Canadian Think Tanks

Think tanks, policy institutes, research institutes are organizations or groups involved in research and advocacy in a range of fields including social policy, political strategy, economics, technology, industry, business and national defense.

Many think tanks are non-profit organizations; their funding may come from governments, businesses, private advocacy groups, or from consulting and research work they engage in. Below is a compilation of some of the think tanks currently operating in Canada to give you an idea of the range of organizations that can fall under this category.

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