

## Robert Scheer Short Biography

Robert Scheer has built a reputation for strong social and political writing over his 30 years as a journalist. His columns appear in newspapers across the country, and his in-depth interviews have made headlines. He conducted the famous Playboy magazine interview in which Jimmy Carter confessed to the lust in his heart and he went on to do many interviews for the *Los Angeles Times* with Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and many other prominent political and cultural figures.

Between 1964 and 1969 he was Vietnam correspondent, managing editor and editor in chief of Ramparts magazine. From 1976 to 1993 he served as a national correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, writing on diverse topics such as the Soviet Union, arms control, national politics and the military. In 1993 he launched a nationally syndicated column based at the *Los Angeles Times*, where he was named a contributing editor.

Scheer can be heard on the political radio program *Left, Right and Center* on KCRW, the National Public Radio affiliate in Santa Monica, Calif. He has written eight books, most recently, *The Pornography of Power: How Defense Hawks Hijacked 9/11 and Weakened America*.

Scheer is a syndicated columnist at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and also clinical professor at *The University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication* as well as Editor-in-Chief, of Truthdig.com.