

Amy Walter

National Editor of the Cook Political Report and Host of WNYC's The Takeaway Fridays

For more than 20 years, Amy Walter has built a reputation as an accurate, objective, and insightful political analyst with unparalleled access to campaign insiders and decision-makers. Known as one of the best political journalists covering Washington, she is national editor of the non-partisan *Cook Political Report* and a frequent on-air analyst. In addition to her weekly appearance on the popular "Politics Monday" segment on the *PBS NewsHour*, Amy also hosts WNYC's nationally-syndicated public radio news program, "Politics with Amy Walter" on *The Takeaway*. She is also a regular Sunday panelist on NBC's *Meet the Press* and CBS' *Face The Nation*, and appears frequently on *Special Report with Bret Baier* on Fox News Channel. She is the former political director of ABC News.

In her presentations, Walter expertly breaks down the electoral process, congressional culture, and the Washington political scene. Her astuteness, wit, and range of expertise creates an engaging, compelling presentation, and her reliable and accurate analysis has earned her numerous accolades. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Amy Walter takes audiences on an insider's tour of Washington through the eyes of the woman with her finger on the pulse of politics.

Political History. Before ABC, she was the editor-in-chief of *The Hotline*, Washington's premier daily briefing on American politics. There she served as the political publication's primary voice for three years, and she provided regular analysis of the national political environment in her weekly *National Journal* column, *On the Trail*. Walter has provided election night coverage and analysis since 1998 and was a member of CNN's Emmy-Award winning election night team in 2006.

Accolades & Education. Named one of the "Top 50 Journalists" by *Washingtonian* magazine, Walter was dubbed one of the most powerful people in politics in *George* magazine for her insights into the mechanics that make the political machine run. She also won *The Washington Post's* Crystal Ball Award for her spot-on election predictions and has been frequently quoted as a congressional election expert in newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*. Charlie Cook, editor and publisher of the *Cook Political Report*, said, "Today, her work is trusted and respected by Democrats and Republicans alike. She knows how to get beyond bluster and spin to unearth—and explain—what really matters in a political arena. And, she has a proven track record of success, which is essential for those whose jobs depend on accurate political forecasting."

Walter graduated summa cum laude from Colby College. She was also honored by her alma mater her with an honorary PhD, and is as a Trustee Emeritus. She is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics.

[See a full list of the Cook Political Report speakers we represent here.](#)
