

JAMES CARVILLE

James Carville is a political commentator providing insight “from the left” on CNN’s programs including *Inside Politics*. On *Inside Politics*, Carville and liberal commentator Paul Begala debate the hottest issues of the day with conservative commentator Robert Novak. Carville was formerly co-host of *Crossfire*, CNN’s political debate program.

Carville, an outspoken Democratic political strategist and commentator emerged onto the national political scene after his consulting firm, Carville & Begala, helped elect President Bill Clinton in 1992. For his work on the Clinton campaign, the American Association of Political Consultants named him Campaign Manager of the Year in 1993. He went on to serve as a senior political adviser to the president.

Carville & Begala’s other well-known electoral successes include the 1991 Senate victory of Harris Wofford in Pennsylvania, the 1990 gubernatorial victories of Georgia’s Zell Miller and Pennsylvania’s Robert P. Casey and the 1998 re-election of Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. In 1997, Carville co-founded the international consulting firm of Gould Greenberg Carville NOP.

Often referred to as the “Ragin’ Cajun” for his animated and colorful debating style, Carville began managing political campaigns in 1982. Before entering politics, he worked as a litigator at a Baton Rouge, La., law firm from 1973-1979 and also had brief stints in the U.S. Marines and as a high school teacher.

Carville co-authored the current best seller *Buck Up, Suck Up... and Come Back When You Foul Up* with Begala and has also authored *We’re Right, They’re Wrong: A Handbook for Spirited Progressives*, *And the Horse he Rode in on: The People vs. Ken Starr*, and *Stickin: The Case for Loyalty*. With his wife, renowned Republican strategist and current Bush Administration adviser Mary Matalin, he co-authored a book entitled, *All’s Fair: Love, War, and Running for President*. Matalin is a former conservative host of *Crossfire* (1999-2001).

Born and raised in Carville, La.-a town named for his grandfather-he graduated from Louisiana State University with undergraduate and law degrees.