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He is the author of a number of books including *Democracy and Deliberation: New Directions for Democratic Reform* (1991), *The Dialogue of Justice* (1992), *The Voice of the People: Public Opinion and Democracy* (1995). With Bruce Ackerman he is co-author of *Deliberation Day* (Yale Press, 2004). His most recent book *When the People Speak: Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation* was published by Oxford University Press in fall 2009.

He is best known for developing Deliberative Polling® - a practice of public consultation that employs random samples of the citizenry to explore how opinions would change if they were more informed. Professor Fishkin and his collaborators have conducted Deliberative Polls in the US, Britain, Australia, Denmark, Bulgaria, China, Greece and other countries.

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