

Politics War Room

Host Bio's

JAMES CARVILLE

James "The Ragin' Cajun" Carville is America's best-known political consultant. His long list of electoral successes evidences a knack for steering overlooked campaigns to unexpected landslide victories and for re-making political underdogs into upset winners.

His winning streak began in 1986, when he managed the gubernatorial victory of Robert Casey in Pennsylvania. In 1987, Carville helped guide Wallace Wilkinson to the governor's seat in Kentucky. Carville continued his winning streak with a win in New Jersey with Frank Lautenberg elected to the US Senate. He next managed the successful 1990 gubernatorial campaign of Georgia's Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller, including a tough primary win over Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, and in 1991, Carville – who had already become prominent in many political circles – drew national attention when he led Senator Harris Wofford from 40 points behind in the polls to an upset landslide victory over former Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. But his most prominent victory was in 1992 when he helped William Jefferson Clinton win the Presidency.

In recent years, Carville has not been a paid political consultant for any domestic politicians or candidates, instead focusing on campaigns in more than 23 countries around the globe stretching from the continents of South America to Europe to Africa and most recently Asia. James Carville is also a best-selling author, actor, producer, talk-show host, speaker and restaurateur. His titles include *Love & War: Twenty Years, Three Presidents, Two Daughters and One Louisiana Home*; *It's The Middle Class Stupid!*; *All's Fair: Love, War, and Running for President* (with wife Mary Matalin); *We're Right, They're Wrong: A Handbook for Spirited Progressives*; *And the Horse He Rode In On: The People vs. Kenneth Starr*; *Buck Up, Suck Up... and Come Back When You Foul Up*; *Had Enough? A Handbook for Fighting Back*; *Stickin': The Case for Loyalty*; his children's book, *Lu and the Swamp Ghost*; and 2006's *Take it Back, 40 More Years: How the Democrats will Rule the Next Generation*.

Along with pollster Stanley Greenberg, Carville founded Democracy Corps, an independent, non-profit polling organization dedicated to making government more responsive to the American people.

Carville also serves as a Professor of Practice at Tulane University in New Orleans, where he lives with his wife Mary Matalin and their two daughters.

AL Hunt

Albert Hunt is a Washington columnist, writing now for the Hill and other publications and co-host of 2020 Politics War Room with James Carville and Al Hunt. He was a Bloomberg Opinion and International New York Times columnist covering politics and policy; he was the executive Washington editor of Bloomberg News.

Before a reporter, bureau chief and executive Washington editor at the Wall Street Journal. Hunt hosted the weekend talk show Political Capital with Al Hunt on Bloomberg Television and also was a weekly panelist on CNN's Capital Gang and Evans, Novak, Hunt & Shields. He is co-author of a series of books published by the American Enterprise Institute, including The American Elections of 1980, The American Elections of 1982, and The American Elections of 1984. In 1987, he co-authored Elections American Style for the Brookings Institution. He teaches a course on the Press and Politics at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Judy Woodruff, anchor of the PBS' Newshour, live in Washington; they have three children.