

Pollyperfect Election Forecast

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Let me tell you about Polly, our prognosticating parrot. Not once during the past eight months did the Pollyvote dip below 50 percent for Bush. On the morning of November 2, after pollynizing the latest information gleaned from her sources (the polls, the models, the experts' panel, and the IEM), Polly issued her final forecast: President Bush would take 51.5 percent of the two-party vote. According to the following Friday's *New York Times*, with 99.8 percent of precincts reporting, this is exactly what he received. Polly told the truth, as you can see from the Pollygraph at <http://pollyvote.com>

Polly provides excellent examples on the value of combining forecasts and on the use of Delphi. We will be making all of the data available to researchers.

We need help on promoting Polly. She has been an invisible bird as far as the mass media is concerned (though the Pollysites has had over 85,000 visits since mid-April). Do any of you have any press contacts that might help Polly to get some recognition?