

# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

## Think Tanks: Guide to Organization's Mission and Value Statements

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### THINK TANK DIRECTORIES

- The **Foreign Policy Research Institute's** online **Think Tank Directory** lists think tanks devoted to Security and International Affairs research and education. Nearly 1000 institutions are represented, which you can browse by name, list by country, or search from this website. FPRI's Think Tanks and Foreign Policy Program was initiated in part because there was no single source of information on think tanks. National, regional and selective international databases have been developed but no comprehensive database existed until now. It is the long-term goal of the project to periodically collect and analyze information about these organizations through surveys so that national, regional, and global trends can be identified.
- Since 1993, the **National Institute for Research Advancement's (NIRA)** Center for Policy Research has published **NIRA's World Directory of Think Tanks (NWDTT)**, which provides a systematic introduction to the world's most prominent and innovative public policy research institutes, better known as think tanks. NWDTT provides details of the organizational structures of these think tanks and research activities in which they engage, functioning as the "soft infrastructure" for a global network of think tanks. In order to expand access to this useful reference source on think tanks, basic organizational information on approximately 500 institutions from 100 countries is available on line.

### THINK TANKS: A-C

- The **AARP Public Policy Institute** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people age 50 and over have independence, choice, and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole, ways that help people 50 and over improve their lives. Since 1958, AARP has been leading a revolution in the way people view and live life. Our work reaches deep into members' communities through support from staffed offices in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The **American Civil Liberties Union** is our nation's guardian of liberty. We work daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Our job is to conserve America's original civic values—the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- The **American Consumer Institute** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and research institute founded on the belief that consumers' interests are not satisfactorily represented by the wide variety of advocacy and consumer organizations that often represent small subsets of consumers and special interests. The Institute focuses on economic policy issues that affect society as a whole, and we seek to be a better and more reasoned voice for consumers by using economic tools and principles to find public policies that work best for consumers. We are committed to use of generally accepted quantitative, cost-benefit analyses of policy alternatives and their transparent application to assure that our methods can be fully and fairly evaluated on their own terms by those who may disagree with our conclusions. We use economic analysis to empirically measure "consumer welfare," rather than relying on conjecture, opinion or political leaning to judge what benefits or harms consumers.

- The **American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research** is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the foundations of freedom—limited government, private enterprise, vital cultural and political institutions, and a strong foreign policy and national defense—through scholarly research, open debate, and publications. Founded in 1943 and located in Washington, D.C., AEI is one of America's largest and most respected "think tanks." AEI research covers economics and trade; social welfare; government tax, spending, regulatory, and legal policies; U.S. politics; international affairs; and U.S. defense and foreign policies.
- For two decades the **American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC)** has played an essential role in the U.S. foreign policy debate. Founded in 1982, AFPC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing information to those who make or influence the foreign policy of the United States and to assisting world leaders, particularly in the former USSR, with building democracies and market economies. AFPC is widely recognized as a source of timely, insightful analysis on issues of foreign policy, and works closely with members of Congress, the Executive Branch and the policymaking community. It is staffed by noted specialists in foreign and defense policy, and serves as a valuable resource to officials in the highest levels of government.
- **American Institute for Contemporary German Studies** AICGS, affiliated with John Hopkins University, is a center for nonpartisan, advanced research, study and discourse relating to the Federal Republic of Germany—its politics, economy, culture and society. The institute has been a premier source of research and analysis for the policy-making and policy-advising communities in the public and private sectors. Drawing on an international network of scholars and specialists, it has consistently generated in-depth, nonpartisan assessments of Germany's policy choices and developments and their impact on the trans-Atlantic dialogue. In addition, AICGS provides a comprehensive program of public forums, policy studies, research and study groups designed to enrich the political, corporate, and scholarly constituencies it serves.
- **The American-Iranian Council (AIC)** was formed in 1997 as a bipartisan think tank focused upon promoting better relations between the United States and Iran. The AIC is an academic research and education organization that is focused upon improving the dialogue between two countries that often fail to take into account misperceptions, misunderstandings, and mischaracterizations. The AIC seeks to help policy makers as well as concerned citizens become better aware of the interests in common to both countries.
- For more than half a century, the **American Israel Public Affairs Committee** has worked to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. From a small pro-Israel public affairs boutique in the 1950s, AIPAC has grown into a 100,000-member national grassroots movement described by *The New York Times* as "the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel." Political advocacy is one of the most effective ways in which AIPAC works to accomplish its mission. Each year, AIPAC is involved in more than 100 legislative and policy initiatives involving Middle East policy or aimed at broadening and deepening the U.S.-Israel bond.
- From its founding as an educational organization dedicated to fostering communications between Americans and Asians, the **Asia Society** has provided commentary on political issues that affect Asians and Americans, new and innovative ways to educate those who educate our young people, opportunities to see authentic Asian art and performing artists, and forums for top government and business leaders of both continents to meet for the exchange of ideas. Today the activities of the Asia Society span numerous areas of expertise and take place throughout the United States and on both sides of the Pacific. The society publishes scholarly commentaries and analyses of issues that affect Asians and Americans. It sponsors international seminars and conferences for business people and journalists on various aspects of Asian affairs, and provides a forum for Asian and American government, academic and corporate leaders to study and address issues of common concern.
- The **Aspen Institute's** core mission is to foster enlightened leadership and open-minded dialogue. Through seminars, policy programs, conferences, and leadership development initiatives, the Institute and its international partners seek to promote nonpartisan inquiry

and an appreciation for timeless values. We help people become more enlightened in their work and enriched in their lives. Together we can learn one of the keys to being successful in business, leadership and life: balancing conflicting values in order to find common ground with our fellow citizens while remaining true to basic ideals.

- **The Association on Third World Affairs, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization, seeks to provide all possible information and ideas on important and controversial subjects of great current interest. This is done mainly through Capitol Hill conferences—about four per year—which bring together members of Congress and staff, foreign ambassadors and other policy makers and opinion leaders. More specialized seminars are also held at embassies and other places, occasionally in cooperation with other organizations.
- The **Atlantic Council** promotes constructive U.S. leadership and engagement in international affairs based on the central role of the Atlantic community in meeting the international challenges of the 21st century. The Council embodies a nonpartisan network of leaders who aim to bring ideas to power and to give power to ideas by: stimulating dialogue and discussion about critical international issues with a view to enriching public debate and promoting consensus on appropriate responses in the Administration, the Congress, the corporate and nonprofit sectors, and the media in the United States and among leaders in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas; conducting educational and exchange programs for successor generations of U.S. leaders so that they will come to value U.S. international engagement and have the knowledge and understanding necessary to develop effective policies.
- The **Atlas Economic Research Foundation** was founded in 1981 by the late Sir Antony Fisher. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Arlington, VA that brings freedom to the world by helping develop and strengthen a network of market-oriented think tanks that spans the globe. The Atlas Vision is to achieve a society of free and responsible individuals, based upon private property rights, limited government under the rule of law and the market order. The Atlas Mission is to discover, develop and support intellectual entrepreneurs worldwide who have the potential to create independent public policy institutes and related programs, which advance our vision; and to provide ongoing support as such institutes and programs mature.
- The **Baker Institute** is strictly nonpartisan and dedicated to the highest standards of intellectual excellence and integrity with the goal of helping bridge the gap between the theory and practice of public policy by drawing together experts from academia, government, the media, business, and non-governmental organizations. By so doing, the institute will broaden the professional perspective and personal understanding of all those involved in the study, formulation, execution, and criticism of public policy.
- **The Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy (BRIE)** was founded on one simple premise: that there can be no long-term low-tech prosperity for the American economy. Continued leadership in the development, production, and use of new technologies here in the United States is the key to America's economic health. Through such landmark publications as *Manufacturing Matters*, BRIE research has shown that national comparative advantage is created not revealed, that high-tech trade patterns are massively influenced by domestic policies, that what a nation produces and trades—the composition of domestic production—matters mightily for its growth and security.
- The **Brookings Institution**, one of Washington's oldest think tanks, is an independent, nonpartisan organization devoted to research, analysis, and public education with an emphasis on economics, foreign policy, governance, and metropolitan policy. More than 140 resident and nonresident scholars research issues; write books, papers, articles, and opinion pieces; testify before congressional committees; and participate in dozens of public events each year. More than 200 research assistants and support staff contribute to the Institution's research, publishing, event management, media relations, fundraising, and information technology operations.

- The **California Budget Project (CBP)** serves as a resource to the media, policymakers, and state and local constituency groups seeking accurate information and analysis of a range of state policy issues. Through independent fiscal and policy analysis, public education, and collaboration with other organizations, we work to improve public policies affecting the economic and social well-being of low- and middle-income Californians.
- The **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace** is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results. Through research, publishing, convening, and on occasion, creating new institutions and international networks, Endowment associates shape fresh policy approaches. Their interests span geographic regions and the relations among governments, business, international organizations and civil society, focusing on the economic, political, and technological forces driving global change.
- **The Carter Center** in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering. Founded in 1982 by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, the Atlanta-based Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 65 countries. Led by the Carters and an independent board of trustees, the Center's staff wage peace, fight disease, and build hope by both engaging with those at the highest levels of government and working side by side with poor and often forgotten people.
- The **Cascade Policy Institute** was founded in January 1991 as a nonprofit research and educational organization to focus on Oregon state and local issues. The Institute's mission is to explore and advance public policy alternatives that foster individual liberty, personal responsibility, and economic opportunity. Cascade publishes policy studies, quarterly newsletters, and commentaries on a variety of topics, including education, the environment, growth management, transportation, fiscal policy, health care, social services and more.
- The **Cato Institute** seeks to broaden the parameters of public policy debate to allow consideration of the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets, and peace. Toward that goal, the Institute strives to achieve greater involvement of the intelligent, concerned lay public in questions of policy and the proper role of government. The Cato Institute undertakes an extensive publications program dealing with the complete spectrum of public policy issues.
- The **Center for Advanced Defense Studies (CADS)** is a leader in intent-based analysis and directs non-partisan research, education, and implementation programs to enhance global security. The Center is a Washington, D.C.-based public nonprofit charity 501(c)(3), founded in 2000 at the George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences by active and former Intelligence Community, Special Operations, and Law Enforcement Officers. A small-to-medium sized business, the Center is funded by grants and donations, sponsored research, consulting, and education programs.
- The **Center for American Progress** is dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action. Building on the achievements of progressive pioneers such as Teddy Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr., our work addresses 21st-century challenges such as energy, national security, economic growth and opportunity, immigration, education, and health care. We develop new policy ideas, critique the policy that stems from conservative values, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter and shape the national debate.
- The **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** is one of the nation's premier policy organizations working at the federal and state levels on fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals. The Center conducts research and analysis to inform public debates over proposed budget and tax policies and to help ensure that the

needs of low-income families and individuals are considered in these debates. We also develop policy options to alleviate poverty, particularly among working families.

- The **Center for Defense Information** is dedicated to strengthening security through: international cooperation; reduced reliance on unilateral military power to resolve conflict; reduced reliance on nuclear weapons; a transformed and reformed military establishment; and, prudent oversight of, and spending on, defense programs. CDI seeks to contribute alternative views on security to promote wide-ranging discourse and debate. CDI educates the public and informs policy-makers about issues of security policy, strategy, operations, weapon systems and defense budgeting, and pursues creative solutions to the problems of today and tomorrow.
- The **Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)** was established in 1999 to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect people's lives. CEPR is committed to presenting issues in an accurate and understandable manner, so that the public is better prepared to choose among the various policy options. Toward this end, CEPR conducts both professional research and public education. The professional research is oriented towards filling important gaps in the understanding of particular economic and social problems, or the impact of specific policies.
- The **Center for Global Development (CGD)** works to reduce global poverty and inequality through rigorous research and active engagement with the policy community to make the world a more prosperous, just, and safe place for us all. A nimble, independent, nonpartisan, and nonprofit think tank, CGD combines world-class research with policy analysis and innovative communications to turn ideas into action. CGD conducts research and analysis on a wide range topics related to how rich country policies impact people in the developing world. These include: aid effectiveness, education, globalization, health, migration, and trade.
- The **Center for Immigration Studies** is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit, research organization. Since our founding in 1985, we have pursued a single mission—providing immigration policymakers, the academic community, news media, and concerned citizens with reliable information about the social, economic, environmental, security, and fiscal consequences of legal and illegal immigration into the United States.
- The **Center for International Policy (CIP)**, located in Washington D.C., was founded in 1975 by diplomats and peace activists in the wake of the Vietnam War. The Center describes its mission as, "Promoting a U.S. foreign policy based on international cooperation, demilitarization and respect for human rights." The Center for International Policy does not accept money from the U.S. government or any political party. Supported only by individual donors, foundations, businesses and churches, the Center has stayed steadfastly true to its goals since its founding in 1975.
- The **Center for National Policy** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy organization located in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1981, the Center's mission is to engage national leaders with new policy options and innovative programs designed to advance progressive ideas in the interest of all Americans. The goal of the Center is to promote the transfer of ideas and information from experts to public officials, and therefore better serve American citizens and the public interest. Working with a small core staff, CNP brings together policy-makers and experts from a range of organizations, including other think tanks, business, labor and academia, to encourage new thinking, promote public awareness, and catalyze action.
- The **Center for a New American Security (CNAS)** develops strong, pragmatic and principled national security and defense policies. Building on the deep expertise and broad experience of its staff and advisors, CNAS engages policymakers, experts and the public with innovative fact-based research, ideas and analysis to shape and elevate the national security debate. As an independent and nonpartisan research institution, CNAS leads efforts to help inform and prepare the national security leaders of today and tomorrow.

- The **Center for Public Integrity** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization that conducts investigative research and reporting on public policy issues in the United States and around the world.
- The **Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues** embodies the University of Denver's commitment to the study and discussion of new ideas about American society's most critical issues. Founded in 1987, the Center maintains an active program of seminars, forums, and publications. The Center recently co-sponsored several large-scale events, including the Hard Choices in Public Policy community forum and a debate over current U.S. policy in Iraq.
- The **Center for Responsive Politics** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. The Center conducts computer-based research on campaign finance issues for the news media, academics, activists, and the public at large. The Center's work is aimed at creating a more educated voter, an involved citizenry, and a more responsive government.
- The **Center for Security Policy** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan national security organization that specializes in identifying policies, actions, and resource needs that are vital to American security and then ensures that such issues are the subject of both focused, principled examination and effective action by recognized policy experts, appropriate officials, opinion leaders, and the general public. The Center was founded in 1988 and has worked to great effect since then in the establishment of successful national security policies through the use of all elements of national power—diplomatic, informational, military, and economic strength.
- The **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)** has been dedicated to providing world leaders with strategic insights on—and policy solutions to—current and emerging global issues. CSIS is led by John J. Hamre, formerly deputy secretary of defense, who has been president and CEO since April 2000. It is guided by a board of trustees chaired by former senator Sam Nunn and consisting of prominent individuals from both the public and private sectors.
- The **Center for an Urban Future** is a public policy organization dedicated to improving the overall health of New York City and serving its long-term interests by targeting problems facing low-income and working-class neighborhoods in all five boroughs. A new kind of think tank, the Center brings a unique, community-oriented perspective to the public policy arena.
- The mission of the **Claremont Institute** is to restore the principles of the American Founding to their rightful, preeminent authority in our national life. These principles are expressed most eloquently in the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims that “all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.” To recover the founding principles in our political life means recovering a limited and accountable government that respects private property, promotes stable family life, and maintains a strong national defense. The Claremont Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.
- The **Committee for Economic Development (CED)** is an independent, nonpartisan organization of business and education leaders dedicated to policy research on the major economic and social issues of our time and the implementation of its recommendations by the public and private sectors.
- The **Commonwealth Institute** is an independent, nonprofit, non-governmental public policy research center doing critical studies in the fields of international security, inequality, and poverty. The Institute is located in Cambridge, MA.
- The **Competitive Enterprise Institute** is a nonprofit public policy organization dedicated to advancing the principles of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty. Our mission is to promote both freedom and fairness by making good policy good politics. We make the uncompromising case for economic freedom because we believe it is essential for entrepreneurship, innovation, and prosperity to flourish.

- The **Concord Coalition** is a nationwide, nonpartisan, grassroots organization advocating generationally responsible fiscal policy. The Concord Coalition was founded in 1992 and is dedicated to educating the public about the causes and consequences of federal budget deficits, the long-term challenges facing America's unsustainable entitlement programs, and how to build a sound economy for future generations. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, contributions to The Concord Coalition are tax-deductible.
- The **Consensus Council** is a nonprofit organization that custom designs processes bringing diverse viewpoints together to seek common ground from local to international levels. Council facilitators and staff colleagues provide many services to support building public policy agreements. Under the trusteeship of the diverse Board of Directors, the Council operates with support from foundations, contracts for services and contributions. Subject areas of consensus processes have included disaster mitigation, economic and rural development, education, environment and natural resources, government restructuring and reform, health care, human services, and law.
- The **Constitution Project (TCP)** brings together unlikely allies—experts and practitioners from across the political spectrum—in order to promote and safeguard America's founding charter. TCP is working to reform the nation's broken criminal justice system and to strengthen the rule of law through scholarship, consensus policy reforms, advocacy, and public education.
- The **Corporation for Enterprise Development** is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. dedicated to expanding economic opportunity for low-income families and communities. CFED uses a "think-do-invest" approach grounded in community practice, public policy and private markets. CFED is a multi-faceted organization working at the local, state, and federal levels to create economic opportunity that alleviates poverty.
- **Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)** is one of the largest independent, nonprofit international affairs organizations in the United States, serving more than 7,000 members and the community through diversified programming. The Council provides members, specialized groups and the general public with a forum for the consideration of significant international issues and their bearing on American foreign policy. In more than 150 meetings annually, including lectures, seminars, conferences, publications, a travel program and other activities, the CCFR seeks to represent all sides of complex issues on the global agenda.
- Founded in 1975, the **Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA)**, a nonprofit, tax-exempt independent research and information organization, was established to promote the common interests of the hemisphere, raise the visibility of regional affairs and increase the importance of the inter-American relationship, as well as encourage the formulation of rational and constructive U.S. policies towards Latin America.

## THINK TANKS: D-J

- **Demos** is a nonpartisan public policy research and advocacy organization founded in 2000. A multi-issue national organization, Demos combines research, policy development, and advocacy to influence public debates and catalyze change.
- The **Discovery Institute's** mission is to make a positive vision of the future practical. The Institute discovers and promotes ideas in the common sense tradition of representative government, the free market, and individual liberty.
- The **Drum Major Institute for Public Policy** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank that generates the ideas that fuel the progressive movement. From releasing nationally recognized studies of our increasingly fragile middle class to showcasing progressive policies that have worked to advance social and economic justice, DMI has been on the leading edge of the public policy debate.

- The **Earth Policy Institute's** goal is to raise public awareness to the point where it will support an effective public response to the threats posed by continuing population growth, rising carbon dioxide emissions, the loss of plant and animal species, and the many other trends that are adversely affecting the Earth. The purpose of the Earth Policy Institute is to provide a vision of what an environmentally sustainable economy will look like, a roadmap of how to get from here to there, and an ongoing assessment of this effort, of where progress is being made and where it is not.
- The **East-West Center** contributes to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region and the United States.
- The **Economic Analyses and Research Network (EARN)** is a network of state and regional multi-issue research, policy, and advocacy organizations. The network currently includes 56 organizations in 42 states. EARN is coordinated by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and works with a broad range of other national organizations. EARN's mission is to improve the lives of Americans through state and local policy, and change the nature of the national policy debate—state by state. EARN seeks to advance progressive policy at the state and regional level, to deliver important national messages, and to use the collective capacity of its organizations to develop new ideas and strategies.
- The **Economic Growth Center**, since its founding in 1961 by faculty in the Economics Department at Yale University, has had the objective of studying and promoting understanding of the economic development process within low-income countries and how development is affected by trade and financial relations between these countries and those that developed earlier. The Center facilitates and coordinates the research and training of its faculty who have diverse scholarly specialties and interests.
- **Economic Opportunity Institute (EOI)** is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit public policy research center—a think tank—based in Seattle, WA. Our research explores real issues that affect people's daily lives, and we turn knowledge into action through effective organizing and outreach to create solutions for the problems facing today's working families.
- The **Economic Policy Institute** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that seeks to broaden the public debate about strategies to achieve a prosperous and fair economy. The mission of the Economic Policy Institute is to provide high-quality research and education in order to promote a prosperous, fair, and sustainable economy. The Institute stresses real world analysis and a concern for the living standards of working people, and it makes its findings accessible to the general public, the media, and policy makers
- The **Economic Strategy Institute (ESI)** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization dedicated to assuring that globalization works with market forces to achieve maximum benefits rather than distorting markets, and imposing costs. This should be achieved on the basis of principles, policies, and institutions consistent with democratic values. Because security and national welfare will increasingly depend on performance in the global marketplace, the Economic Strategy Institute is particularly concerned with developing national and corporate strategies to assure that globalization takes place on a level playing field and the reality is mutually beneficial.
- Established in 1984, the **Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies** actively supports the research and study of trans-Pacific and intra-Asian relations, to advance mutual understanding between North-east Asia and the United States.
- The mission of the **Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI)** is to contribute to, to encourage, and to enhance the development of sound employee benefit programs and sound public policy through objective research and education. Established in 1978, the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed exclusively to data dissemination, research and education on economic security and employee benefits. The Education and Research Fund (ERF), established in 1979, performs the charitable,

educational, and scientific functions of the Institute. EBRI-ERF is a tax-exempt organization (under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3)) supported by contributions and grants. EBRI-ERF is not a private foundation (as defined by IRC Sec. 509(a)(3)).

- The **Employment Policies Institute (EPI)** is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to studying public policy issues surrounding employment growth. In particular, EPI focuses on issues that affect entry-level employment. Among other issues, EPI research has quantified the impact of new labor costs on job creation, explored the connection between entry-level employment and welfare reform, and analyzed the demographic distribution of mandated benefits. EPI sponsors nonpartisan research which is conducted by independent economists at major universities around the country.
- The **Foreign Policy Association (FPA)** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Founded in 1918, FPA provides independent publications, programs and forums to increase public awareness of, and foster popular participation in, matters relating to those policy issues.
- The **Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)** conducts research on pressing issues—the war on terrorism, developments in the Middle East, nuclear proliferation in South Asia, relations with China, Russia, and Japan—and long-term questions, such as the roles of religion and ethnicity in international politics, or the nature of Western identity and its implications for the U.S. and the Atlantic Alliance.
- The **Foundation for Economic Education (FEE)**, one of the oldest free-market organizations in the United States, was founded in 1946 by Leonard E. Read to study and advance the freedom philosophy. FEE's mission is to offer the most consistent case for the "first principles" of freedom: the sanctity of private property, individual liberty, the rule of law, the free market, and the moral superiority of individual choice and responsibility over coercion.
- The main goal of the **Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF)** is to foster and support research and development (R&D) for fusion as a new energy source and to educate the public about the use of nuclear fusion for the purpose of producing clean, abundant, economical, and multipurpose energy sources for worldwide use.
- The **Future of American Democracy Foundation** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan foundation dedicated to research and education. The mission of the Foundation is to renew and sustain the historic vision of democracy that has unified Americans throughout the nation's history and to stimulate historically informed analysis and debate on contemporary public policy issues. The Foundation seeks to enable the American public and public policy thinkers throughout the country to have a direct impact on public policy debate and action.
- The **German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)** is a nonpartisan American public policy and grant making institution dedicated to promoting better understanding and cooperation between North America and Europe on transatlantic and global issues. GMF does this by supporting individuals and institutions working in the transatlantic sphere, by convening leaders and members of the policy and business communities, by contributing research and analysis on transatlantic topics, and by providing exchange opportunities to foster renewed commitment to the transatlantic relationship. In addition, GMF supports a number of initiatives to strengthen democracies.
- **Global Financial Integrity (GFI)** promotes national and multilateral policies, safeguards, and agreements aimed at curtailing the cross-border flow of illegal money. In putting forward solutions, facilitating strategic partnerships, and conducting groundbreaking research, GFI is leading the way in efforts to curtail illicit financial flows and enhance global development and security.
- The **Goldwater Institute** is an independent government watchdog supported by people who are committed to expanding free enterprise and liberty. The Institute develops innovative, principled solutions to pressing issues facing the states and enforces constitutionally limited

government through litigation. The Institute focuses its work on expanding economic freedom and educational opportunity, bringing transparency to government, and protecting the rights guaranteed to Americans by the U.S. and state constitutions.

- The **Group of Thirty**, established in 1978, is a private, nonprofit, international body composed of very senior representatives of the private and public sectors and academia. It aims to deepen understanding of international economic and financial issues, to explore the international repercussions of decisions taken in the public and private sectors, and to examine the choices available to market practitioners and policymakers.
- The **Georgia Tech Research Institute's (GTRI) Office of Policy Analysis and Research (OPAR)** is a division of the Georgia Tech Research Institute that focuses on policy analysis, particularly in fields where GTRI has science and technology experience. OPAR assists the Georgia General Assembly and publishes briefs on relevant issues, including how other states treat various issues.
- The **Harding Institute for Freedom and Democracy**, a Washington-area think tank, believes in American ingenuity, a special role for America in the world, the manifest destiny of the American dream, and the importance of American leadership in the cause of freedom and liberty.
- **The Hastings Center** is an independent, nonpartisan, and nonprofit bioethics research institute founded in 1969. The Center's mission is to address fundamental ethical issues in the areas of health, medicine, and the environment as they affect individuals, communities, and societies.
- **The Heartland Institute** is a national nonprofit research and education organization with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and a score of staff members spread across the nation. Founded in 1984, it is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is not affiliated with any political party, business, or foundation. Heartland's mission is to discover, develop, and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems. Such solutions include parental choice in education, choice and personal responsibility in health care, market-based approaches to environmental protection, privatization of public services, and deregulation in areas where property rights and markets do a better job than government bureaucracies.
- **The Heritage Foundation** is a research and educational institut—a think tank—whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.
- The **Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford University** is a public policy research center devoted to advanced study of politics, economics, and political economy—both domestic and foreign—as well as international affairs. With its world-renowned group of scholars and ongoing programs of policy-oriented research, the Hoover Institution puts its accumulated knowledge to work as a prominent contributor to the world marketplace of ideas defining a free society.
- **The Hudson Institute** is a nonpartisan policy research organization dedicated to innovative research and analysis that promotes global security, prosperity, and freedom. We challenge conventional thinking and help manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary and collaborative studies in defense, international relations, economics, culture, science, technology, and law. Through publications, conferences and policy recommendations, we seek to guide global leaders in government and business.
- The **Independence Institute** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible. Founded in 1985, the Independence Institute is a nonpartisan, nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to providing timely information to concerned citizens, government officials, and public opinion leaders. Through a variety of publications

and public forums, the Institute provides citizens of Colorado and the nation with specific recommendations to help resolve important issues facing our communities. These issues include improving our educational system, containing health care costs, widening economic freedom, and controlling violent crime.

- The mission of **The Independent Institute** is to transcend the all-too-common politicization and superficiality of public policy research and debate, redefine the debate over public issues, and foster new and effective directions for government reform. The Independent Institute receives no government funding. Instead, it draws its support from a diverse range of foundations, businesses and individuals, and the sale of its publications and other services. Contributions to The Independent Institute are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- The **Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)** is a Washington, D.C.-based think tank at the cutting edge of designing innovation policies and documenting how advances in technology are creating new economic opportunities to boost economic growth and improve quality of life in the United States and around the world. ITIF publishes policy reports, holds forums and policy debates, advises elected officials and their staff, and is an active resource for the media. It develops new and creative policy proposals to advance innovation, analyzes existing policy issues through the lens of advancing innovation and productivity, and opposes policies that hinder digital transformation and innovation. The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- The **Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness (ICPH)** is an independent nonprofit research and development organization. Founded in New York City in 1990, ICPH focuses on action-oriented research designed not just to study the complex issue of family homelessness, but also to provide data and ideas that will inform and enhance public policy on serving homeless families. In addition to bringing information to policy makers at all levels of government and to colleagues in the research and advocacy community, ICPH also works to raise public awareness of homelessness through publications and other materials for schools and communities.
- **The Institute for the Future (ITF)** is an independent nonprofit research group. We work with organizations of all kinds to help them make better, more informed decisions about the future. We provide the foresight to create insights that lead to action. We bring a combination of tools, methodologies, and a deep understanding of emerging trends and discontinuities to our work with companies, foundations, and government agencies.
- The mission of the **Institute for Higher Education Policy** is to increase access to and success in postsecondary education around the world through unique research and innovative programs that inform key decision makers who shape public policy and support economic and social development.
- The **Institute for International Economics** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research institution devoted to the study of international economic policy. Since 1981, the Institute has provided timely, objective analysis and concrete solutions to key international economic problems. The Institute attempts to anticipate emerging issues and to be ready with practical ideas to inform and shape public debate. Its audience includes government officials and legislators, business and labor leaders, management and staff at international organizations, university-based scholars and their students, other research institutions and nongovernmental organizations, the media, and the public at large. It addresses these groups both in the United States and around the world.
- As Washington's first progressive multi-issue think tank, the **Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)** has served as a policy and research resource for visionary social justice movements for over four decades—from the anti-war and civil rights movements in the 1960s to the peace and global justice movements of the last decade. IPS is a community of public scholars and organizers linking peace, justice, and the environment in the U.S. and globally. We work with

social movements to promote true democracy and challenge concentrated wealth, corporate influence, and military power.

- The **Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)** is a leading and progressive think tank in the U.K. We produce rigorous research and innovative policy ideas for a fair, democratic and sustainable world. We are open and independent in how we work, and with offices in London and the North of England, IPPR spans a full range of local and national policy debates. Our international partnerships extend IPPR's influence and reputation across the world. We currently have more than 30 research staff working on key policy areas: the future of the economy, reform of public services, family policy, welfare reform, political renewal, climate change and migration. IPPR North, based in Newcastle and Manchester, specialises in regional economics, localism, and community policy.
- **The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)** is a university-based center for research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States. It is nonprofit and nonpartisan. The Institute was established in 1966 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison by the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, the organization given responsibility for reducing poverty in America. In the years since then, the Institute's multidisciplinary affiliates have formulated and tested basic theories of poverty and inequality, developed and evaluated social policy alternatives, and analyzed trends in poverty and economic well-being. The principal activities of the Institute are sponsorship of the original research of its members and dissemination of their findings. Seminars, workshops, conferences, and a publications program that includes print and electronic dissemination are designed to achieve those ends.
- The **Institute for Women's Policy Research** conducts rigorous research and disseminates its findings to address the needs of women, promote public dialog, and strengthen families, communities, and societies. Founded in 1987, IWPR's reports and other informational resources have informed policies and programs across the U.S., in each of its key program areas: Employment, Education, & Economic Change; Democracy & Society; Poverty, Welfare, & Income Security; Work & Family; Health & Safety.
- **The Inter-American Dialogue** focuses on the policy analysis, exchange, and communication of issues in Western Hemisphere affairs. The Dialogue engages public and private leaders from across the Americas in efforts to develop and mobilize support for cooperative responses to key hemispheric problems and opportunities. Dialogue activities are directed to generating new policy ideas and practical proposals for action, and getting these ideas and proposals to government and private decision makers in local, national, and international organizations.
- **The International Center for Economic Growth** was founded in 1985 in San Francisco as an organization working with a network of policy research institutes dedicated to providing a market based solutions to economic reform problems. Today, ICEG has expanded both its mission and network to include more than 5,000 economists, central bank presidents, ministers, and former heads-of-state, in more than 300 Member Institutes in over 100 countries, as well as executives and leaders of corporations and non-governmental organizations.
- The **International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)** is a global research institute with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and regional offices in Nairobi, Kenya, and New Delhi, India. We also have a project office in Mumbai. ICRW is comprised of social scientists, economists, public health specialists and demographers, all of whom are experts in gender relations. We are thought leaders driven by a passion to alleviate poverty and rectify injustice in the world. And we believe that women and girls—in collaboration with men and boys—are essential to the solutions.
- The **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**'s mission is to provide policy solutions that cut hunger and malnutrition. This mission flows from the CGIAR mission: "To achieve sustainable food security and reduce poverty in developing countries through scientific research and research-related activities in the fields of agriculture, livestock, forestry,

fisheries, policy, and natural resources management.” Two key premises underlie IFPRI’s mission. First, sound and appropriate local, national, and international public policies are essential to achieving sustainable food security and nutritional improvement. Second, research and the dissemination of its results are critical inputs into the process of raising the quality of the debate and formulating sound and appropriate food policies.

- The **International Relations Center** is a policy studies institute based in Silver City, NM. The International Relations Center is working to make the U.S. a more responsible member of the global community by promoting progressive strategic dialogues that lead to new citizen-based agendas.
- The **International Research Center for Energy and Economic Development (ICEED)** is an independent, tax-exempt, nonprofit body. The ICEED’s incorporation structure includes four officers who also serve on the Board of Directors and an additional director. Funding has come from contributions, contracts, and grants. ICEED’s publications, including *The Journal of Energy and Development*, are largely self-financing.
- The **International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL)** is an association of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a free and peaceful world, respect for individual rights and liberties, and an open and competitive economic system based on voluntary exchange and free trade. Members and affiliated organizations pursue these goals through independent action, using their freely chosen strategies. The association exists to promote the exchange of information and ideas, to study diverse strategies and to foster fellowship.
- The **James Madison Institute** is a free-market think tank headquartered in Tallahassee, FL in the United States. It is a member of the State Policy Network. The Institute’s mission is to keep the citizens of Florida informed about their government and to shape our state’s future through the advancement of practical free-market ideas on public policy issues. The Institute achieves its mission through research, conferences and seminars, and a variety of publications. Since its inception in 1987, the Institute has remained independent, nonprofit, and nonpartisan.
- Founded in 1986, the **Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies** at the University of Notre Dame conducts research, education, and outreach programs on the causes of violence and the conditions for sustainable peace. The institute’s research agenda focuses on the religious and ethnic dimensions of conflict and peace building; the ethics of the use of force; and the peacemaking role of international norms, policies and institutions, including a focus on economic sanctions and enforcement of human rights. In addition to individual research by faculty in a wide range of disciplines, the institute organizes collaborative research projects on these themes.
- The **Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies** is a national, nonprofit research and public policy institution. Founded in 1970 by black intellectuals and professionals to provide training and technical assistance to newly elected black officials, the Joint Center is recognized today as one of the nation’s premier think tanks on a broad range of public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other communities of color.

## Think Tanks: K-O

- **Kansas Policy Institute** is an independent think-tank that advocates for free market solutions and the protection of personal freedom for all Kansans. Our work centers on state and local economic policy with primary emphasis on education, fiscal policy and health care. We empower citizens, legislators, and other government officials with objective research and creative ideas to promote a low-tax, pro-growth environment that preserves the ability of governments to provide high quality services.
- The **Kellogg Institute for International Studies** promotes comparative international research on themes relevant to contemporary society. Building on a core interest in Latin America,

the Institute fosters research on many regions of the world. It supports the research and educational mission of the University of Notre Dame by providing faculty, students, and visiting scholars with a supportive intellectual community. It attempts to project the University onto the global stage and to expand understanding of democracy, development, social justice and important international problems facing humanity. The Institute forms an integral part of Notre Dame's Catholic mission by addressing normative and scholarly concerns that embody the values reflected in Catholic social thought.

- The **Levy Economics Institute of Bard College** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public policy research organization. The Institute is independent of any political or other affiliation, and encourages diversity of opinion in the examination of economic policy issues while striving to transform ideological arguments into informed debate. The ultimate purpose of all of the Levy Institute's research and activities is to serve the wider policy-making community in the United States and the rest of the world by enabling scholars and leaders in business, labor, and government to work together on problems of common interest.
- It is the goal of the **Lexington Institute** to inform, educate, and shape the public debate of national priorities in those areas that are of surpassing importance to the future success of democracy, such as national security, education reform, tax reform, immigration and federal policy concerning science and technology. By promoting America's ability to project power around the globe we not only defend the homeland of democracy, but also sustain the international stability in which other free-market democracies can thrive.
- The **Ludwig von Mises Institute** was founded in 1982 as the research and educational center of classical liberalism, libertarian political theory, and the Austrian School of economics. It serves as the world's leading provider of educational materials, conferences, media, and literature in support of the tradition of thought represented by Ludwig von Mises and the school of thought he enlivened and carried forward during the 20th century, which has now blossomed into a massive international movement of students, professors, professionals, and people in all walks of life. It seeks a radical shift in the intellectual climate as the foundation for a renewal of the free and prosperous commonwealth.
- **The Mackinac Center for Public Policy** is a nonpartisan research and educational institute dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Michigan residents by promoting sound solutions to state and local policy questions. The Center is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- For over 30 years, the **Manhattan Institute** has been an important force in shaping American political culture and developing ideas that foster economic choice and individual responsibility. We have supported and publicized research on our era's most challenging public policy issues: taxes, health care, energy, the legal system, policing, crime, homeland security, urban life, education, race, culture, and many others.
- A university-based research center, **Mercatus** works to advance knowledge about how markets work to improve our lives by training graduate students, conducting research, and applying sound economics to offer solutions to society's most pressing problems. Our mission is to generate knowledge and understanding of how institutions affect the freedom to prosper and find creative solutions to overcome barriers that prevent individuals from living free, prosperous, and peaceful lives. The Mercatus Center is located on George Mason University's Arlington campus and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization
- The **Middle East Forum** promotes American interests in the Middle East and protects the Constitutional order from Middle Eastern threats. The Forum sees the region—with its profusion of dictatorships, radical ideologies, existential conflicts, border disagreements, corruption, political violence, and weapons of mass destruction—as a major source of problems for the United States. Accordingly, it urges active measures to protect Americans and their allies. U.S. interests in the Middle East include fighting radical Islam; working for Palestinian acceptance of Israel; robustly asserting U.S. interests vis-à-vis Saudi Arabia;

developing strategies to deal with Iraq and contain Iran; and monitoring the advance of Islamism in Turkey. Domestically, the Forum combats lawful Islamism; protects the freedom of public speech of anti-Islamist authors, activists, and publishers; and works to improve Middle East studies in North America.

- The **Milken Institute** is an independent economic think tank. Our mission is to improve the lives and economic conditions of diverse populations in the U.S. and around the world by helping business and public policy leaders identify and implement innovative ideas for creating broad-based prosperity.
- The **Morrison Institute for Public Policy** bridges the gap between academic scholarship and public policy development through its services to public and private sector clients and its independent research agenda. Morrison Institute provides services in the areas of public policy research, program evaluation, and public outreach to many types of public and private organizations in Arizona and throughout the United States.
- **The National Bureau of Asian Research** conducts advanced independent research on strategic, political, economic, globalization, health, and energy issues affecting U.S. relations with Asia. Drawing upon an extensive network of the world's leading specialists and leveraging the latest technology, NBR bridges the academic, business, and policy arenas. NBR disseminates its research through briefings, publications, conferences, Congressional testimony, and email forums, and by collaborating with leading institutions worldwide. NBR also provides exceptional internship opportunities to graduate and undergraduate students for the purposes of attracting and training the next generation of Asia specialists.
- **National Bureau of Economic Research** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. The NBER is committed to undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic research among public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. The NBER is the nation's leading nonprofit economic research organization. Sixteen of the 31 American Nobel Prize winners in Economics and six of the past Chairmen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have been researchers at the NBER. The more than 600 professors of economics and business now teaching at universities around the country who are NBER researchers are the leading scholars in their fields. These Bureau associates concentrate on four types of empirical research: developing new statistical measurements, estimating quantitative models of economic behavior, assessing the effects of public policies on the U.S. economy, and projecting the effects of alternative policy proposals.
- **The National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization, established in 1983. The NCPA's goal is to develop and promote private alternatives to government regulation and control, solving problems by relying on the strength of the competitive, entrepreneurial private sector. Topics include reforms in health care, taxes, Social Security, welfare, criminal justice, education and environmental regulation.
- **The National Health Policy Forum** seeks to inform the public policy process by helping participants—federal health policymakers in the legislative and executive branches and in congressional support agencies—engage in rigorous, constructive, and respectful dialogue. The complex and contentious nature of health policy today challenges policymakers to mediate a diverse range of strongly held interests, beliefs, and values. NHPF strives to place these disparate, often conflicting views in historical and market context by presenting them at meetings, synthesizing related research in a range of publication formats, and conducting site visits to offer a practical perspective on health policy.

- The **National Policy Institute** is an Augusta, GA-based research foundation that educates the public on trends and policies that affect the interests of the United States' founding people and historic majority population. NPI is guided in its work by the wisdom and vision of the Founders, whose purpose was to establish "a more perfect Union" for "Ourselves and our Posterity."
- **The National Security Network (NSN)** was founded in June 2006 to revitalize America's national security policy, bringing cohesion and strategic focus to the progressive national security community. NSN is dedicated to developing innovative national security solutions that are both pragmatic and principled. We believe in countering emerging threats by drawing on the best traditions of American foreign policy: a strong and flexible military combined with shrewd diplomacy, the effective use of alliances, and an unwavering commitment to America's basic values.
- **The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government** conducts studies and special projects to assist government and enhance the capacity of states and localities to meet critical challenges. Through its conferences, research, and publications, the Institute works with the best experts and top officials at all levels of government to forge creative solutions to public problems. The work of the Institute focuses on the role of state governments in the American federal system. The Institute is fast becoming the preeminent national center for the study of state government. While many of the Institute's projects are comparative and multi-state in nature, the Institute maintains a continuing emphasis on assisting New York State and its local governments.
- **The New America Foundation** is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit public policy institute that was conceived through the collaborative work of a diverse and intergenerational group of public intellectuals, civic leaders, and business executives. The purpose of the New America Foundation is to bring exceptionally promising new voices and new ideas to the fore of our nation's public discourse.
- The **New Democrat Network (NDN)** is a leading think tank and advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. At the very core of NDN's understanding of the world is that a "new politics"—driven by enormous changes in demography, media and technology, economics and geopolitics—is being born in the United States and around the globe. NDN, its Fellows and its network of leaders and thinkers attempt to interpret and explain these changes, and offer innovative solutions to help policy makers and elected officials meet the new challenges presented by these new times. NDN's major areas of study include programs looking at globalization and macro-economic policy, clean energy, immigration and border issues, Latin America, US demographic change, and the impact of new mobile technology on civil society. NDN has a 501(c)(3) educational and research affiliate, the New Policy Institute.
- The **Northeast-Midwest Institute** is a Washington, D.C.-based, private, nonprofit, and nonpartisan research organization dedicated to economic vitality, environmental quality, and regional equity for Northeast and Midwest states. Formed in the mid-1970's, it fulfills its mission by conducting research and analysis, developing and advancing innovative policy, providing evaluation of key federal programs, disseminating information, and highlighting sound economic and environmental technologies and practices.
- The **Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP)** does in-depth research and analysis on budget, tax, and economic issues. Our goal is to improve decision making and generate more opportunities for all Oregonians.

## Think Tanks: P-Z

- The mission of the **Pacific Research Institute (PRI)** is to champion freedom, opportunity, and personal responsibility for all individuals by advancing free-market policy solutions. Since its founding in 1979, PRI has remained steadfast to the vision of a free and civil society where individuals can achieve their full potential.
- The **Pew Research Center for the People & the Press** is an independent, nonpartisan public opinion research organization that studies attitudes toward politics, the press and public policy issues. In this role it serves as a valuable information resource for political leaders, journalists, scholars, and citizens.
- The **Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies** is an international, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that studies broad public policy issues related to governance, social and economic conditions, with a particular emphasis on the law and economics of regulated industries. Founded in 1998, the Phoenix Center's mission is to maximize consumer welfare by promoting free markets, competition, and individual freedom and liberty.
- **The Pioneer Institute** promotes research that challenges the "conventional wisdom" on public policy issues. Committed to individual freedom and responsibility, limited and accountable government, and the application of free market principles to state and local policy, Pioneer is known for developing sensible, innovative ideas and converting them into action.
- The **Population Council**, an international, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, seeks to improve the well-being and reproductive health of current and future generations around the world and to help achieve a humane, equitable, and sustainable balance between people and resources.
- The **Progressive Policy Institute** is a catalyst for political change. Its mission is to modernize progressive politics and government for the Information Age. Leaving behind the stale left-right debates of the industrial era, PPI is a prolific source of "Third Way" thinking that is shaping the emerging politics of the 21st century.
- The **Project 2049 Institute**, established in January 2008, seeks to guide decision makers toward a more secure Asia by the century's mid-point. The organization fills a gap in the public policy realm through forward-looking, region-specific research on alternative security and policy solutions. Its interdisciplinary approach draws on rigorous analysis of socioeconomic, governance, military, environmental, technological and political trends, and input from key players in the region, with an eye toward educating the public and informing policy debate.
- The **Public Affairs Council** is a nonpartisan, non-political association for public affairs professionals. Its mission is to advance the field of public affairs and to provide members with the training and information resources they need to achieve success while maintaining the highest ethical standards.
- For more than 30 years **Public Agenda** has been providing unbiased and unparalleled research that bridges the gap between American leaders and what the public really thinks about issues ranging from education to foreign policy to immigration to religion and civility in American life. Nonpartisan and nonprofit, Public Agenda was founded by social scientist and author Daniel Yankelovich and former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in 1975.
- Since the **Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)** was founded in 1994, it has studied some of the most formidable challenges facing the state and earned the respect of policymakers, the media, and other opinion leaders for the quality, objectivity, and policy relevance of its work. We believe, however, that a research institute dedicated to improving policy must also be distinguished by its transparency.

- The **RAND Corporation** is a nonprofit research organization providing objective analysis and effective solutions that address the challenges facing the public and private sectors around the world. For nearly 60 years, the RAND Corporation has pursued its nonprofit mission by conducting research on important and complicated problems. Initially, RAND (the name of which was derived from a contraction of the term research and development) focused on issues of national security. Eventually, RAND expanded its intellectual reserves to offer insight into other areas, such as business, education health, law, and science.
- The **Reason Foundation** advances a free society by developing, applying, and promoting libertarian principles, including individual liberty, free markets, and the rule of law. Reason Foundation's nonpartisan public policy research promotes choice, competition, and a dynamic market economy as the foundation for human dignity and progress. Reason produces rigorous, peer reviewed research and directly engages the policy process, seeking strategies that emphasize cooperation, flexibility, local knowledge, transparency, accountability and results.
- As the premier independent institute dedicated exclusively to analyzing environmental, energy, and natural resource topics, **Resources For the Future (RFF)** gathers under one roof a unique community of scholars conducting impartial research to enable policymakers to make sound choices. Since 1952, RFF scholars have been asking—and answering—tough questions, looking over the intellectual horizon, and providing successive generations of policy, business, environmental, and civic leaders with the core tools and fundamental approaches they need to improve environmental policymaking worldwide.
- The **Research Triangle Institute (RTI)** is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation with a distinguished history in scientific research and technology development. All our activities, both in the United States and abroad, are guided by RTI's mission: To improve the human condition through objective, innovative, multidisciplinary research, development, and technical services, setting the standard for scientific and professional excellence. At RTI, we turn knowledge into practice nationally and internationally, resulting in superior quality products and services and a variety of commercial investment opportunities.
- The **Reubin O'D. Askew Institute** seeks to assist Florida's citizens in examining the critical issues facing our state and in assessing ways to address these issues. The programs of the Institute are designed to deepen and broaden the thinking of participants and policy leaders and to aid them in making decisions that will enhance the future of our state. The Askew Institute has three goals: 1) to gather thoughtful men and women around a table to converse with one another about the critical issues of the day; 2) to explore the past for insights into the future; and 3) to assist leaders of the state in meeting the needs of its citizens. It is the aim of the Institute to address important issues in a politically non-partisan environment and against the backdrop of history. As an independent organization without political affiliation, the Institute seeks to enhance the quality of leadership in the state and to provide an opportunity for Floridians from all walks of life to think about the future needs of Florida.
- **The Ripon Society** believes the Republican appeal is rooted in the Party's own rich history and current strengths. As Republicans, we must prove to the American people that our party is a flexible instrument for the governing of this great nation and for the realization of dignity at home and around the world.
- The **Russell Sage Foundation** is the principal American Foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. Located in New York City, it is a research center, a funding source for studies by scholars at other academic and research institutions, and an active member of the nation's social science community. The foundation also publishes, under its own imprint, the books that derive from the work of its grantees and Visiting Scholars.
- **Seven Pillars Institute (SPI)** for Global Finance and Ethics is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3), nonpartisan, organization whose mission is to highlight and analyze issues of moral philosophy in global financial markets with a view of enhancing ethical practice and policy.

- The **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)** brings necessary knowledge to public issues. Among its key interests are: Knowledge institutions, Global security and cooperation, International migration, Democracy and the public sphere. SSRC projects also address a range of other important issues, improve the quality of scientific research, and support the training of younger researchers.
- The **Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP)**, a collaboration of five U.S. and five Mexican universities located in all ten border states, assists U.S.-Mexican border peoples and their environments by applying research information, insights, and innovations. The five American universities are Arizona State University, New Mexico State University, San Diego State University, the University of Texas at El Paso, and the University of Utah. The Mexican universities are El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Instituto Tecnológico de Ciudad Juárez, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, and Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
- **The Stanley Foundation** seeks a secure peace with freedom and justice, built on world citizenship and effective global governance. It brings fresh voices, original ideas, and lasting solutions to debates on global and regional problems. The foundation is a nonpartisan, private operating foundation, located in Muscatine, Iowa, that focuses on peace and security issues and advocates principled multilateralism. The foundation frequently collaborates with other organizations.
- The **Stimson Center** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to enhancing international peace and security through a unique combination of rigorous analysis and outreach. Stimson's approach is pragmatic—geared toward providing policy alternatives, solving problems, and overcoming obstacles to a more peaceful and secure world. Through in-depth research and analysis, we seek to understand and illuminate complex issues. By engaging policymakers, policy implementers, and nongovernmental institutions as well as other experts, we craft recommendations that are cross-partisan, actionable, and effective.
- **The Streit Council for a Union of Democracies** works toward closer cooperation among the experienced democracies as a basis for more effective U.S. engagement in world affairs. It builds on transatlantic and other inter-democracy institutions, supporting their treaty commitments to grow wider and deeper. We are an independent, non-partisan, non-profit incorporated 501(c)(3) organization, and our mission is based upon the principles and policies of Federal Union, the Atlantic Union Committee, and the Association to Unite the Democracies.
- **The United States Institute of Peace** is an independent, nonpartisan federal institution created by Congress to promote the prevention, management, and peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Established in 1984, the Institute meets its congressional mandate through an array of programs, including research grants, fellowships, professional training, education programs from high school through graduate school, conferences and workshops, library services, and publications. The Institute's Board of Directors is appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate.
- **The Urban Institute** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy research and educational organization established to examine the social, economic, and governance problems facing the nation. It provides information and analysis to public and private decision makers to help them address these challenges and strives to raise citizen understanding of the issues and tradeoffs in policy making. It measures effects, compares options, shows which stakeholders get the most and least, tests conventional wisdom, reveals trends, and makes costs, benefits, and risks explicit.
- **The Urban Land Institute (ULI)**, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit research and education organization supported by its members. Founded in 1936, the Institute now has members in 95 countries worldwide, representing the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development disciplines working in private enterprise and public service. As the preeminent, multi-disciplinary real estate forum, ULI facilitates an open exchange of ideas, information, and experience among local, national, and international industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better places.

- Established by an act of Congress in 1968, the **Woodrow Wilson Center** is our nation's official living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson. As both a distinguished scholar—the only American President with a Ph.D.—and a national leader, Wilson felt strongly that the scholar and the policymaker were engaged in a common enterprise. The Center is a nonpartisan institution, supported by public and private funds, engaged in the study of national and world affairs. The Center establishes and maintains a lively, neutral forum for free and informed dialogue.
- Since joining The New School in 1991, the **World Policy Institute** has sought to adapt its traditional mission of policy research and advocacy on critical world problems to The New School's tradition of creative adult education. It has done so at a time when the traditional subject of international diplomacy and world politics itself is being transformed by dramatic world changes from the end of the Cold War to the increasing blurring of the line between domestic and international concerns.



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