



Biography

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Dr. Vincent Covello, founder and Director of the Center for Risk Communication, is a nationally and internationally recognized trainer, researcher, consultant, and expert in risk, crisis, conflict, change, and high stress communications. He has consulted for several hundred public and private sector organizations over the past 30 years. Dr. Covello's most recent assignments include trainings, workshops, and consultations related to communications about bio-terrorism; smallpox vaccination; medical waste; hospital and emergency room communications during crisis situations; foot and mouth disease in Europe; pharmaceuticals; biotechnology; West Nile virus; mad cow disease; health, safety, and environmental issues in lower Manhattan following 9/11; smallpox; and, most recently, flu vaccine shortages, avian flu and SARS.

Over the past twenty-five years, Dr. Covello has held positions in academia and government. Prior to establishing the Center for Risk Communication, he was Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences and Clinical Medicine at Columbia University, Senior Scientist on detail at the White House Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, DC, Study Director at the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences, and Director of the Risk Assessment Program at the National Science Foundation. He also serves as a lead risk and crisis communications consultant and advisor to several organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Defense, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the World Health Organization.

Dr. Covello received his doctorate from Columbia University and his B.A. with honors and M.A. from Cambridge University in England. He serves on the editorial board of several journals and is the Past President of the Society for Risk Analysis, a professional association with over 3000 members. Dr. Covello has authored or edited more than 25 books and over 75 published articles.