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WASHINGTON - The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) has issued a new report titled "Axis of Ideology: Conservative Foundations and the Public Policy Think Tanks They Support." "Conservative foundations are brazen and confident in their grantmaking to advance a conservative political agenda," the report states. Jeff Krehely, NCRP's deputy director and the lead author of NCRP's report, Axis of Ideology: Conservative Foundations and the Public Policy Think Tanks They Support, said the report reveals the extent to which conservative foundations have used to support the activities of 350 public policy-oriented right-wing think tanks at the federal, state, and local levels. 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 think tanks.
- The top conservative foundation givers were the Sara Scaife Foundation (\$44.8 million), the Lynde and Harry Baker Foundation (\$34.8 million), and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$34.8 million).

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- 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. (15%), New York City (14%), and the South (13%).
- The 10 largest recipients of conservative foundation grants between 1999 and 2001, in rank order, were the Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute, the Cato Institute, the Manhattan Institute, the Urban Institute, the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute, the Cato Institute, and the Heritage Foundation.