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THOMAS SKINNER

Senior Executive Producer

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Dr. Thomas Skinner is Senior Executive Producer at Free To Choose® Media. He is an award-winning television and film program executive with more than 50 years of experience in public and commercial broadcasting. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including four national Emmy Awards, three George Foster Peabody Awards, a Columbia/DuPont Award, and was the Director of the Academy Award-winning film *Journey Into Self*. He holds Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

He joined Free to Choose Media in 2005 to serve as Executive Producer and co-writer of “The Power of Choice: The Life and Ideas of Milton Friedman.”

As Senior Executive Producer at Free to Choose Media, Skinner is Executive Producer of **Free To Speak**, a role shared first with FTCM Founder Bob Chitester and current FTCM President, Rob Chatfield.

Skinner most recently was Executive Producer for the three-part PBS series, **A More or Less Perfect Union, A Personal Exploration by Judge Douglas Ginsburg** in 2020, and the one-hour program, **We Hold These Truths**, in 2023.

Skinner also served as Executive Producer for **Thomas Sowell: Common Sense in a Senseless World**, a one-hour program hosted by *The Wall Street Journal's* Jason Riley in 2021. He developed, co-wrote, and served as Executive Producer for **Work and Happiness: The Human Cost of Welfare, The Real Adam Smith: A Personal Exploration by Johan Norberg, Free or Equal, Is America in Retreat?, The Ultimate Resource, The Power of the Poor** and **Globalization at the Crossroads with Hernando de Soto, Turmoil and Triumph: The George Shultz Years, Testing Milton Friedman, Unlikely Heroes of the Arab Spring with Hernando de Soto, Changing Lives, India Awakes**, and **Power to the People**. These programs and series were distributed by PBS, APT, and NETA to public television stations nationwide.

From 1970 through 1993, Skinner served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of QED Communications in Pittsburgh, PA. During his 23 years at QED Communications, Skinner also served as Executive Producer of more than 150 programs and series broadcast nationally on PBS, among them the ten highest-rated





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programs in the history of PBS. Notably, he served as Executive Producer of 20 seasons of National Geographic Specials, the Emmy award-winning *Planet Earth*, and *The Infinite Voyage* (both in association with the National Academy of Sciences).

Beginning in 1993, he joined Resolution Productions in Burlington, VT, as Vice President for Programming, creating, writing, and executive producing several series for TBS, A&E, and Discovery Networks, including *Pirate Tales*, *Floating Palaces*, *California and the Dream Seekers*, *The Story of Money*, *Battleship*, and *The Secret World of Air Freight*.

In the 1960's, Dr. Skinner served as Assistant Manager at WITF-TV in Hershey, PA, as Associate Professor of radio, television, film, and as Executive Producer of broadcast projects at San Diego State College.

Prior to joining Free To Choose Network, Dr. Skinner was Managing Director of Inland Seas Education Association in Suttons Bay, Michigan.

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