

"Politics is a good thing!" ... is the slogan of Dr. Larry J. Sabato. According to the Wall Street Journal, Dr. Sabato is "probably the most quoted college professor in the land" and his Crystal Ball electoral analysis is the nation's most accurate. In July 2008, Dr. Sabato correctly projected that Barack Obama would win the presidency in a near-landslide. He predicted a 364-174 margin in the Electoral College, just one vote away from the final tally of 365-173, as well as the correct popular vote percentages. He also accurately predicted 99% of Senate, House, and Governor winners-by far the best showing in the business.

His spectacular record of predicting elections is not new. In 2006, for example, he was named the most accurate prognosticator by an unusual combination of news organizations: FOX News, MSNBC, CNBC, and Pew's Project for Excellence in Journalism. In 2006 Dr. Sabato was the only national analyst to call the Senate and House contests on the button.

At home both in the classroom and the television studio, Dr. Sabato bridges the gap between the ivory tower and the real world of politics. The author of over 20 books and countless essays on politics, Dr. Sabato has taught more than 14,000 students in his career at Oxford University, Cambridge University, and the University of Virginia. He has received every major teaching award at the University of Virginia, and in 2001 he was named the Thomas Jefferson Award winner, U.Va.'s highest honor that has been given to one person each year since the 1950s. Dr. Sabato is the University Professor of Politics and director of the U.Va. Center for Politics (www.centerforpolitics.org), founded in 1998 to improve civic education and the political process.

Dr. Sabato's latest book is *The Year of Obama: How Barack Obama Won the White House* (Longman, April 2009).

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Dr. Sabato is also regularly updating "Sabato's Crystal Ball," a critically acclaimed election analysis website founded in 2002 (www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball).