the gubernatorial candidates for each of the 36 states in which that race was held.

The Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) Mock Election program offers K-12 educators nationwide and abroad the opportunity to directly engage students in the excitement of the American electoral process. "This year's mock election was unique in that YLI enabled educators to create online ballots that were truly relevant to students' voting experience while creating excitement in this mid-term election," said Meg Heubeck, YLI Director of Instruction.

A detailed listing of national voting statistics and statewide results can be found by accessing the Mock Election Results area of the YLI website at [www.youthleadership.net](http://www.youthleadership.net). Invite a teacher you know to join the excitement! ★



Students at Jackson P. Burley Middle School participate in the 2006 Mock Election.



# Awards for Civic Excellence

*Center for Politics and Youth Leadership Initiative Announce ACE Awards to Inspire Excellence in Civics Education*

**T**he national Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) at the U.Va. Center for Politics has announced an exciting opportunity to recognize and extend the talents of outstanding civics and government educators across the nation as part of the Center for Politics' new Awards for Civics Excellence (ACE). YLI is conducting a lesson plan contest that will recognize YLI educators who have created outstanding instructional materials that promote lifelong civic participation. The awards also recognize civically active University of Virginia students, and help to place them in civic-related internships.

Funded by Center for Politics Director, Dr. Larry J. Sabato, the ACE Awards will allow interested educators to demonstrate how civics, government and the political process can enliven the classroom. The Awards for Civics Excellence further the Center's mission to effectively connect individuals with their place in a self governing civic society.

## **Creating Lesson Plans**

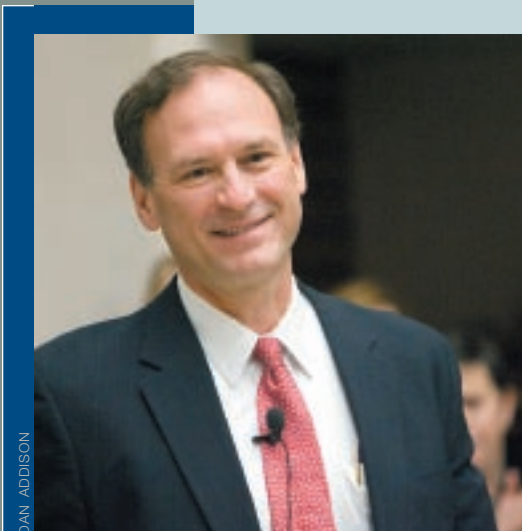
Established as a way to show appreciation for tremendous contributions to the field of civics education, YLI invites all teachers participating in the program to submit instructional materials for consideration. Open to teachers of all grade levels, lesson plan submissions will be accepted through April 30, 2007. Educators may submit materials on topics including citizenship, leadership, third parties, foreign policy, balance of power, grassroots organizations, and many more.

Entries will be reviewed by a committee and winners will be announced in spring 2007. There will be several awards per academic level; each receiving an honorarium. All winning lesson plans will be posted on YLI's website ([www.youthleadership.net](http://www.youthleadership.net)) for use by other educators.

## **Civically Active Students**

The Center is also granting ACE Awards to University students for political and other civic-related internships. These internships may include assistantships in the offices of government officials, work on political campaigns, efforts that promote voter registration and/or voter turnout, and other political and civic-related community efforts and outreach. These ACE awards will always be distributed to ensure balance among political parties and ideologies. In the fall of 2006, two U.Va. undergraduate students interned with two local elected officials – Republican Virginia Delegate Rob Bell, and Democratic City of Charlottesville Councilman David Norris. Each student received an ACE award following the completion of their internship. Future student internships through the ACE award program will commence in the summer and fall of 2007.

Through the ACE Awards, YLI and the Center for Politics endeavor to inspire and promote creative experiential learning in the field of civics and government. ★



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## **Justice Alito**

*United States Supreme Court Justice Visits Center*

**O**n February 6, 2007, The Center for Politics and U.Va. Professor Larry J. Sabato hosted United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. for a day that included a reception in Pavilion IV, a lecture to Sabato's Introduction to American Politics class, and dinner with students.

Sabato noted how exceptional it was for a sitting Justice to visit an undergraduate class anywhere in the country. Justice Alito recounted a very exhausting confirmation process, and enlightened students to the daily routine of a Supreme Court Justice. Careful not to reveal secrets of the High Court's proceedings, Alito did note that it was his job as Junior Justice to answer the door during conference sessions if there were an interruption. With the confirmation process complete and a more settled routine at the court, Alito said that he could once more agree that "Politics is a good thing!"

# International Youth Democracy Summit

*Opens Jamestown 400th Commemoration*

In August 2006, the University of Virginia hosted the opening conference of the federal Jamestown 400th Commemoration. The International

Youth Democracy Summit (IYDS) opened the Conference series, and was made possible through the coordination of the U.Va. Center for Politics and its partner, Presidential Classroom. IYDS focused on the importance of civic engagement for a healthy democracy, specifically how service to community is one of the important

legacies of the 1607 settlement at Jamestown. The Summit was a resounding success, attracting 300 civically active high school student delegates from 42 states and 22 nations to the Grounds of the University of Virginia.

During the Summit, student delegates engaged in informative seminars, cross-fire debates, and caucuses designed to explore areas of civic participation and engagement. Participants visited Jamestown, Williamsburg, Monticello, and the U.S. Capitol, sites important to the foundation and continuation of modern democracy. Delegates also developed Civic Action Plans that determined areas of need in their respective schools and communities and how to lead civic action to address those needs.

Soon after the delegates arrived at the University they received a tour of Central Grounds. Dan Roberts, well-known for his "A Moment in Time" radio broadcast, then gave a presentation on the historical significance of Jamestown. Later that evening, the delegates, along

with approximately 200 guests, took part in an opening ceremony for the Summit and Conference series where the Honorable Karen P. Hughes, U.S. Department of State Undersecretary of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, delivered the keynote address.

Larry Sabato, Director of the Center for Politics, opened the following day with a presentation on the 2006 elections and the importance of civic engagement to government. The delegates responded with complex questions such as, "With the polarization of the parties, what is the likelihood of a president being elected that will better unify the country?" and, "Does the electoral college take away power from the individual and discourage participation?" Later in the afternoon Jeff Looney of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation addressed the group on Mr. Jefferson and his view of leadership as well as the role of documentary editors in preserving history. One student inquired, "After proofing and editing many of Thomas Jefferson's works, what do you find are some of his most distinguishing writing mannerisms?" Throughout the Summit delegates posed well considered questions, confirming their selection from a very competitive applicant pool. The IYDS students were not the only people to benefit from the Sabato and Looney presentation: C-SPAN recorded all sessions and aired them to a national audience.

Delegates also had the opportunity to gather in the University Amphitheater to view and take part in an energetic performance by Red Crooked Sky, an American Indian dance troupe made up of individuals representing numerous tribes from across the country. Following



*The Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission's International Conference Series on the Foundations and Future of Democracy is taking the opportunity of the 400th anniversary of the settlement's founding to reflect on the past four centuries of progress and to explore how democracies can survive and flourish in the years ahead. Visit [www.JamestownJourney.org](http://www.JamestownJourney.org) for information on series events.*





Left, Frederick Douglass IV and B. J. Douglass inspire Summit delegates as they re-enact the lives and struggles of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and wife Anna Murray Douglass. Right, Chief Thomas Lewis of the Meherrin Indian Tribe leads a Snake Dance for 150 Summit delegates.

the performance, Karenne Wood, Chair of the Virginia Council on Indians, lectured and answered questions on the Virginia Indian experience.

On the delegates' final night on Grounds, Frederick Douglass IV and his wife B.J. Douglass gave a dramatic reenactment of the lives of the original Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Douglass. The following morning the IYDS moved back to Washington, D.C., where students toured the Lincoln, Jefferson, Korean and

Vietnam War memorials. Delegates also toured the U.S. Capitol where former Oklahoma U.S. Representative Mickey Edwards led the students in a seminar conducted on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The delegates returned to their home communities with a greater understanding of the necessity of civic engagement for a healthy democracy, now equipped with tools to improve civic engagement in their own communities. Furthermore, they have a stronger awareness of the importance

of Jamestown to the founding of the American nation and the beginning of modern democracy. One delegate stated, "I've wanted to do a service project at my school, and the Summit gave me step-by-step instructions on how to get started." A fellow delegate said that her interest in Jamestown was piqued, and she wanted to learn more. Another stated, "I've had a jaded view of our government, but I now see that it and our democracy have important ideals. My generation needs to take part and make it work the way it should." ★

## Civic Instruction Abroad

After discovering YLI's programs on the internet, **Mrs. Onwudiwe**, a classroom teacher in southern Nigeria, requested a copy of YLI's service learning pilot, **Democracy Corps**. Despite YLI's focus on American Civics and government, Mrs. Onwudiwe has been using the resources to educate her students about how they can become active and informed citizens. She writes, "[Democracy Corps] gives the student[s] the opportunity to be involved in their community...as well as... government meeting[s]. By so doing they will be able to know their **civic responsibility**" as well as the role of the government's responsibility in democracy. Since first requesting YLI's Democracy Corps, Ms. Onwudiwe has also used many of YLI's other resources. When the pilot phase is complete, YLI plans to launch Democracy Corps as a nationwide resource.





All Star Lineup Left: Geraldine Ferraro, first female Vice Presidential candidate speaks at U.Va. Middle and Right: Jennifer Dunn, congresswoman from Washington state and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher of California participate during the Center's Symposium on Women and Politics held at UC Berkeley in July.

## National Symposium Series

### *Women and Politics*

**B**eginning in the spring of 2006, the Center for Politics hosted its National Symposium Series (NSS), with this year's focus upon Women and Politics. Expanding on previous symposia, the 2006 NSS featured partnerships with other leading national civic education organizations, as well as major events on the East and West coasts. The almost year-long series was comprised of components designed to explore the role that women have played in the political process, while also inspiring a new generation of women leaders.

*Women and the Presidency: 8 for '08*, a panel discussion held at U.Va. and co-sponsored by the White House Project, kicked off the 2006 NSS in February. Panelists included Dee Dee Myers and Marie Wilson. The White House Project and the Center for Politics also conducted a national poll measuring public support for several prominent women as

possible U.S. presidential contenders. The April 30 issue of *Parade Magazine* included an article about the White House project's 8 for '08 campaign that featured an online adult poll, as well as the youth poll hosted by the Center for Politics' Youth Leadership Initiative. Candace McAdams, Director of Marketing and Communications for the White House Project noted that this vote can provide some valuable clues as to the pulse of the nation regarding women leaders over the next several years.

The second event in the 2006 NSS, *What Women Really Want*, was an April discussion by authors and pollsters Kellyanne Conway and Celinda Lake on the roles and opinions of and about women in contemporary American society, as examined by their book *What Women Really Want: How American Women Are Quietly Erasing Political, Racial, Class, and Religious Lines to Change the Way We Live*. Women comprise a majority of voters, college students, first-time homebuyers, and make up more than 80 percent of all consumer purchases.

The Center for Politics partnered with

the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California at Berkeley for a two-day conference in Berkeley, California titled *Women in Politics: Seeking Office and Making Policy*. Distinguished practitioners and leading academics from around the country explored the status of women in the worlds of politics and public policy in this June 2006 event. The conference brought elected officials, political consultants and researchers from across the country together to discuss the changing roles of women in politics, and materials from the conference were published on the Center for Politics website ([www.centerforpolitics.org](http://www.centerforpolitics.org)) following the event.

A public lecture by Geraldine Ferraro, to-date the only female major-party nominee for Vice President of the United States, highlighted the 2006 NSS in September. Ferraro was introduced by Mary Sue Terry, the first and only woman to have been elected to statewide office in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ferraro spoke about her own experiences as a woman in politics, and what young people today can do to become involved in the process. "We have to keep reminding them what it was like before, so they recognize that the only way they are going to make it better for the future – for their future and their children's future – is by becoming involved politically," Ferraro said.

For the *Women and Politics Political Leadership Training*, the Center for Politics partnered with Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government for a two-day workshop in Boston, Massachusetts. Governor Jeanne Shaheen, the first female governor of New Hampshire and Director of Harvard's Institute of Politics, kicked off the event. Twenty women in undergraduate and graduate programs from the University of Virginia were selected by the Center for Politics to participate in the training activities led by various female academics and leaders in politics and policy. ★

Through the exciting new **American Political Challenges** series with Rowman and Littlefield publishers, Larry J. Sabato and the Center for Politics tap leading political authors to present cogent diagnoses and prescriptions for **improving both politics and government**. The books are short, to the point, and easy to understand (if difficult to implement against the political grain). They take a stand and show how to overcome obstacles to change and allow readers to grasp the breadth of the challenges that face our political system.

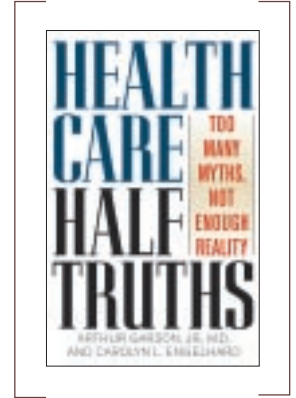
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### *Health Care Half Truths: Too Many Myths, Not Enough Reality*

Arthur Garson, Jr., MD and Carolyn L. Engelhard

**A**re you fed up with hearing that the American health care "system" is broken? Well, being exasperated about it doesn't change the reality! The system is terminal: your bills that cannot be understood – or paid; your 8-minute doctor visit, with the chronic referrals; your own child who was just laid off, and whose family has no health insurance. These are all symptoms of a dire situation. Our health care system should not be fixed by those in smoked-filled backrooms or the boardrooms of insurance conglomerates. Each of us, in our own way, must be inspired to work on it – whether directly as practitioners or indirectly as voters – or our healthcare system, and by extension, our own health will continue to deteriorate.

*Health Care Half Truths* diagnoses the health care crisis, addresses and debunks 20 commonly held perceptions, and delivers a system that meets the needs of patients, physicians, and politicians.



### *The Sixth Year Itch: The Rise and Fall of the George W. Bush Presidency*

Larry J. Sabato

**T**he *Sixth Year Itch* contains original chapters by Sabato, as well as contributed chapter by prominent journalists and scholars who are on the political frontlines. Each essay offers trenchant commentary, insider perspectives and unique insight into the campaigns, the issues, and the strategies of parties and candidates of the 2006 Midterm Congressional elections and its implications not only for the remainder of the Bush presidency, but for his 2008 successor as well.



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