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JAMES CARVILLE

POLITICAL STRATEGIST

A political consultant and commentator aka The Ragin' Cajun, James Carville was born in the town of Carville, La., and earned his undergraduate degree and juris doctor from Louisiana State University. In the 1980s Carville began working on political campaigns for governors and senators above and below the Mason Dixon Line, all of that experience building up to his now-famous work on Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. A frequent face on Fox News and *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*, Carville now lives in New Orleans with his wife, Mary Matalin, and their two daughters. Since 1992, all of Carville's campaign consulting clients have been overseas, including Britain's Tony Blair, Israel's Ehud Barak, Bolivia's Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, Afghani Ashraf Ghani and Colombian Juan Manuel Santos.

WHAT CHARITY DO YOU MOST IDENTIFY WITH? Probably Catholic Charities. They are very good with administrative costs, and they really deliver to those who need it.

WHICH CHARACTER FROM FICTION DO YOU MOST ADMIRE? Atticus Finch. Who wouldn't admire a man with that much integrity? Not to mention he is a great dad.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT? Having been in

the public eye for 20 years and never once having any kind of scandal about my personal life.

IF YOU COULD BE THE CEO OF ANY COMPANY, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE? New Orleans Saints. Great organization and my favorite team.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE LAW, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE? Medicare. The age of eligibility should be lowered, and more people should have access.

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE LOVE? People have been trying since the dawn of time, and I can't do it either.

WHAT IS THE GREATEST THREAT CURRENTLY FACING SOCIETY? Climate change.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR CLOSEST BRUSH WITH DEATH? A nearly tragic car accident when I was younger.

WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, HAS BEEN THE GREATEST INNOVATION IN THE LAST 10 YEARS? TSA pre-check — it's safer and faster.

DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT DAY. With my wife in a five-star-plus hotel with nothing on the schedule. I know it's happened before — I just cannot remember when.