

# Predicting Performance In The White House: An Updated Look at the Politics of Presidential Leadership

In the wake of the 2016 presidential election, there has been a renewed interest in understanding the factors that contribute to presidential success. In *Predicting Performance In The White House*, John Mueller provides a comprehensive analysis of the factors that have shaped presidential performance since the founding of the United States.



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Mueller argues that there are three main factors that contribute to presidential success: political skill, policy expertise, and luck. Political skill is the ability to build and maintain coalitions, negotiate with Congress, and communicate effectively with the public. Policy expertise is the knowledge

and understanding of the issues that presidents face. Luck is the unpredictable events that can help or hinder a president's agenda.

Mueller uses statistical analysis to test the impact of these factors on presidential performance. He finds that political skill is the most important factor, followed by policy expertise and luck. He also finds that the impact of these factors varies depending on the political environment.

For example, Mueller finds that political skill is more important in times of divided government, when presidents must negotiate with Congress to get their agenda passed. Policy expertise is more important in times of crisis, when presidents must make difficult decisions that can have a profound impact on the country.

*Predicting Performance In The White House* is a valuable contribution to the literature on presidential leadership. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the factors that contribute to presidential success, and it offers valuable insights into the challenges that presidents face. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in American politics.

### **Revised and Updated Foreword**

The updated foreword to *Predicting Performance In The White House* provides a valuable overview of the Trump presidency. Mueller argues that Trump is a unique president who does not fit neatly into any of the traditional categories. He is a political outsider with no prior experience in government, and he has a very different leadership style than his predecessors.

Mueller argues that Trump's success is due to a combination of factors, including his political skill, his ability to connect with voters, and his luck. He also argues that Trump's presidency has been marked by a number of challenges, including the ongoing investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The updated foreword to *Predicting Performance In The White House* is a valuable addition to the book. It provides a timely analysis of the Trump presidency, and it offers valuable insights into the challenges that all presidents face.

## About the Author

John Mueller is a professor of political science at Ohio State University. He is the author of numerous books on American politics, including *War, Presidents, and Public Opinion* and *The Tyranny of the Minority*.

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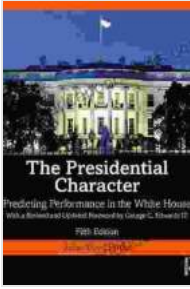
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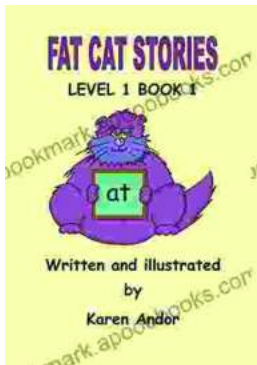
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