Think Tank Watch

Top Free-Market Think Tanks Ranked

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President and CEO of Atlas Economic Research Foundation Alejandro Chafuen has ranked the top free-market think tanks for 2014 using how many mentions they had in the just-released University of Pennsylvania think tank rankings. Here are the results:

- 1. Heritage Foundation: (21 mentions)
- 2. Cato: 20
- 3. Fraser Institute: 18
- 4. American Enterprise Institute (AEI): 16
- 5. Libertad y Desarrollo: 13
- 6. CIDAC: 11
- 7. IMANI: 10
- 8. CEDICE; Atlas Network: 9
- 9. Adam Smith Institute; Unirule: 8
- 10. Hoover Institution: 7

Even though Heritage had more mentions than Cato (by 1), Cato is considered a higher ranked think tank in the US (#8) compared to Heritage Foundation (#9).

Mr. Chafuen writes extensively about free-market think tanks, and if Dr. James McGann (who runs UPenn's think tank program) is "Mr. Think Tank," Mr. Chafuen is "Mr. Free-Market Think Tank."