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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	David Moberg Papers
ID:	LP002997
Date [inclusive]:	1966-1993
Physical Description:	1.5 Linear Feet 1 SB, 1 MB
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The David Moberg papers primarily document research materials related to David Moberg's dissertation, <i>Rattling the Golden Chains: Conflict and Consciousness of Auto Workers</i> , which focused on the UAW strike at the GM Lordstown plant in 1971. This includes a comprehensive survey he conducted of Lordstown UAW Local 1112 members in 1973. David Moberg is a leading labor and economics reporter, well known as one of the original contributing writers for the publication, <i>In These Times</i> . He would eventually go on to become a senior editor for the magazine. He has also written for <i>The Nation</i> , <i>The New Republic</i> , <i>New York Times</i> , and much more.

Preferred Citation

David Moberg Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University

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Biographical / Historical

David Moberg is a leading labor and economics reporter, well known as one of the original contributing writers for the publication, *In These Times*. He would eventually go on to become a senior editor for the magazine. He has also written for *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *New York Times*, and much more. Though his writings focused on developments in the labor movement, Moberg additionally reported on issues of globalization, national politics, urban affairs, and the environment. Moberg holds a Ph. D. in anthropology from the University of Chicago, and he taught anthropology and sociology at several Chicago-area universities.

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Scope and Contents

The David Moberg papers primarily document research materials related to David Moberg's dissertation, *Rattling the Golden Chains: Conflict and Consciousness of Auto Workers*, which focused on the UAW strike at the GM Lordstown plant in 1971. This includes a comprehensive survey he conducted of Lordstown UAW Local 1112 members in 1973. Other materials related to his work with the UAW and autoworkers are also included.

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Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

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Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials" .

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The David Moberg Papers were donated to the Walter P. Reuther Library in 2022 by Jo Patton, on behalf of David.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Local 1112 and GM, local agreements, 1966-1972	box 1	folder 1-2
Local 1112 constitution and Lordstown employees' handbook, c. 1960s	box 1	folder 3
Lordstown strike, bulletins and letters, 1971-1972	box 1	folder 4
Local 112 Executive Board meeting minutes and communications, 1970s	box 1	folder 5
Ed York interview, undated	box 1	folder 6
Interviews with autoworkers, c. 1972-1973	box 1	folder 7-9
Local 1112 member survey, responses, 1973	box 1	folder 10-27

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"What do you want in 1973? A survey of all Local 1112 members.?"

Local 1112 member survey, data, 1973	box 2	folder 1
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"What do you want in 1973? A survey of all Local 1112 members.?"

UAW locals' messaging, c. 1973	box 2	folder 2
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Various locals. Flyers, publications, press releases.

"Rattling the Golden Chains: Conflict and Consciousness pf Auto Workers", 1970s	box 2	folder 3
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Written by David Moberg. Dissertation.

Network: Voice of UAW Militants, 1975	box 2	folder 4
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Publication

Lordstown Workers Against Way, flyers, undated	box 2	folder 5
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Radical unionism pamphlets, 1970s	box 2	folder 6
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"Detroit Auto Uprising 1973," "Class Struggle Unionism"

UAW special bargaining convention, convention materials, 1973	box 2	folder 7
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UAW New Directions Movement, newsletters, 1993	box 2	folder 8
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Anti-war flyers, 1970s	box 2	folder 9
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"Lordstown Revisited," article, 1984	box 2	folder 10
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In These Times article by David Moberg

"Old Friends & New Acquaintances," 45 rpm record, 1971	box 2	folder 11
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John Line Defense, newsletter, c. 1973	box 2	folder 12
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Advocating on behalf of the imprisoned Black autoworker in Michigan's Oakland County.