

Do Crystal Balls Work?

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In writing my analysis of various races around the country, I rely on several different websites, but none more so than the Cook Political Report, which has been producing prognostications for many years. Of course, a lot of "conventional wisdom" turns out not to be very wise, so I sniffed around to see if anyone had examined whether or not anyone had researched the past performance of Cook's crystal ball. [Joshua Green at The Atlantic](#) [1] had already done the math, which I am not very good at to begin with, and he shows that Cook has been right most of the time.

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[1] <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/09/where-to-find-reliable-election-ratings/62825/>