

viewed as the minimum amount of reported funding from these sources. Even with this conservative approach, we were able to track more than \$1 billion in funding from the U.S. government and defense contractors going to these top think tanks in just six years.

Think Tanks Receiving the Most U.S. Government and Defense Contractor Funding

This analysis identified more than \$1.078 billion in U.S. government and defense contractor funding going to the top 50 think tanks in America. The breakdown of that funding for each of the top 10 recipients, is provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Top 10 Think Tanks by Amount Received from the U.S. Government and Defense Contractors

RAND Corporation	\$1,209,100,000
Center for a New American Security (CNAS)	\$8,946,000
Atlantic Council	\$8,697,000
New America Foundation	\$7,283,828
German Marshall Fund of the United States	\$6,599,999
CSIS	\$5,040,000
Council on Foreign Relations	\$2,590,000
Brookings Institution	\$2,485,000
Heritage Foundation	\$1,375,000
Stimson Center	\$1,343,753

The RAND Corporation received, by far, the most funding from U.S. government and defense contractors of the 50 think tanks we analyzed, raking in a whopping \$1.029 billion between 2014-2019 and accounting for approximately 95% of all the funding we tracked. Nearly all of this came from U.S. government sources; specifically, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (\$110 million), the U.S. Army (\$245,880,000), the U.S. Air Force (\$281,400,000), and the rather broad category described as “Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense and other national security agencies,” (\$391,720,000).¹⁵ RAND is overwhelmingly reliant on U.S. government funding. For example, In fiscal year 2019, \$295 million of RAND’s

15. “How We’re Funded,” RAND Corporation, 2019, https://www.rand.org/about/clients_grantors.html.