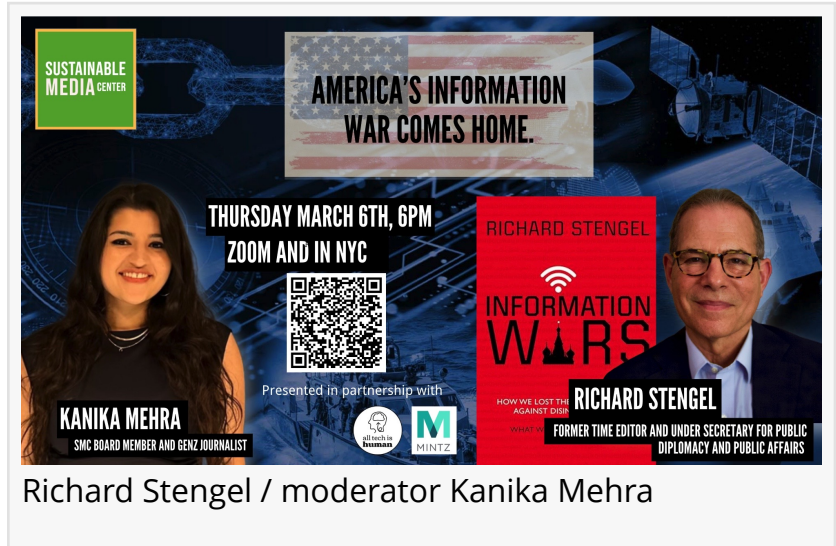


America's Information War Comes Home: Former Under Secretary of State Richard Stengel to Address Digital Disinformation

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Sustainable Media Center](#) (SMC), Mintz, and All Tech Is Human today announced an upcoming evening discussion featuring Richard Stengel, former Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

and longtime editor of Time magazine. Stengel will share his expertise on digital disinformation and its impact on democracy in a special conversation on March 6, 2025, in New York City.



The poster features a dark blue background with a satellite and network lines. At the top left is the Sustainable Media Center logo. The main title 'AMERICA'S INFORMATION WAR COMES HOME.' is in a white box with an American flag. Below it, the date 'THURSDAY MARCH 6TH, 6PM' and 'ZOOM AND IN NYC' are displayed. A QR code is in the center. On the left is a photo of Kanika Mehra, identified as 'KANIKA MEHRA SMC BOARD MEMBER AND GENZ JOURNALIST'. On the right is a photo of Richard Stengel, identified as 'RICHARD STENGEL FORMER TIME EDITOR AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS'. Logos for 'Presented in partnership with' include All Tech Is Human and Mintz. A book cover for 'INFORMATION WARS' is also shown.

Richard Stengel / moderator Kanika Mehra

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Richard Stengel

In conversation with Kanika Mehra, an expert on media influence and digital ecosystems, Stengel will explore the rapidly evolving landscape of information warfare, drawing from his firsthand experience as the Obama administration's disinformation czar and insights from his acclaimed book, *Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It*. The discussion will trace how disinformation tactics have evolved—from early deployments by ISIS and Russia to today's more advanced and AI-enabled threats.

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complex since I first wrote *Information Wars*," says Stengel. "Understanding these patterns is crucial as we navigate unprecedented challenges to truth in the digital age.”

Stengel, who was on the front lines of countering Russian propaganda and ISIS's weaponization

of social media, will share his experiences confronting state-sponsored falsehoods and extremist narratives. His book details how the U.S. struggled to combat these sophisticated campaigns—challenges that have only intensified with the rise of AI-generated content and algorithm-driven manipulation.

Mehra will bring a contemporary perspective to the discussion, examining how disinformation not only shapes public discourse but also threatens democratic institutions on a global scale. As governments and tech platforms wrestle with responses to these evolving threats, the conversation will explore what policymakers, industry leaders, and the public can do to push back against the erosion of truth in the digital age.

With recent advances in AI-generated media and an increasingly polarized information environment, this discussion comes at a crucial moment. The event will offer an opportunity to assess the failures and lessons of past efforts to combat disinformation and consider potential strategies for mitigating its impact in the years ahead.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM EST

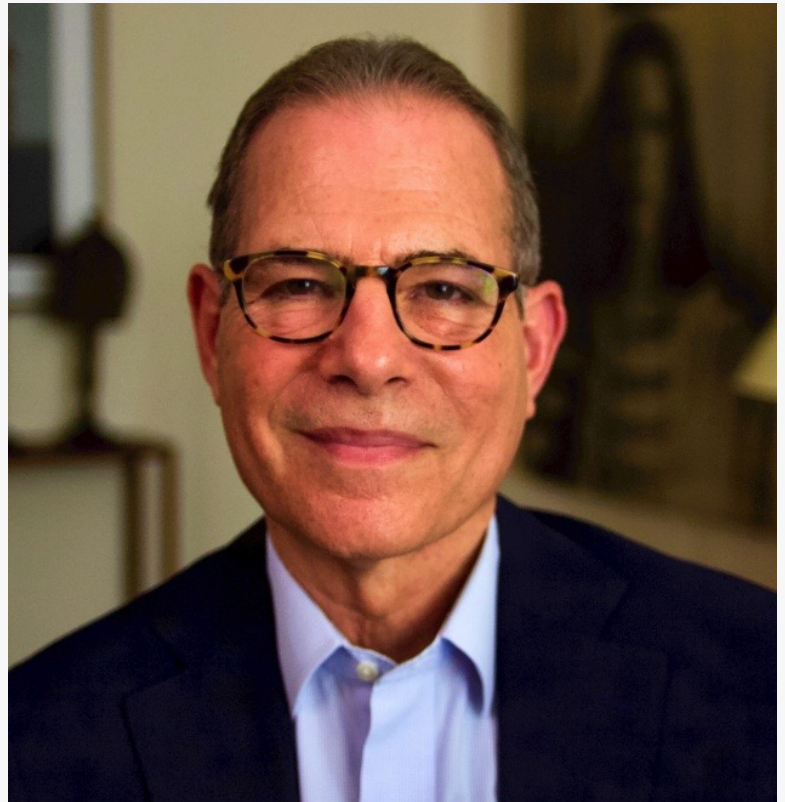
Location: Mintz

Format: Moderated discussion with audience Q&A

About Richard Stengel

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Richard Stengel – Former Managing Editor, TIME |
Former Under Secretary of State

Richard Stengel served as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Obama administration and was the longest-serving editor of Time magazine. His book "Information Wars" chronicles his time at the State Department fighting disinformation campaigns worldwide.

About Sustainable Media Center

About: The Sustainable Media Center

The Sustainable Media Center (SMC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a more resilient and trustworthy media ecosystem. Through research, education, and collaborative initiatives, SMC works to promote sustainable journalism practices, combat misinformation, and support innovative solutions for the future of media. Founded in 2022, SMC brings together journalists, technologists, academics, and industry leaders to address the critical challenges facing modern media landscapes.

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