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Think tanks

http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Think_tanks
http://www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm#ac
What Is a Think Tank?

• A: A university without students
Some DC Think Tanks

American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research
   The Brookings Institution
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
   Center for Global Development
Center for Strategic and International Studies
   Climate Institute
   Economic Policy Institute
Federation of American Scientists
   The Henry L. Stimson Center
   The Heritage Foundation

Institute for International Economics
   Institute of Medicine
   National Institutes of Health
New America Foundation
   RAND Corp.
   Resources for the Future
   Urban Institute
Politics vs. policy

Professional associations
(Interest groups)
(NGOs)

The Alliance for Health Care Reform
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for World Health
American Electronics Association
American Meteorological Society
The American Public Health Association
Center for Democracy and Technology
Children's Defense Fund
The Climate Institute
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The March of Dimes, National Government Affairs Office
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
National Institute of Health
Oxfam America
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Pan American Health Organization
The World Bank
Inter-American Development Bank
World Health Organization

61,000 profiles,
available @ MIT, Haydn (Hardcopy & CD-ROM)
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Federal agencies

(Politics)

Consumer Finance Protection Bureau
Dept. of Commerce - Office of Technical Competitiveness
Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
Dept. of Defense – Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation
Dept. of Defense – Office of Naval Research
Dept. of Education, Office of Post-Secondary Education
Dept. of Energy – Office of Chief Financial Officer
Dept. of Energy - Office of Environmental Management
Dept. of Energy - Office of Fossil Energy
Dept. of Energy - Office of Fuels Development
Dept. of Energy - Office of Industrial Technologies
Dept. of Energy - Office of Lab Policy and Infrastructure Management
Dept. of Energy, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Dept. of Energy, US Africa Initiative
Dept. of Energy, US Climate Change Technology Program

(Policy)

Dept. of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service
Dept. of Interior – Office of Environmental Policy
Dept. of the Treasury – Office of the Comptroller
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
General Accounting Office
NASA
National Capitol Planning Commission
National Institute of Health
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office and Management and Budget
Small Business Administration
Teach for America
Dept. of the Treasury – Office of the Comptroller

http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml
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Private organizations
- Aerospace Corporation
- AFL-CIO
- Chemonics International
- Gryphon Scientific
- Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA)
- MIT Washington DC Office
- National Security Research, Inc.
- NERA Economic Consulting
- Plexus Consulting Group
- Systems Planning and Analysis, Inc. (SPA)
- Texas Instruments, Government Relations Office

http://www.opensecrets.org/lobbyists/index.asp
Politics vs. policy

White House

Council of Economic Advisors
Office of Science and Technology Policy
President’s Council on Bioethics

http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/eop.html
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Congress

Individual House and Senate members
Committees (and subcommittees)
Party organizations
Congressional Research Service
Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)

www.house.gov
www.senate.gov
thomas.loc.gov
www.votesmart.org/official_congress.php
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Library resources

• Publications
  – CQ Weekly Report
  – National Journal (nationaljournal.com)

• US Government Manual

• Congressional Staff Directory

• Congressional Yellow Book