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Filmmaker's Biography

InvestigativeMEDIA, LLC founder John Dougherty has more than 30 years experience in the mainstream and alternative news media working as an investigative reporter, business and political writer, columnist and publisher. He has received many [journalism awards and honors](#).

John's reporting for the *Dayton Daily News* in the late 1980s on financier Charles H Keating Jr.'s ties to five U.S. Senators was later credited in U.S. Senate Ethics Committee testimony as the catalyst for the infamous "Keating Five" investigation.

John's work at *Phoenix New Times* in the early 1990s uncovered the financial corruption of former Arizona Governor J. Fife Symington III years before he was indicted, convicted and forced to resign. John uncovered the corrupt activities of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio a decade before Arpaio's tactics have become national news.

His investigation of fundamentalist Mormon polygamy in the early 2000s for *New Times* brought worldwide attention to the brutal theocracy that controls the twin cities of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona, years before sect leader Warren Jeffs was imprisoned for life in Texas for sexual abuse of a teenage girl.

When Texas authorities raided Jeffs' polygamist compound in April 2008, the *New York Times* dispatched John to cover the story. John's reporting culminated with a May 8, 2008 front page story in the *Times*. In October 2009, John's story on the deaths of three people inside a Sedona, AZ, sweat lodge also landed on A-1 of the *New York Times*.

John has also been a regular contributor to *The Washington Post's* sports and financial sections and covered the 2001 World Series. His feature stories on environmental issues facing the West have also appeared in *High Country News*.

John has been named the Virg Hill Arizona Journalist of the Year three times and received the Don Bolles Investigative Reporter of the Year by the Arizona Press Club and has won dozens of state, regional and national journalism awards. John is a member of [Investigative Reporters & Editors, Inc.](#)

John earned B.S. Journalism (1978) and B.S. Economics (1981) degrees from Arizona State University. He is a member of the [Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Hall of Fame.](#)