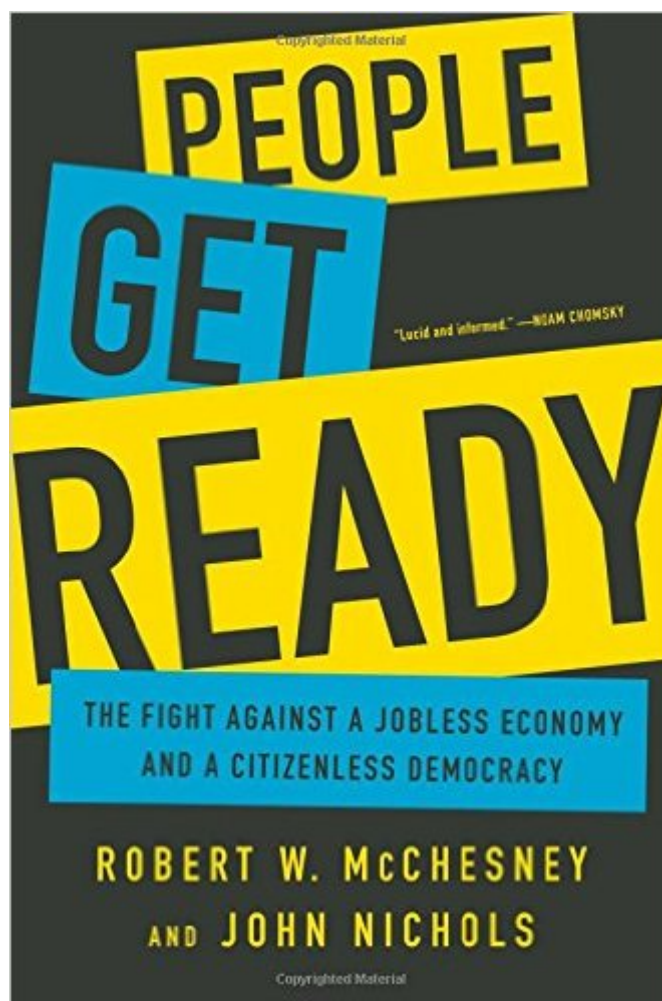


The book was found

# People Get Ready: The Fight Against A Jobless Economy And A Citizenless Democracy



## Synopsis

Humanity is on the verge of its darkest hour or its greatest moment. The consequences of the technological revolution are about to hit hard: unemployment will spike as new technologies replace labor in the manufacturing, service, and professional sectors of an economy that is already struggling. The end of work as we know it will hit at the worst moment imaginable: as capitalism fosters permanent stagnation, when the labor market is in decrepit shape, with declining wages, expanding poverty, and scorching inequality. Only the dramatic democratization of our economy can address the existential challenges we now face. Yet, the US political process is so dominated by billionaires and corporate special interests, by corruption and monopoly, that it stymies not just democracy but progress. The great challenge of these times is to ensure that the tremendous benefits of technological progress are employed to serve the whole of humanity, rather than to enrich the wealthy few. Robert W. McChesney and John Nichols argue that the United States needs a new economy in which revolutionary technologies are applied to effectively address environmental and social problems and used to rejuvenate and extend democratic institutions. Based on intense reporting, rich historical analysis, and deep understanding of the technological and social changes that are unfolding, they propose a bold strategy for democratizing our digital destiny before it's too late and unleashing the real power of the Internet, and of humanity.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 368 pages

Publisher: Nation Books (March 8, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1568585217

ISBN-13: 978-1568585215

Product Dimensions: 6.3 x 1.7 x 9.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (32 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #143,367 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #90 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Environmental Policy](#) #95 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Specific Topics > Labor & Industrial Relations](#) #95 in [Books > Business & Money > Economics > Labor & Industrial Relations](#)

## Customer Reviews

147; An energetic if grim discussion of inequality and the coming era of underemployment, viewed

through the lens of the forgotten American progressive narrative. [McChesney & Nichols] bring clear urgency to this sprawling polemic, which encompasses politics, the cybereconomy, the decline of critical journalism, and historical movements beginning with America's founding. An authoritative account of the challenges facing progressives wishing to fuse better governance with economic justice. Kirkus Reviews; John Nichols and Robert W. McChesney make a compelling, and terrifying, case [for] a radical reform agenda to take power back from the corporations and give it to the people. Naomi Klein; John Nichols and Robert W. McChesney . . . call us, as Tom Paine did more than two centuries ago, to turn knowledge into power. Senator Bernie Sanders; The authors show ways out of this dictatorial compression chamber. Assuming that is, you become indignant enough. Ralph Nader; As this lucid and informed study explains, digital technology is a reality that will lead to grim dystopia in the hands of concentrated economic and political power, but can also move us toward 'utopian dreams' in the hands of an informed and engaged public. The authors provide guidelines for understanding the evolving world, and for shaping it to deter the worst outcomes and to attain promising goals that are within reach, if the opportunities are grasped. Noam Chomsky; When everyone else seems to be talking about the issues of the past, John Nichols and Robert W. McChesney get us engaged with the issues of the future. This is the essential book about the technological revolution that every candidate for president, every activist, and every American should read. We can no longer afford to be mere consumers and spectators; we need to be citizens and we need to be at the table where the decisions are made. Thom Hartmann, host of the Thom Hartmann Project and author of Rebooting the American Dream; We already face great debates about the future of our economy, about trade policy, wage policy, and the very nature of work. With this vital book, John Nichols and Robert W. McChesney show us how these debates are already remaking our communities, and our lives. They warn that too many decisions are being made in our name but without our informed consent. And they explain why citizens must be at the center of every debate going forward. Congressman Mark Pocan, House Committee on Education and the Workforce; John Nichols and Robert W. McChesney are on the cutting edge when it comes to thinking about the future. They know what is coming our way and, more importantly, they know how working people must respond. If you want the future to be defined by citizens, rather than CEOs, you had better read this book. RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of National Nurses United

John Nichols, a pioneering political blogger, has written The Nation's Online Beat since 1999, is

their Washington, DC, correspondent, and is a contributing writer for The Progressive and In These Times. He is also the associate editor of the Capital Times, the daily newspaper in Madison, Wisconsin, and a cofounder of Free Press. His articles have appeared in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, and dozens of other newspapers, and he frequently appears on MSNBC, NPR, BBC and other broadcast media outlets as a commentator on politics and media issues. Nichols lives in Madison, WI, and Washington, DC. Robert W. McChesney is the Gutsell Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the author or editor of 23 books. His work has been translated into 30 languages. He is the cofounder of Free Press, a national media reform organization. In 2008, the Utne Reader listed McChesney among their 50 visionaries who are changing the world. • He lives in Madison, WI.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

People Get Ready: The Fight Against a Jobless Economy and a Citizenless Democracy Cut Loose: Jobless and Hopeless in an Unfair Economy Mazes: A Get Ready Book, Grade P (Get Ready Books) Dealing With Difficult People: Get to Know the Different Types of Difficult People in the Workplace and Learn How to Deal With Them (How To Win People, How To Influence People) Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future Brazil's Dance with the Devil: The World Cup, the Olympics, and the Fight for Democracy Beyond Outrage: Expanded Edition: What has gone wrong with our economy and our democracy, and how to fix it The Globalization Paradox: Democracy and the Future of the World Economy People Get Ready!: A New History of Black Gospel Music Ya Gotta Believe!: My Roller-Coaster Life as a Screwball Pitcher, and Part-Time Father, and My Hope-Filled Fight Against Brain Cancer Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight against Medical Discrimination The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and Its Allies Saints Who Battled Satan: Seventeen Holy Warriors Who Can Teach You How to Fight the Good Fight and Vanquish Your Ancient Enemy Lions of Kandahar: The Story of a Fight Against All Odds Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight against Muslim Fundamentalism Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes (Science Stories) Ellie - A Child's Fight Against Leukemia Equal Is Unfair: America's Misguided Fight Against Income Inequality

[Dmca](#)