BIOGRAPHY
W. MICHAEL COX

W. Michael Cox is founding director of the O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business. The focus of the O'Neil Center is the study of the impact of competitive market forces on freedom and prosperity in the global economy.

Dr. Cox is formerly Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where he served for 25 years advising the President on monetary and other economic policies. He holds the unique distinction of being the Federal Reserve System's only Chief Economist in history.


Dr. Cox has comprehensively documented the progress in America's living standards and the mechanism which delivers it—free markets. He battles economic doomsayers in his book, Myths of Rich and Poor, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He has contributed to a number of public policy issues, and his research is frequently designated as required reading for Congress.

The media rely on Dr. Cox's ability to make plain sense out of difficult economic issues. He is a frequent guest on national radio, television and Internet programs, including ABC's John Stossel program, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox News, ReasonTV, Voice of America, National Public Radio and numerous talk radio programs. His YouTube video “Would You Give Up The Internet For 1 Million Dollars?” went viral in Europe and won some awards.

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