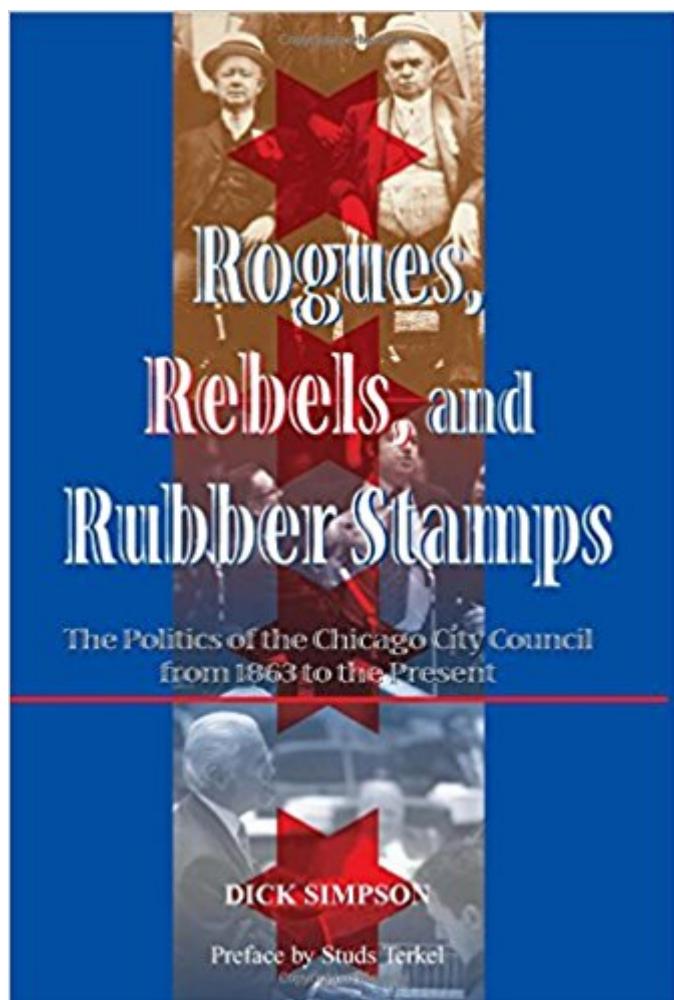


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# Rogues, Rebels, And Rubber Stamps: The Politics Of The Chicago City Council, 1863 To The Present (Urban Policy Challenges)



## **Synopsis**

In Rogues, Rebels, and Rubber Stamps, Dick Simpson challenges and recasts current theories of Regime Politics as he chronicles the dramatic story of the civic wars in the Chicago City Council since the civil war. At the same time, the author provides a window into the broader struggle for democracy and justice. Simpson points out that through analyzing city council floor fights, battles at the ballot box, and street demonstrations, one can begin to see certain patterns of conflict emerge. These patterns demonstrate that before the Great Depression, fragmented city councils were dominant. The author also discusses how since the Democrats seized control of Chicago government after the Great Depression, Rubber Stamp City Councils have been predominant, although they have been punctuated by brief eras of council wars and chaos. This book is important for anyone wanting to understand the nature of these battles as a guideline for America's future, and is well suited for courses in urban politics, affairs and history. Rogues, Rebels, and Rubber Stamps received an Honorable Mention for the 2001 Society of Midland Authors Book Award for Adult Non-Fiction.

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Dick Simpson is a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a former Chicago Alderman, and a former congressional candidate. He is also the author of numerous

books, video documentaries, and professional journal articles on elections and urban politics.

So how does Chicago get so corrupt and why hasn't something been done about it? Give Dick Simpson a couple hours of your time to patiently explain. With the insight of the insider Simpson parses the meaning of politics and clout in the city that has no shortage of either. Chicago may no longer be "hog butcher to the world" but it remains the world capital of all that decent civic life should not be.

if you want to know how Chicago politics has been created. You need to read this amazing book by Dick Simpson.

The political cancer described and challenged in this book has spread from Chicago to all of Illinois government and maybe even Washington. This book must be read by all to encourage a change in our cowardly rubber stamp system of politics. A companion read is *A One Hundred Percent Guilty: How an Insider Links the Death of Six Children to the Politics of Convicted Illinois Governor George Ryan*

It was quite enlightening to see who Richard M. Daley has aligned himself with and how the city is really run. I'd say this is a must read for anyone who lives in the city of Chicago. It's a shame more people don't pay more attention to the power behind the power.

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