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The Fundación Eléutera is a new think-tank that began operations in 2013, focused on properly defending and promoting classical liberal ideas, both social and economic, within Honduras. This organization seeks to reverse the trend from overreaching and weak institutions to those that respond to the needs of Honduras' residents but, more importantly, that allow for individual growth and creativity, strengthen the social fabric through trust between individuals, and allow and promote successful entrepreneurship.

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**Hong Kong Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research**

The Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research is an educational, charitable trust established in 1987 to promote the free market in Hong Kong by fostering public understanding of economic affairs and developing alternative policies for government. The Centre publishes authoritative research studies and is widely recognized as the leading free-market think tank in Asia. It has been influential in persuading public opinion and the government in Hong Kong to liberalize telecommunications, open up air-cargo-handling franchises, privatize public housing, adopt a fully funded provident scheme instead of a pay-as-you-go pension scheme, remove the legally sanctioned fixing of deposit interest rates by banks, and adopt market mechanisms for protecting the environment.

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The Szazadveg Foundation is a non-profit organization performing political and economic research, and advisory and training activities. This think-tank is independent of the government or any political parties and has been operating as a foundation

since its establishment in 1990. Szazadveg publishes the results of its research to the public at large and also provides professional services to economic institutions, political and civil organizations, political parties, and the government.

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The Centre for Social and Economic Research (RSE) is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization in Reykjavik, Iceland, founded in 2004. Its mission is to promote an understanding of private property and free-market ideas for a progressive, democratic society. RSE achieves its mission through programs of publication and conferences. Its work is assisted by a council of academic advisors of the highest standard from various academic fields. RSE is funded entirely by voluntary contributions from its supporters.

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The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is a public-policy think-tank advancing personal, social, economic, and political freedoms. The Centre seeks to promote choice, competition, and community-based policy reforms. Through research, advocacy, and outreach, they are reinvigorating civil society and right-sizing political society. CCS advocates effective public-policy reform through evidence-based research, stakeholder engagement, and outreach to current and future leaders through seminars, conferences, and public-policy courses. Their main focus areas are increasing access to affordable quality education through the School Choice Campaign and ensuring livelihood freedom for the enterprising poor through the Jeevika: Law, Liberty and Livelihood Campaign.

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#### Iraq **Iraqi Institute for Economic Reform**

The Iraqi Institute for Economic Reform (IIER) is registered in Iraq as a Civil Society, non-profit organization, established in 2004. The Trustees are nationally and internationally renowned in their fields and have successfully delivered programs with significant impact in assisting the Government of Iraq, such as the Federal Budget Analysis, World Bank *Doing Business* Survey, private-sector development training programs, weekly TV programs, monthly seminars, and many other achievements. IIER's mission and strategic objectives are to support Iraq's socio-economic transformation, promote the rule of law, and build sound institutions, by stimulating vigorous public debate among citizens and institutions that have a stake in Iraq's future and to influence government policy through research, evidence-based policy development, and dissemination of information. IIER is widely recognized as the leading independent think tank on Iraq's economy. The Institute has developed a responsive work program; and engages with many national and international organizations, such as USAID, USIP, World Bank, the Fraser Institute, Transparency International,

UNDP, UNESCO, Revenue Watch Institute, CIPE, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, universities, and many others. We are regularly called upon to participate in, and contribute to, various economic debates on the future of Iraq. Our monthly seminars and workshops are often attended by international missions in Iraq.

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#### Ireland **Open Republic Institute**

The Open Republic Institute (ORI) is Ireland's only platform for public-policy discussion that is specifically interested in individual rights within the context of open-society and open-market ideas. The ORI works within a non-political framework to provide public-policy analysis and new policy ideas to government, public representatives, civil servants, academics, students, and citizens.

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#### Israel **Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies**

The Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies (JIMS) is an independent, non-profit economic policy think-tank whose mission is to promote social progress in Israel through economic freedom and individual liberty. JIMS was founded in 2003 by Robert Sauer and Corinne Parenti-Sauer and has become Israel's most influential free-market economic think-tank. JIMS regularly publishes economic policy papers and editorials on current issues, runs a number of innovative private educational projects, calculates Tax Freedom Day for Israel, and administers a unique public opinion survey called the Israel Panel Study of Opinion Dynamics (IPSOD).

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#### Italy **Centro Einaudi**

The Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione "Luigi Einaudi" is an independent non-profit research institute based in Turin. Its mission, inspired by Luigi Einaudi's work and his dictum "*conoscere per deliberare*" (knowledge must come before deliberation), is to conduct independent research, and, based on that research, to provide innovative recommendations in the fields of political economy, government and the markets, and public policies. The Centro Einaudi's research areas are liberal theory; global economy and finance; international relations; law, politics and culture; politics and comparative public policy; Italian policies and reform; and regional development. Since 1963, the Centro has been a beacon of liberalism and one of the most influential Italian think-tanks. Many of its members hold prominent positions in academia, government, business, and the media. The Centro trains young scholars and researchers, organizes seminars, conferences and lectures, and publishes monographs, books, and on-line newsletters, including: the quarterly journal, *Biblioteca della libertà*; *Rapporto sull'economia globale e l'Italia* (Annual Report on the Global Economy and Italy); *Indagine sul risparmio e sulle scelte finanziarie degli italiani* (Annual Survey on Savings and Savers in Italy); *Rapporto "Giorgio Rota" su Torino, Roma, Napoli* ("Giorgio Rota" Report on Italian Cities); *Agenda Liberale*, *Lettera Economica*, and *The Italian Job* (on-line).

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#### Jordan **Young Entrepreneurs Association**

The Young Entrepreneurs Association (YEA) is a non-profit organization that aims to help small and medium-sized Jordanian companies become investor- and market-ready, and develop their ideas to facilitate the growth of their businesses. The YEA

aims to foster fellowship and the exchange of ideas between entrepreneurs; educate and train entrepreneurs; and be the voice for the entrepreneurial community as a whole. For entrepreneurial activities to succeed in Jordan, the YEA must act as an advocate for legislative change, thereby helping shape, through rules and regulation, a favorable business environment for startups and expanding businesses.

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The Institute for Development and Economic Affairs (IDEA) is a free-market think-tank established in 2011 and based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. It is dedicated to prosperity through free markets and entrepreneurship. We promote ideas of freedom through public-policy research, educational programs, and public participation for a free and prosperous Kazakhstan. To realize its mission, IDEA conducts research and generates alternative ideas on social, economic, and political agendas; lobbies for and monitors the implementation of basic social, political, and economic rights while promoting transparency, free markets and rule of law; and educates, trains, and empowers the public on ideas of free markets and entrepreneurship, and the role they can play in influencing policy decisions.

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**Kenya Eastern Africa Policy Centre**

The Eastern Africa Policy Centre (EAPC) is a new regional think-tank that seeks to promote and disseminate Free Market ideas and the philosophy of Liberty within the Eastern African region. The immediate goal of the Institute is to educate, promote, and spark debate on and around the importance of individual liberty and Free Market ideas, especially with regard to how these affect sustainable socio-economic development within the region. The EAPC seeks to become an important repository of information, especially in the areas of policy research and education and in linking public policy with policy outcomes.

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**Korea, South Center for Free Enterprise**

The Center for Free Enterprise (CFE) is a foundation committed to promoting free enterprise, limited government, freedom and individual responsibility, the rule of law, and restraint of violence. Funded by the members of the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), the CFE was founded as a non-profit, independent foundation on April 1, 1997, at a time of economic crisis in Korean society. The CFE has concentrated on championing a free economy through books and reports on public policies, statistics, and analyses. In workshops and policy forums, the CFE has put forward alternatives to policies proposed as solutions for issues facing Korean society.

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The Lithuanian Free Market Institute (LFMI) is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1990 to advance the ideas of individual freedom and responsibility, free markets, and limited government. Since its inception, LFMI has been at the forefront of economic thought and reform in Lithuania. Not only has LFMI helped frame policy debates by conducting research and creating reform packages on key issues, it has also conducted extensive educational campaigns and played a key role “behind the scenes” in helping to craft and refine legislative proposals. LFMI promoted the idea of a currency board and provided decisive input to the Law on Litas Credibility; it led the creation of the legal and institutional framework for the securities market and contributed significantly to the country's privatization legislation; and it initiated and participated in the policy-making process on private, fully funded pension insurance. LFMI's recommendations were adopted in legislation on commercial banks, the Bank of Lithuania, credit unions, insurance, and foreign investment. LFMI significantly influenced the improvement of company, bankruptcy, and competition law.

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**Malaysia Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs**

The Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) is Malaysia's first think-tank dedicated to promoting market-based solutions to public policy challenges. We are an independent, not-for-profit organization. As a cross-partisan think-tank, we work across the political spectrum. Our purpose is to advance market-based principles, and we are not bound by party politics, race, or religion. Our office is in Bukit Tunku, Kuala Lumpur, just minutes away from Parliament. We achieve our aims by working with an extensive network of experts who share our ideals.

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**Mexico Caminos de la Libertad**

Caminos de la Libertad seeks to promote the discussion and reflection about the different aspects of freedom. We strive to generate critical thinking and policies as well as creating awareness among those who have not yet realized the value of their own freedom. Caminos de la Libertad has become an international effort that includes competitions, symposiums, conferences, and round-table discussions emphasizing the importance of freedom. With our different activities, we try to introduce academics, politicians, youth, and the general society to the liberal perspective.

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**Mongolia Open Society Forum**

The Open Society Forum is an independent, non-governmental, organization founded in 2004. The Forum's goals are to provide quality policy research and analysis and broad public access to information resources pertaining to governance, economic, and social policies. It focuses on economic freedom, land reform, rule of law, freedom of media, campaign financing, nomadic pastoralism, privatization, the shadow economy, and education policy. The Forum conducts research and holds conferences to encourage public participation in policy formulation.

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**Montenegro The Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development**

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED) is the first non-governmental, non-partisan free-market center established in Montenegro. Its mission is to educate entrepreneurs about private ownership, democratic society, free markets, and the rule of law through a number of programs, initiatives, publications, and events. The Center was established to meet the demand for business knowledge by pioneering entrepreneurs who needed training to operate in a new environment after the break-up of the former Yugoslavia.

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**Nepal The Prosperity Foundation**

*Samriddhi*, The Prosperity Foundation, envisions a free and prosperous Nepal where individuals can live a dignified life in a vibrant and democratic society with equal access to opportunities and respect for the rule of law. Its mission is to promote ideas of freedom—civil, political, and economic—through public-policy recommendations (based on independent research), educational programs, and public participation for a free and prosperous Nepal.

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**New Zealand New Zealand Initiative**

The New Zealand Initiative is a public-policy think-tank based in Wellington. It is supported by chief executives and chairmen of New Zealand companies. The Initiative is a non-partisan, evidence-based, and independent research institute committed to building a prosperous, free, and fair society with a competitive, open and dynamic economy.

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**Nicaragua Nicaraguan Foundation for Economic and Social Development**

The Nicaraguan Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUNIDES) is an independent think tank specializing in research and analysis in the economic, social, and institutional fields. Our mission is to promote economic development and reduction of poverty in Nicaragua, through the promotion of public policies based on democratic values, free markets, absolute respect for the rule of law, and solid institutions. Our vision is to be regarded as the most influential and rigorous think tank in the country, an institution continuously proposing effective ideas for actions aimed at promoting Nicaragua's progress.

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**Nigeria Initiative of Public Policy Analysis**

The Initiative of Public Policy Analysis (IPPA) is a private, non-profit organization involved in research, education, and publication on matters affecting the freedom of individuals. Its objective is to provide market-oriented analysis of current and emerging policy issues, with a view to influencing the public debate and the political decision-making process.

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**Norway Center for Business and Society Incorporated**

The Center for Business and Society Incorporated (Civita), the first market-oriented think-tank in Norway, was established in 2004. It strives for increased consensus on important market economic principles and their implications for welfare, freedom, and democracy. Civita is also dedicated to promoting personal responsibility and civil society to achieve larger, more important roles in society's development. To communicate its ideas to the public, it conducts research, publishes reports, and holds seminars and conferences.

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The International Research Foundation (IRF), Sultanate of Oman, was established in 2005 as a non-governmental, independent, non-profit "Think-Tank" based in Oman to conduct research on domestic and international economic issues with emphasis on the Arab World. The IRF has set its research and public-affairs agenda on a collegial basis, relying on the input of its research staff, its editorial board, and its Senior Fellows. It maintains a working arrangement with governmental and non-governmental organizations in the region and other parts of the world. IRF is the regional member of the Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom Network.

The vision of International Research Foundation is to create wealth and jobs through the promotion of economic freedom. Its mission is to measure, research, and communicate to a global audience the impact of competitive markets on the welfare of individuals. The Board of Trustees of the IRF consists of high-profile private-sector members from different organizations. IRF has initiated the establishment of a network of academic researchers to facilitate research projects, which will help in its endeavor to research economic issues affecting the daily life of individuals.

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**Pakistan Alternate Solutions Institute**

Alternate Solutions Institute, founded in 2003, is the first free-market think tank in Pakistan. Its mission is (1) to seek solutions to challenges pertaining to the economy, law, education, and health in accordance with the principles of classical liberalism and (2) to promote the implementation of these solutions. The Institute aims to promote the concept of a limited, responsible government in Pakistan under the rule of law protecting life, liberty, and property of all of its citizens without any discrimination. The Institute conducts research and holds seminars, workshops, and conferences to educate interested students, teachers, and journalists about the principles of classical liberalism.

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**Palestine Pal-Think for Strategic Studies**

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**Panama Fundación Libertad**

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**Peru Centro de Investigación y Estudios Legales**

The Centro de Investigación y Estudios Legales (CITEL) was organized in 1989. Its principal field is the economic analysis of law. To that end, it conducts research on different legal institutions, publishes books, and organizes seminars and colloquia.

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**Philippines Center for Research and Communication**

The Center for Research and Communication (CRC) has, since 1967, conducted research and published works on domestic and international economic and political issues that affect the Asia-Pacific region. It provides forums for discussion and debate among academicians, businessmen, civil officials, and representatives of

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**Poland Centrum im. Adama Smitha**

The Centrum im. Adama Smitha (the Adam Smith Research Centre—ASRC) is a private, non-partisan, non-profit, public-policy institute. It was founded in 1989 and was the first such institute in Poland and in Eastern Europe. The ASRC promotes a free and fair market economy, participatory democracy, and a virtuous society. Its activities in research and development, education, and publishing cover almost all important issues within the areas of economy and social life. The ASRC acts as a guardian of economic freedom in Poland. More than 50 experts are associated with the ASRC.

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**Portugal Causa Liberal**

Causa Liberal is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization of Portuguese individuals who share the principles of the classical liberal tradition and wish to further its application in modern-day Portugal. Its mission is to defend the principles of the free society and its building blocks: individual rights, the rule of law, free markets, and private property. Its primary goals are to establish and consolidate a network of individuals with an interest in the study, discussion, and promotion of the classical liberal tradition, and to advance free-market ideas and policies in Portugal.

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The Center for Institutional Analysis and Development—Eleutheria Foundation (CADI) is a research, advocacy, and consulting organization engaged in the defense and furtherance of economic and civil rights. Built as a platform of academic and entrepreneurial cooperation, CADI is now the nexus of a wide and vibrant network of researchers, public intellectuals, experts and students spanning the fields of social sciences.

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**Russia Institute of Economic Analysis**

The Institute of Economic Analysis is an institute for macroeconomic research that analyzes the current economic situation and policies, and provides expert analysis of acts, programs, and current economic policy. It offers advice to Russian government bodies, enterprises, and organizations; and prepares and publishes scientific, research, and methodological economic literature. It also conducts seminars, conferences, and symposia on economic topics. The Institute is an independent, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit research center that works closely with leading Russian and international research centers. Its research focuses on macroeconomic, budget, and social policies.

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The F.A. Hayek Foundation is an independent and non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides a forum for the exchange of opinions among scholars, businessmen, and policy-makers on the causes of, and solutions to, economic, social, and political problems. It proposes practical reforms of the economy, education, social security, and legislation as the Slovak Republic is transformed into an open society. Education of high-school and university students is a large part of its activities. The F.A. Hayek Foundation promotes the ideas of classical liberalism, virtually absent until 1989: market economy, reduced role for the government, rule of law and individual choice, responsibilities, and rights to life, liberty, and property.

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The Visio Institute is an independent, non-partisan research organization based in Slovenia. Its aim is to develop and promote public policies leading to an open, free, developed, and just Slovenia. To that end, the Visio Institute is organizing events, releasing publications, and appearing in the media with its proposals for public policy and other areas.

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**South Africa Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa**

The Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa (FMF) is an independent, non-profit organization, created in 1975 to work for a non-racial, free, and prosperous South Africa. Our mission is to promote and advocate human rights and democracy based on classical liberal principles, including: access to media and a free press; the philosophy of the open society, the rule of law, and personal and economic freedom; an environment that will facilitate the achievement of high economic growth and the reduction of poverty and unemployment; the development and fostering of free enterprise and market economies on a national and international basis; and the education of the general public regarding sound economic principles. The Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa is financed by membership contributions, donations, and sponsorships from private individuals, companies, and institutions.

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**Spain Fundació Catalunya Oberta**

Fundació Catalunya Oberta (Open Catalonia Foundation) was founded in 2001 with the objective of promoting, analyzing, and extending the values of the open society, freedom, democracy, and the market economy. The Foundation also defends the rights of Catalonia as a nation, especially in the cultural and economic fields. It is a private foundation, espousing liberal ideology, with no political connections, whose aim is to influence the public opinion of civil society. The Open Catalonia Foundation organizes a range of activities every year and publishes a number of reports. The Foundation also awards a yearly prize of €10,000 to prestigious journalists from all over the world to reward their endeavors on behalf of democracy and freedom.

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**Sudan Nile Institute of Economic Studies**

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Timbro is a Swedish think-tank that encourages public opinion to favor free enterprise, a free economy, and a free society. Timbro publishes books, papers, reports, and the magazine, *Smedjan*. It also arranges seminars and establishes networks among people. Founded in 1978, Timbro is owned by the Swedish Free Enterprise Foundation, which has as its principals a large number of Swedish companies and organizations.

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Our vision is peace, freedom and prosperity in Africa. Our mission is to influence public policies towards the promotion of free-market-based solutions to Tanzania's socio-economic problems and to educate the society on the right of the individual to contract, trade, and operate in the market free of constraint. Our principles

include individual rights, spontaneous order, the rule of law, limited government, free markets, the virtue of production, natural harmony of interests, and peace. Our projects and activities include the Annual Economic Freedom of Tanzania Conference, book translations and publications, Uhuru Leadership Academy, and the Uhuru students outreach.

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The Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business was created in 1989 as a channel partner for developing managerial talent for the business community in Trinidad and Tobago. Its mission is to empower people and organizations in developing nations to optimize their performance capabilities and international competitiveness through development and deployment of consulting; education, research, and training resources. One of the Institute's core services are business and academic research in areas of real concern to business managers, enabling them to improve their ability to manage successfully in the face of increasingly complex markets.

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The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) was established in early 1991 as a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-governmental research institution that would increase awareness of democracy among the Ukrainian people and analyze domestic and international politics and security. The UCIPR is politically independent; it does not accept any funding from either the state or any political party. The UCIPR publishes books and research papers on Ukraine's domestic and foreign policy, the economy in transition, security, relations with neighboring states, the Crimean dilemma, interethnic relations, and the freedom of the news media. The Center has hosted a number of national and international conferences and workshops.

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The mission of the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) is to improve public understanding of the foundations of a free and harmonious society by expounding and analyzing the role of markets in solving economic and social problems, and bringing the results of that work to the attention of those who influence thinking. The IEA

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### Albania **The Foundation for Economic Freedom**

The Foundation for Economic Freedom is a non-profit organization supporting ideas, research projects, and public debates in Albania that are inspired by liberal ideas of economic freedom. Through several public initiatives we are attempting to enable and facilitate all those individuals or other NGOs to achieve their objectives of economic freedom and legitimizing economic reforms in the country. The foundation has so far published four books on liberal reforms in Albania, organized more than 20 conferences and workshops on the role of the state, institutional consolidation, informal economy, and so on. We have engaged with free-market political parties in Albania to assess the impact of tax changes on the economy as well as provided more than 100 students with professional training on conducting effective public debates. The Foundation also attracts free-market scholars, international speakers, and local political parties through its landmark annual event called “The Tirana Forum for Economic Freedom”.

### Bolivia **NOTORIA, Agenda para una Sociedad Libre**

NOTORIA, Agenda para una Sociedad Libre was created with the main purpose of supporting civil society in the defense and promotion of liberty, human rights, individual endeavor, free markets, property rights, and democratic values. NOTORIA has no political affiliation and is not subordinated to any social, political, religious, or economic group. Our vision is to be the main referent in the promotion of liberty in Bolivia. Our mission is to be the link between academia, policy makers, and the private sector by promoting debate and presenting applied research and analysis useful for decision makers. The general objective is to promote debate, analysis, and research regarding public policies, as well as to present alternatives that can help to make better and more informed decisions.

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**United States Independent Institute**

The Independent Institute is the award-winning, non-partisan, research and educational organization that sponsors in-depth studies of critical social and economic issues. The mission of the Independent Institute is to boldly advance peaceful, prosperous, and free societies grounded in a commitment to human worth and dignity. In order to fully understand public issues and possible solutions, the Institute's program adheres to the highest standards of independent scholarly inquiry. The resulting studies are published and widely distributed as books, *The Independent Review*, and other publications; and form the basis for numerous conference and media programs. Through uncommon independence, depth, and clarity, the Independent Institute expands the frontiers of our knowledge and fosters new and effective directions for government reform.

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