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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 titled "Axis of Ideology: The Grantmaking of Politically Conservative Foundations." "Conservative foundations are brazen and confident in their grantmaking to advance a conservative political agenda," the report states. Jeff Krehely, NCRP's deputy director of NCRP and the lead author of Axis of Ideology, outlined the key findings of the report. "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 Baker Foundation (\$30.5 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%).