1145-VC-745 C. Ray Rosentrater\* (rosentr@westmont.edu), 955 La Paz Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108, and Thomas Knecht. Celebrities in Politics.

We all know of celebrities who have gone on to hold high political office. Is this phenomenon more common recently? We have data that suggest this is so, but that the number of celebrities entering politics remains low. Do celebrities have a significant advantage over seasoned and amateur (those having not held office previously) politicians? Initial results seem to give a resounding "yes," but a closer analysis indicates that things might not be simple as they first appear. The apparent advantage enjoyed by celebrity politicians may come from the races they choose to enter. (Received September 13, 2018)