

# Think Tank Survey Methodology

## What is the think tank survey?

With funding from Carnegie Corporation of New York and their "Strengthening Links" initiative, the Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Project at William & Mary's Global Research Institute fielded a survey of staff at think tanks based in the US. Targeting think tank staff who work at internationally-focused organizations or whose research and work is primarily internationally-focused, the survey investigated how the staff think about their own work as well as how they use and interact with academia in pursuing their organization's goals.

## Building a Sample

Our sample of think tanks for the survey included all individuals working at or affiliated with 76 of the most influential U.S.-based IR think tanks tracked by the [2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report \(McGann 2020\)](#). We assembled our list of 75 organizations by including all think tanks that are listed in the Global Go To Think Tank's lists of the Top Think Tanks in the United States, Top Foreign Policy and International Affairs Think Tanks, and Top Defense and National Security Think Tanks that meet the following three conditions: 1) they are based in the United States; 2) they produce research, analysis, or advice on IR or U.S. foreign policy; and 3) they are not based at a primarily academic institution

Through web-based research, individuals were selected to be part of the sample if they are formally affiliated with the following organizations and they produce research, analysis, or advice on IR or U.S. foreign policy, disseminate research, or are in some other way directly involved in research agenda-setting, production, and/or dissemination of research on IR or U.S. foreign policy.

## Think Tanks in Sample

1. Acton Institute For The Study Of Religion And Liberty
2. Africa Center for Strategic Studies
3. American Enterprise Institute For Public Policy Research
4. American Foreign Policy Council
5. Arctic Institute Center For Circumpolar Security
6. Asia Society
7. Atlantic Council of the US
8. Berggruen Institute
9. Bipartisan Policy Center Inc

10. Brookings Institution
11. Carnegie Council For Ethics In International Affairs Inc
12. Carnegie Endowment For International Peace
13. Cato Institute
14. Center For American Progress Action Fund
15. Center For Climate And Energy Solutions
16. Center For Economic And Policy Research
17. Center For European Policy Analysis
18. Center For Global Development
19. Center For Global Policy
20. Center For Immigration Studies Inc
21. Center For International Policy Inc
22. Center For New American Security Inc
23. Center For Strategic And Budgetary Assessments
24. Center for Strategic and International Studies Inc
25. Center For The National Interest Inc
26. Chicago Council On Global Affairs
27. CNA Corporation
28. Council On Foreign Relations Inc
29. Economic Policy Institute
30. Eurasia Group
31. Foreign Policy Research Institute
32. Freedom House Inc
33. German Marshall Fund Of The US
34. Global Security Institute
35. Henry L Stimson Center
36. Heritage Foundation
37. Hispanic American Center for Economic Research
38. Hudson Institute Inc
39. Human Rights Watch Inc
40. Independent Institute
41. Information Technology And Innovation Foundation
42. Institute For Defense Analyses
43. Institute For Eastwest Studies Inc
44. Institute For New Economic Thinking Inc
45. Institute For Policy Studies
46. Institute For Science & International Security
47. Institute For The Study Of War Inc
48. Institute On Religion & Democracy
49. Inter-American Dialogue
50. International Food Policy Research Institute
51. International Peace Institute Inc
52. Lugar Center
53. McKinsey Global Institute
54. Middle East Institute

55. Migration Policy Institute
56. National Bureau Of Asian Research
57. National Bureau Of Economic Research Inc
58. New America Foundation
59. Open Society Institute
60. Pacific Council On International Policy
61. Pacific Forum International
62. Peter G Peterson Institute For International Economics
63. Pew Research Center
64. Potomac Institute for Policy Studies
65. Project for the Study of the 21st Century
66. R Street Institute
67. RAND Corporation
68. Resources For The Future Inc
69. The Aspen Institute Inc
70. The Milken Institute
71. Third Way
72. United States Institute of Peace
73. Urban Institute
74. Woodrow Wilson International Center For Scholars
75. World Resources Institute