Robert W. McChesney

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Profile Summary

Background

Robert W. McChesney is Gutgsell Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Robert W. McChesney has written and edited 23 books, several of them award-winning, and is internationally known for his critical studies of the political economy of communication. His latest books (2013) are Digital Disconnect, How Capitalism is turning the Internet Against Democracy and (together with John Nichols); Dollarocracy: How the Money-and Media-Election Complex is Destroying America. In 2008 his book Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times (published in 2000), was awarded the ICA Fellows Book Award, which recognizes books that “have made a substantial contribution to the scholarship of the communication field, as well as the broader rubric of the social sciences, and have stood the test of time”.

McChesney’s specializations and research interests include the political economy of communication; 20th Century media history; international communication; media and communication policy; media and social change. McChesney is co-founder of the national media reform organization Free Press, and was in 2000-2004 a co-editor of the independent socialist magazine Monthly Review.

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