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### About

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The RussBaker.COM website:

Russ Baker is an old-fashioned muckraking journalist and pamphleteer using the newest technologies. He strives for that elusive balance: bringing the best of mainstream methods (balance and rigor) to the alternative media, and the best of the alternative media (passion for the truth and the larger story) to the mainstream. He focuses on getting past the rhetoric to expose the hidden levers and machinations that shape our world. Baker's investigative reporting, analysis pieces, features, and essays on politics, power, and perceptions have appeared in many of the world's finest publications.

In 2004, Baker devoted himself largely to researching stories that provided disturbing insights into the pre-presidential behavior of George W. Bush. He also explored the integrity of the voting system and examined instances of alleged election fraud. In 2005, among other things, Baker is involved in the development of a new not-for-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing investigative journalism in America.

Over the past two decades, Baker has produced hundreds of stories, most of them for magazines and newspapers -- but also for television and radio -- on a broad range of topics, from political revolutions to revolutionary humor. He has pursued stories in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Baker covered Hutu-Tutsi massacres in Central Africa, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the overthrow of the longtime Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. He spent one and a half years as a correspondent and investigative reporter based in the former Yugoslavia. When not wrestling with traditional hard-news and politics, he writes essays and critiques, and profiles colorful and controversial figures, from the notorious murderer-on-the-run Ira Einhorn to the irreverent tv culinary hero, Iron Chef Morimoto. He is currently directing and producing his first documentary film

Baker has received Society of Professional Journalists, Mencken and Common Cause awards, served as a panelist for the national conference of Investigative Reporters & Editors, and been a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He appears frequently in the electronic media to discuss current events. He is the co-founder of the journalism soirees that evolved into the company, MediaBistro.

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