



How many American think tanks are run by women?

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With the news this week that the very smart Anne-Marie Slaughter, of "Having It All," State Department, and Twitter Fight Club fame, has been tapped to succeed Steve Coll as head the New America Foundation, I was curious: How many major American think tanks are run by women? The short answer: not many. Out of the top 50 U.S. think tanks as ranked by the University of Pennsylvania's James McGann, fully 42 are headed by men. (For the math-impaired out there, that's 84 percent.) Here's the full list, with the women in bold:

1. Brookings Institution - Strobe Talbott
2. Council on Foreign Relations - Richard Haass
3. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - Jessica T. Mathews
4. Center for Strategic and International Studies - John Hamre
5. RAND Corporation - Michael Rich
6. Cato Institute - John A. Allison
7. Heritage Foundation - Jim DeMint
8. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars - Jane Harman
9. Peterson Institute for International Economics - Adam Posen
10. American Enterprise Institute - Arthur C. Brooks
11. Center for American Progress - Neera Tanden
12. National Bureau of Economic Research - James Poterba
13. Pew Research Center - Alan Murray
14. Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace - John Raisian
15. Atlantic Council - Frederick Kempe
16. United States Institute of Peace - Jim Marshall
17. Open Society Foundations - Christopher Stone
18. Human Rights Watch - Ken Roth
19. Center for International Development, Harvard University - Ricardo Hausmann
20. Center for Global Development - Nancy Birdsall
21. Urban Institute - Sarah Rosen Wartell
22. Center for New American Security - Richard Fontaine
23. German Marshall Fund of the United States - Craig Kennedy
24. James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University - Edward P. Djerejian
25. Belfer Center for Science and Int'l Affairs (Harvard) - Graham Allison
26. New America Foundation - Anne-Marie Slaughter
27. Earth Institute, Columbia University - Jeffrey Sachs
28. World Resources Institute - Andrew Steer
29. Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs - Joel H. Rosenthal
30. Hudson Institute - Kenneth R. Weinstein

31. Center for Budget and Policy Priorities - Robert Greenstein
32. International Food Policy Research Institute - Shenggen Fan
33. Foreign Policy Research Institute - Alan Luxenberg
34. Freedom House - David Kramer
35. Pew Center on Global Climate Change - Eileen Claussen
36. Resources for the Future - Philip Sharp
37. Stimson Center (FNA Henry Stimson Center) - Ellen Laipson
38. Inter-American Dialogue - Michael Shifter
39. Acton Institute for Study of Religion and Liberty - Rev. Robert A. Sirico
40. Economic Policy Institute - Lawrence Mishel
41. East West Institute - John Edwin Mroz
42. Competitive Enterprise Institute - Lawson Bader
43. Manhattan Institute - Lawrence J. Mone
44. Reason Foundation - David Nott
45. Center for Transatlantic Relations, SAIS Johns Hopkins - Daniel Hamilton
46. East-West Center Honolulu - Charles E. Morrison
47. Center for the National Interest - Dimitri K. Simes
48. Mercatus Center, George Mason University - Tyler Cowen
49. Aspen Institute - Walter Isaacson
50. Institute for Policy Studies - John Cavanagh

A few of the smaller shops, including the Middle East Institute (Wendy Chamberlain), Truman National Security Project (Rachel Kleinfeld) and the National Security Network (Heather Hurlburt), are run by women. But otherwise, Thinktankistan is still very much a man's world.