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Food Politics 2020: Food Industry Influence on Nutrition Research and Practice

Large percentages of the world’s population face massive problems of hunger, obesity, and environmental damage caused by inadequate or inappropriate food production and consumption practices. Driving these practices are food systems aimed at profit rather than public health. This presentation explains how food company business imperatives directly and indirectly influence personal food choices and government nutrition policies, and emphasizes the role of advocacy in creating food systems that promote human health and environmental sustainability.

About the Speaker: Marion Nestle is the author of six prize-winning books and also has written two books about pet food. Her most recent book, Unsavory Truth: How Food Companies Skew the Science of What We Eat, was published in 2018. She blogs daily (almost) at www.foodpolitics.com and her Twitter account, @marionnestle, has been named among the top 10 in health and science by Time Magazine, Science Magazine, and The Guardian. She has received numerous awards, including being named one of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health's 75 most distinguished graduates in 75 years and received the first Changemaker Award awarded by the Hunter College Food Policy Center.