

***The Good Fight:
Life Lessons from a Chicago Progressive***

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Short author bio (47 words)

Dick Simpson is a former Chicago alderman, an expert on Chicago politics and elections, and a longtime professor of political science. He is devoted to advancing the cause of participatory politics and social justice in Chicago, where he continues to oppose the power of the political machine.

Medium author bio (85 words)

Dick Simpson is a professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago and former Chicago alderman. An expert on Chicago politics and elections in general, he has written and co-authored a number of books and affected public policy. Simpson was an early proponent of civil rights (he joined his first demonstration in 1960) and has devoted much of his energy to advancing the cause of participatory politics. He resides in Chicago, where he continues to oppose the power of the political machine.

Long author bio (220 words)

Dick Simpson is a long-time activist professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a former Chicago alderman. An expert on Chicago politics, political reform, and elections in general, he has published widely and affected public policy.

Simpson is a progressive thinker whose values were shaped by early civil rights struggles. His passion for social justice and democracy earned him a place in line at a 1960 stand-in and a top spot in Eugene McCarthy's presidential run. Simpson demonstrated at the 1968 Chicago Democratic National Convention and protested Reaganomics in a march on Washington. In the 1970s, this young and independent-minded Chicago alderman angered boss Mayor Daley so much that he ordered the sergeant-at-arms to force Simpson into his seat. He didn't bow to the machine then, and hasn't done so since.



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Colleague, friend, and adviser to such Chicago personalities as Mayor Harold Washington, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Jesús García, Studs Terkel, and Don Rose, Simpson is called on to do over 100 media interviews a year. He is also an accomplished Africanist.

Over his 50-year career as a political science professor and politician, Dick Simpson has devoted much of his energy to advancing the cause of democracy and participatory politics. He resides in Chicago, where he continues to oppose the power of the political machine.



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