

# WHO ARE THE FAR-RIGHT POLICY OPERATIVES IN YOUR STATE?

## A State-by-State Guide to State Policy Network Groups

The State Policy Network (SPN) is an umbrella organization of right-wing think tanks and ultra-conservative nonprofits that functions as a clearinghouse for public policy advocacy at the state level. Its far-right policy agenda has given rise to extremism in the Republican Party.

SPN provides academic cover for ALEC bills and court cases (like *Janus v. AFSCME*) that hurt working people. ALEC (American Legislative Exchange) is a bill-mill that develops “model” legislation that benefit corporations and bolster their profits, usually at the expense of workers.

SPN operates in 49 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada and the United Kingdom. Here is a state-by-state list of SPN policy groups operating in the United States.

### **Alabama**

Alabama Policy Institute

### **Alaska**

Alaska Policy Forum

### **Arizona\***

Goldwater Institute

### **Arkansas\***

Arkansas Policy Foundation

Advance Arkansas Institute

### **California**

Pacific Research Institute

California Policy Center

### **Colorado**

Independence Institute

### **Connecticut**

Yankee Institute for Public Policy

### **Delaware**

Caesar Rodney Institute

### **Florida**

James Madison Institute

Foundation for Government

Accountability

### **Georgia**

Georgia Public Policy Foundation

Georgia Center for Opportunity

### **Hawaii\***

Grass Root Institute of Hawaii

### **Idaho\***

Idaho Freedom Foundation

### **Illinois**

Illinois Policy Institute

### **Indiana**

Indiana Policy Review Foundation

### **Iowa**

Public Interest Institute

### **Kansas**

Kansas Policy Institute

### **Kentucky\***

Bluegrass Institute for Policy Solutions

### **Louisiana**

Pelican Institute for Public Policy

### **Maine\***

Maine Heritage Policy Center

### **Maryland**

Maryland Public Policy Institute

Calvert Institute for Policy Research

### **Massachusetts**

Pioneer Institute

### **Michigan**

Mackinac Center for Public Policy

### **Minnesota**

Freedom Foundation of Minnesota

Center of the American Experiment

### **Mississippi**

Mississippi Center for Public Policy

Empower Mississippi Foundation

### **Missouri**

Show-Me Institute

### **Montana**

Montana Policy Institute

### **Nebraska\***

Platte Institute for Economic Research

### **Nevada\***

Nevada Policy Research Institute

### **New Hampshire**

Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy

Granite Institute

### **New Jersey**

Garden State Initiative

### **New Mexico**

Rio Grande Foundation

### **New York**

Empire Center for Public Policy

### **North Carolina**

John Locke Foundation

Civitas Institute

### **North Dakota** (none listed)

### **Ohio**

The Buckeye Institute

### **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs

### **Oregon**

Cascade Policy Institute

### **Pennsylvania**

Commonwealth Foundation of Public

Policy Alternatives

### **Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity

### **South Carolina**

Palmetto Promise Institute

South Carolina Policy Institute

### **South Dakota**

Great Plains Public Policy Institute

### **Tennessee\***

Beacon Center of Tennessee

### **Texas**

Texas Public Policy Foundation

### **Utah\***

Libertas Institute

Sutherland Institute

### **Vermont**

Ethan Allen Institute

### **Virginia**

Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy

Virginia Institute for Public Policy

### **Washington**

Freedom Foundation

Washington Policy Center

### **West Virginia**

Cardinal Institute

Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia

### **Wisconsin**

Maclver Institute for Public Policy

Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty

Badger Institute

### **Wyoming\***

Wyoming Liberty Group

**\*States with low to no AFT membership density**

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