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Biography

Dean Baker is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, DC. He is frequently cited in economics reporting in major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN, CNBC, and National Public Radio. He writes a weekly column for the [*Guardian Unlimited*](#) (UK), the [*Huffington Post*](#), [*TruthOut*](#), and his blog, [*Beat the Press*](#), features commentary on economic reporting. His analyses have appeared in many major publications, including the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Washington Post*, the *London Financial Times*, and the *New York Daily News*. He received his Ph.D in economics from the University of Michigan.

Dean has written several books, his latest being [*The End of Loser Liberalism: Making Markets Progressive*](#). His other books include [*Taking Economics Seriously*](#) (MIT Press), which thinks through what we might gain if we took the ideological blinders off of basic economic principles, [*False Profits: Recovering from the Bubble Economy*](#) (PoliPoint Press, 2010) about what caused - and how to fix - the current economic crisis. In 2009, he wrote [*Plunder and Blunder: The Rise and Fall of the Bubble Economy*](#) (PoliPoint Press), which chronicled the growth and collapse of the stock and housing bubbles and explained how policy blunders and greed led to the catastrophic - but completely predictable - market meltdowns. He also wrote a chapter ("From Financial Crisis to Opportunity") in [*Thinking Big: Progressive Ideas for a New Era*](#) (Progressive Ideas Network, 2009). His previous books include [*The United States Since 1980*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2007); [*The Conservative Nanny State: How the Wealthy Use the Government to Stay Rich and Get Richer*](#) (Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2006), and [*Social Security: The Phony Crisis*](#) (with Mark Weisbrot, University of Chicago Press, 1999). His book [*Getting Prices Right: The Debate Over the Consumer Price Index*](#) (editor, M.E. Sharpe, 1997) was a winner of a Choice Book Award as one of the outstanding academic books of the year.

Among his numerous articles are "The Benefits of a Financial Transactions Tax," *Tax Notes* 121, no. 4, 2008; "Are Protective Labor Market Institutions at the Root of Unemployment? A Critical Review of the Evidence," (with David R. Howell, Andrew Glyn, and John Schmitt), *Capitalism and Society* 2, no. 1, 2007; "Asset Returns and Economic Growth," (with Brad DeLong and Paul Krugman), *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2005; "Financing Drug Research: What Are the Issues," Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2004; "Medicare Choice Plus: The Solution to the Long-Term Deficit Problem," Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2004; The Benefits of Full Employment (with Jared Bernstein), Economic Policy Institute, 2004; "Professional Protectionists: The Gains From Free Trade in Highly Paid Professional Services," Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2003; and "The Run-Up in Home Prices: Is It Real or Is It Another Bubble," Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2002.

Dean previously worked as a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute and an assistant professor at Bucknell University. He has also worked as a consultant for the World Bank, the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, and the OECD's Trade Union Advisory Council. He was the author of the weekly online commentary on economic reporting, the [*Economic Reporting Review*](#) (ERR), from 1996 - 2006.

