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John Allison, President & CEO of the Cato Institute, Addresses Liberty, Limited Government and the Financial Crisis

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I had the pleasure of talking this week with [John Allison](#), president & CEO of the [Cato Institute](#). Unlike many other organizations located in Washington, D.C., Cato is neither Democratic nor Republican in nature, but rather it is a public policy research organization — a think tank — dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peace. That status alone is a great reason to talk with John Allison, but it gets even better.

Prior to becoming the president & CEO of the Cato Institute, John was chairman and CEO of [BB&T Corporation](#) (BBT), the 10th-largest financial services holding company headquartered in the United States. During his tenure as CEO from 1989 to 2008, BB&T grew from \$4.5 billion to \$152 billion in assets. John also has written a fantastic book — “[The Financial Crisis and the Free Market Cure: Why Pure Capitalism is the World Economy’s Only Hope](#).” Not only did it receive a number of rave reviews, but it sat at the top of the *Wall Street Journal*’s best-seller list.

During the course of our conversation, John and I talk about a variety of topics, including why a sense and understanding of liberty is essential, why regulation is bad for the market and what we can do to promote a healthy free market and end unemployment in America. We’ll even touch on the Federal Reserve, an organization that some say is only helping fuel the problems we are experiencing today.

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