#### Romney will win – best models

Anas 10-4 (Brittany, CU-Boulder prof's updated forecast still gives win to Mitt Romney, Times Call, 4 October 2012, http://www.timescall.com/news/longmont-local-news/ci\_21698333/cu-boulder-profs-updated-forecast-still-gives-win, da 10-5-12)

President Barack Obama is expected to receive 208 votes, which is down five from the initial prediction that the professors announced on Aug. 22.¶ Bickers said that economic conditions continue to favor Romney, even though many polls are showing the president in the lead.¶ Bickers recalled that incumbent Jimmy Carter led Ronald Reagan in the polls well into October during the 1980 election that Reagan ended up winning in a landslide.¶ The model developed by Bickers and Berry is based on the Electoral College and, they say, it is the only one of its type to include more than one state-level measure of economic conditions. To make their predictions, the professors comb economic data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.¶ The professors' model includes state and national unemployment figures as well as changes in income.

#### **Silver’s model is too conservative for now – doesn’t take into account debates. This is the conclusion to what they read.**

Silver 10/5 (http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/05/oct-5-day-after-debate-strong-swing-state-polls-for-romney/)

My subjective view is that, despite the somewhat mixed messages that the polls gave about the magnitude of Mr. Romney’s bounce, this is still too conservative. The forecast model is pretty “smart” about distinguishing random movements in the polls from real ones, and so can be fairly conservative in interpreting the data. However, it does not have the advantage of knowing that the shifts may have come for a good reason — in this case, Mr. Romney’s strong performance in the debate.¶ So I would bet on Mr. Romney right now given the odds the model offers — but I’d have done so more confidently before the morning’s jobs report.¶ It’s going to take a few more days for the forecast model to catch up to the news, and I don’t think there’s any alternative but to keep an open mind about the polls for right now.

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