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ATION OF THE PHILANTHROPIC GRANTMAKING OF POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE FOUNDATIONS

Foundations have used to support the activities of 350 public policy-oriented right-wing think tanks at the

WASHINGTON - The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) has issued a new report.

"Conservative foundations are brazen and confident in their grantmaking to advance a conservative political agenda,"

Jeff Krehely, NCRP's deputy director of NCRP and the lead author of Axis of Ideology, outlined the key findings.

"The importance of these research findings in a political election year cannot be overstated," Krehely noted.

Among the major findings of NCRP's Axis of Ideology report are the following:

- From 1999 through 2001, the 79 conservative foundations made more than \$252 million in grants to public policy-oriented think tanks.
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- The top conservative foundation givers were the Sara Scaife Foundation (\$44.8 million), the Lynne and Paul Perry Foundation (\$35.5 million), and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation (\$34.5 million).
- Multi-issue public policy think tanks got 46% of the grants, followed by 10% for education-oriented think tanks.
- The largest recipient locales for conservative foundation public policy grantmaking, in rank order, were Washington, D.C. (21%), New York City (15%), and the Midwest (14%).