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STUDENTS TALK BACK Brown Bag Lunch Series WHITMAN VS. BROWN:

Who's Got the
Winning Strategy?

**Tues., Sept. 14th,
11:30am-1:00pm**

(Program begins at
12:00 noon)



in the Fishbowl Chapel
(at the University Religious Center)
FREE lunch will be served.

Polar opposites in strategy and style, Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman are in a dead heat for the state's highest office. Brown, the Democrat, presents himself as the voice of experience, a lifelong public servant who understands Sacramento and has the track record to break through its political stalemate. Whitman, the Republican, is the former CEO of eBay who argues that private sector experience is the key to whipping the Sacramento political machine back into shape. Both candidates must tailor their messages to the diverse demographics of the Golden State. As Election Day nears, what can we expect to hear from the gubernatorial candidates? Join Democratic and Republican strategists and USC student leaders as they dissect the governor's race and predict the winning strategy.

Panelists include **Jay Carson**, Chief Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and former Traveling Press Secretary and Senior Advisor to the 2008 Hilary Clinton for President campaign; and **Matt Klink**, Executive Vice President and Head of Campaign & Issues Management Division, Cerrell Associates (an independent public relations firm). Moderated by **Dan Schnur**, Chairman of the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

STUDENTS TALK BACK is a weekly lunch series where USC students have the opportunity to discuss national and state politics with professional experts from the worlds of campaigns, government, policy and journalism. Every Wednesday, we'll discuss one issue that dominates political debate in Washington and Sacramento. Students will participate as panelists and analysts, and our guest experts will answer questions and respond to comments from those in attendance.



Theology Has Consequences:
**How Religion Really Affects American Life
And Why the Media Miss the Story**
By Ross Douthat, New York Times columnist

**Thurs., Sept 16th, 5:00 PM
at Annenberg Auditorium**



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Join USC Annenberg Knight Chair in Media and Religion **Diane Watson** for a conversation with **Ross Douthat**, the youngest-ever columnist for the *New York Times*. They will discuss religion, politics and the news media. Douthat's recent column's have covered same-sex marriage, the Glenn Beck phenomenon, Islam and American culture, the war in Afghanistan and clergy sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church. Douthat is the author of *Privilege: Harvard and the Education of the Ruling Class*; co-author of *Grand New Party: How Republicans Can Win the Working Class and Save the American Dream* and the film critic for *National Review*. He was previously a senior editor at the *Atlantic* and a blogger for the magazine's web site before coming to the *Times*. **RSVP requested.** To RSVP, click [here](#).

This event is sponsored by the [Knight Chair in Media and Religion](#), [USC Visions & Voices](#), the [Office of Religious Life](#), the [Center for Religion and Civic Culture](#), and the [Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics](#).

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