Economic freedom in the United States has continued to fall even as it has increased modestly at a global level. That’s according to the *Economic Freedom of the World: 2013 Annual Report*, copublished by the Cato Institute, the Fraser Institute, and more than 70 think tanks around the world.

The United States has seen more than a decade of decline, having been ranked 3rd on the index in 2000 and 17th in the current report. The authors note that the country has fallen in all areas that the report measures: size of government, the legal system and security of property rights, sound money, freedom to trade, and regulation.

**A NEW LOOK FOR LIBERTARIANISM**

Libertarianism.org, the Cato Institute’s website dedicated to the theory and history of the libertarian tradition, has been redesigned, offering a more user-friendly interface. The website features a collection of resources—including a blog, new and classic videos, essays on great classical liberals, and a new podcast show (hosted by editor Aaron Ross Powell and research fellow Trevor Burrus) about libertarianism and the ideas that influence it. Newly posted videos include talks from the 1970s and 1980s by Murray Rothbard, Karl Hess, Ed Crane, and David Friedman.

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**LINDZEN JOINS CATO**

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Lindzen’s pioneering research in atmospheric dynamics has led to multiple analyses of the sensitivity of surface temperatures to atmospheric carbon dioxide increases, all of which support the hypothesis that the sensitivity is considerably below that necessary to generate disastrous climate change.

As a distinguished senior fellow, Lindzen will focus his work on the interaction between climate science and policymakers and the biases that are introduced into science when it becomes a government-funded enterprise.

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