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Can Haley Barbour break through?

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I hear that Haley Barbour would make a great campaign manager or White House chief of staff. And his personal skills seem to have made him a successful politician in a small state. But as a national candidate, he will be seriously hampered by his lobbying background and his inability to acknowledge that there were serious problems in Mississippi before the civil rights revolution. Besides, in a conservative state, he got two C's and a D in the Cato Institute's Fiscal Policy Report Card on America's Governors, so his credibility on fiscal issues seems limited.

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