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David Wasserman is the Senior Editor & Election Analyst for the nonpartisan newsletter, *The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter*, and a contributor to NBC News. Founded in 1984, *The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter* provides analyses of U.S. presidential, Senate, House, and gubernatorial races. *The New York Times* called *The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter* “a newsletter that both parties regard as authoritative.”

In an era of polling uncertainty, Wasserman is the rare analyst who has accurately forecast the last three presidential elections. In 2016, Wasserman drew wide praise for his accurate pre-election analysis, including his uncanny September piece entitled, “How Trump Could Win the White House While Losing the Popular Vote.” In 2020, Wasserman's forecast of Biden's win was correct in 49 of 50 states, missing only North Carolina. And in 2024, Wasserman correctly assessed that erosion in Democratic support among young and nonwhite voters made Trump the slight favorite to retake the White House.

Wasserman analyzes the current political environment in lively and entertaining presentations that he can tailor to his audiences' specific interests or locales. His data-driven forecasting looks at both national and local trends (if requested, he can even do a district-by-district outlook), the relationship between consumer brand loyalty and voting, and what the future holds for American elections. He is exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#).

Highly Praised Expertise. Legendary forecaster Nate Silver has written: “Wasserman’s knowledge of the nooks and crannies of political geography can make him seem like a local,” and the Los Angeles Times called Wasserman “whip smart” and a “scrupulously nonpartisan” analyst whose “numbers nerd-dom was foretold at a young age.” Chuck Todd, former host of NBC's Meet the Press, has called David “pretty much the only person you need to follow on Election Night.”

Political Intelligence. Wasserman has served as an analyst for the NBC News Election Night Decision Desk since 2008 and has also appeared on Fox News, CNN, and NPR. His commentary has been cited in numerous publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *the Economist*, *POLITICO*, and the *Washington Post*. In 2018, his groundbreaking interactive collaboration with FiveThirtyEight, the “Atlas of Redistricting,” took top prize for News Data App of the Year.

An enthusiast for data and maps, Wasserman serves as a contributing writer to the Almanac of American Politics. A frequent speaker and guest lecturer, he has shared insights into the latest political trends with audiences at Harvard's Institute of Politics, the Dole Institute of Politics, and the University of Chicago Institute of Politics – where he was named a resident Pritzker Fellow in 2019. In 2024, David was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Prior to joining the *The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter* in 2007, Wasserman served for three years as House editor of *Sabato's Crystal Ball*, a widely respected political analysis newsletter and website founded by renowned University of Virginia professor Larry Sabato. A native of New Jersey, Wasserman is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he was awarded the 2006 Emmerich-Wright Outstanding Thesis prize.