

Social Media and Democracy: How Social Media Is Influencing the Political Process

Dr. Jason Shepard, Professor and Chair, Department of Communications
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Eclectic Lecture Series, September 22, 2020

Recommended Watching and Reading

Recent Documentaries to Watch:

- The Social Dilemma (2020): Netflix
- After Truth: Disinformation and the Cost of Fake News (2020): HBO/CNN
- The Great Hack (2019): Netflix
- The Creepy Line (2019): (available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v6KBGr5IzY>)
- United States of Conspiracy (2020): Frontline (available at <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/united-states-of-conspiracy/>)
- How Russian intelligence officers interfered in the 2016 election (2020) 60 Minutes (available at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/russian-hackers-2016-election-democratic-congressional-campaign-committee-60-minutes-2020-08-23/>)

Some Books to Read (hardly an all-inclusive list):

- *Social Media and Democracy: The State of the Field and Prospects for Reform* (2020), edited by Nathaniel Persily and Joshua A. Tucker
- *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters* (2017), by Tom Nichols
- *The Attention Merchants: The Epic Scramble to Get Inside Our Heads* (2016), by Tim Wu
- *The Master Switch: The Rise and Fall of Information Empires* (2010), by Tim Wu
- *Weapons of Mass Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy* (2016), by Cathy O'Neil
- *Custodians of the Internet: Platforms, Content Moderation, and the Hidden Decisions that Shape Social Media* (2018), by Tarleton Gillespie
- *Republic.com* (2001), by Cass Sunstein