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Michael Schudson**

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Good Enough Democracy : The Unlovable (but Necessary)
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Three Pathways to Government Transparency: The Politics of Openness in the U.S. 1950s-1970s

Michael SCHUDSON, University of Columbia

Abstract :

In retrospect, it seems that a new culture of frankness or culture of disclosure swept the United States in the 1960s and 1970s, from new norms of sexual frankness, new practices of doctor-patient communication, to governmental action on nutritional labeling and informed consent, to freedom of information laws, environmental impact statements, and sunshine regulations in the Congress. But while there was over time a broad cultural shift, the specifics of the passage of the Freedom of Information Act (1966), the National Environmental Policy Act (1970) that introduced environmental impact statements, and the Legislative Reform Act (1970) that opened once secret votes in the House of Representatives to public view each arose and gathered support by very different routes. This paper explains the key features of each to offer a commentary on the interaction of cultural, social, and political engines of change.

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Abstract :

How can scholars and intellectuals harness the practical, complex, messy realities of clamorous media and frustratingly difficult governing to non-utopian visions. If we accept that we will never have "good" government or "good" citizens or saintly news organizations, can we recognize "good enough" government and "good enough" citizens and virtuously self-seeking news organizations when we see them? This presentation makes the case that we can and should.

When Political Elites select Political Elites.

Insights into Accumulation of Autonomous Political Capital

Daniel GAXIE, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Abstract :

The weight in a political field depends on specific resources that give strength and influence and that command access to media, political institutions, elected offices and power positions. They can be labeled as political capital. Political capital is increasingly collective, but politicians also rely on their individual capital. Access to a position of power, such as the Presidency of a Parliament or a ministerial chair, implies and reveals an inextricable mixture of individual and collective capital. In a representative democracy, collective, as well as individual, political capital depend on various actions of support and recognition that take different forms. Political capital not only depends on support from citizens, especially voters, but also on multiple judgments by politicians who are in charge of selecting candidates to parliamentary or governmental positions. We need to have a closer look on the factors at work in the selection process. What are the conditions of ascent within the political field?