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We asked four political scientists—Stephen Ansolabehere of MIT; Robert Erikson of Columbia University; Gary Jacobson of the University of California, San Diego; and David Mayhew of Yale University—to predict which presidential candidate would win key state contests and which would win the the most electoral and popular votes. They also forecast the makeup of the 111th Congress. Can you do better? We'll give \$500 to the highest-scoring person who can beat our experts. After the elections, we'll name the winner on our Web site, www.bostonreview.net. Entries must be postmarked by November 1.

PRESIDENT:
KEY STATES

CO +1

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	OBAMA
MAYHEW	McCAIN
YOUR ENTRY	.....

FL +1

ANSOLABEHRE	McCAIN
ERIKSON	McCAIN
JACOBSON	McCAIN
MAYHEW	McCAIN
YOUR ENTRY	.....

IA +1

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	OBAMA
MAYHEW	OBAMA
YOUR ENTRY	.....

NH +1

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	McCAIN
MAYHEW	OBAMA
YOUR ENTRY	.....

NM +1

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	OBAMA
MAYHEW	OBAMA
YOUR ENTRY	.....

OH +1

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	OBAMA
MAYHEW	McCAIN
YOUR ENTRY	.....

VA +1

ANSOLABEHRE	McCAIN
ERIKSON	OBAMA
JACOBSON	McCAIN
MAYHEW	McCAIN
YOUR ENTRY	.....

PRESIDENT:
OVERALL

ELECTORAL +2
IF WITHIN 4

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA: 293	McCAIN: 245
ERIKSON	OBAMA: 297	McCAIN: 241
JACOBSON	OBAMA: 295	McCAIN: 243
MAYHEW	McCAIN: 301	OBAMA: 237
YOUR ENTRY	.....	.....

+5

POPULAR +1
IF WITHIN 2

ANSOLABEHRE	OBAMA: 51%	McCAIN: 49%
ERIKSON	OBAMA: 52.5%	McCAIN: 47.5%
JACOBSON	OBAMA: 51.2%	McCAIN: 48.8%
MAYHEW	McCAIN: 51.5%	OBAMA: 48.5%
YOUR ENTRY	.....	.....

+2
IF WITHIN 0.5

CONGRESS:
SPLIT

HOUSE

D +2
IF WITHIN 4

ANSOLABEHRE	253
ERIKSON	253
JACOBSON	252
MAYHEW	254
YOUR ENTRY	.....

+5

R +2
IF WITHIN 4

ANSOLABEHRE	182
ERIKSON	182
JACOBSON	183
MAYHEW	181
YOUR ENTRY	.....

+5

SENATE

D +1
IF WITHIN 2

ANSOLABEHRE	54
ERIKSON	54
JACOBSON	53
MAYHEW	54
YOUR ENTRY	.....

+2

R +1
IF WITHIN 2

ANSOLABEHRE	44
ERIKSON	44
JACOBSON	45
MAYHEW	44
YOUR ENTRY	.....

+2

HOW TO ENTER

Fill in your predictions on the lines marked YOUR ENTRY, and send this page, or a copy of it, along with your name, address, phone number, and email address, to 2008 Election-Forecast Contest, c/o BOSTON REVIEW, 35 Medford Street, Suite 302, Somerville, MA 02143. You may also print out a copy of this page from our Web site at www.bostonreview.net. One entry per person. Correct predictions earn the number of points in the black corner of entry boxes. Predictions that fall within a certain (indicated) range of the correct answer earn the number of points in the white corner. The winner will be the highest-scoring entrant who beats all four experts. In a tie, prize money will be divided evenly among winners. Experts made their predictions in August. To predict a victory for a third-party candidate in congressional splits, do not count that candidate's state or district in either the D or the R box. Popular vote refers to two-party vote.



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