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Transparify rates the extent to which think tanks publicly disclose through their websites where their funding comes from.

We visited think tanks' websites and looked at the funding and donor information disclosed online, including in online annual reports.

Institutions rated with the maximum of five stars are highly transparent about who funds them. Think tanks with four stars are broadly transparent; typically, they do not disclose the precise amounts given, but instead group their donors into several funding brackets. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the funding of think tanks with zero stars or one star is highly opaque as they fail to disclose even the names of some or all of their donors.

Multiple steps reinforce the reliability of Transparify's rating results:

- Systematic and transparent approach with clear categories
- Ratings by two separate raters
- Adjudication process
- Respondent validation with selected think tanks
- Full replicability of results by third parties

The ratings for the main cohort of think tanks in this report capture the status quo as of January 20, 2016.

Taken from Transparify's 2016 Report

To see transparify's full report, go to www.transparify.org/publications-main/

Transparify's rating criteria for the number of stars to award are defined as follows:

5	★	highly transparent: all donors listed, clearly identifying funding amounts for, and sources of, particular projects
4	★	broadly transparent: all donors above USD 5,000 listed in 4+ precise funding brackets, with anonymous donors no more than 15%
3	★	all or most donors listed in 2 or 3 broad contribution brackets [e.g. "USD 5,000 to 15,000, the following donors"]
2	★	all or many donors listed, but little or no financial information
1	★	some donors listed, but not exhaustive or systematic
0		highly opaque: no relevant or up-to-date information



United Kingdom Results

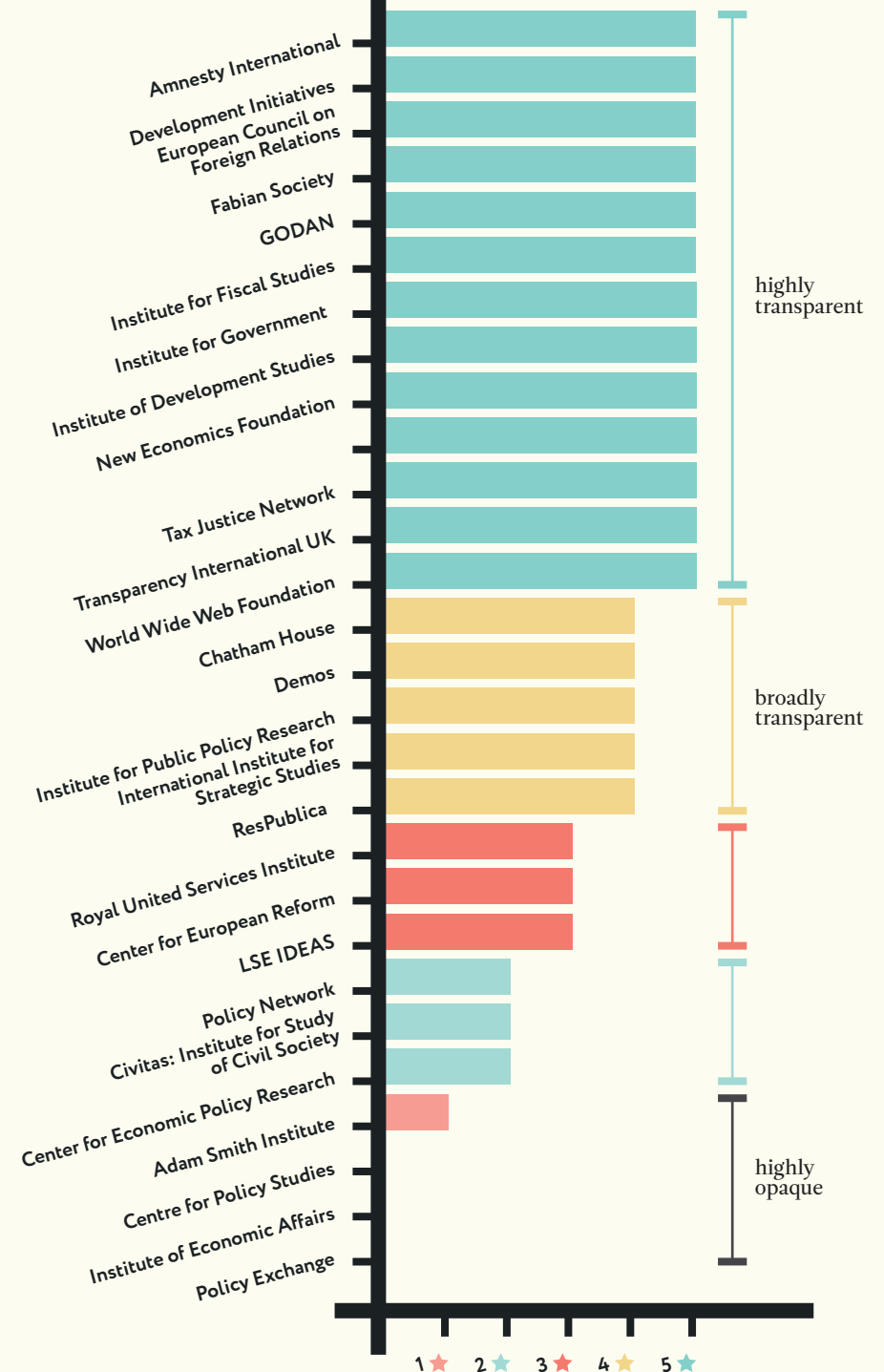
Following British think tanks' disappointing performance in last year's rating, Transparify decided to focus its advocacy efforts on the UK during 2015–2016. Using an external list to select institutions, they reached out to 25 think tanks. Of those, 14 decided to put more funding data online, typically increasing their score by three or more stars.

A year ago, only a small minority of those UK think tanks were financially transparent. Today, over half of them allow outsiders to see who funds their research and advocacy. As a result, the UK's average transparency score has leapt from 2.0 stars to 3.4 stars, placing British think tanks as a group ahead of their peers in most European countries and the United States in terms of funding transparency.

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UK

Amnesty International	Overseas Development Institute	Center for European Reform
Development Initiatives	Tax Justice Network	LSE IDEAS
European Council on Foreign Relations	Transparency International UK	Policy Network
Fabian Society	World Wide Web Foundation	Civitas: Institute for Study of Civil Society
GODAN	Chatham House	Center for Economic Policy Research
Institute for Fiscal Studies	Demos	Adam Smith Institute
Institute for Government	Institute for Public Policy Research	Centre for Policy Studies
Institute of Development Studies	International Institute for Strategic Studies	Institute of Economic Affairs
New Economics Foundation	ResPublica	Policy Exchange
	Royal United Services Institute ¹	



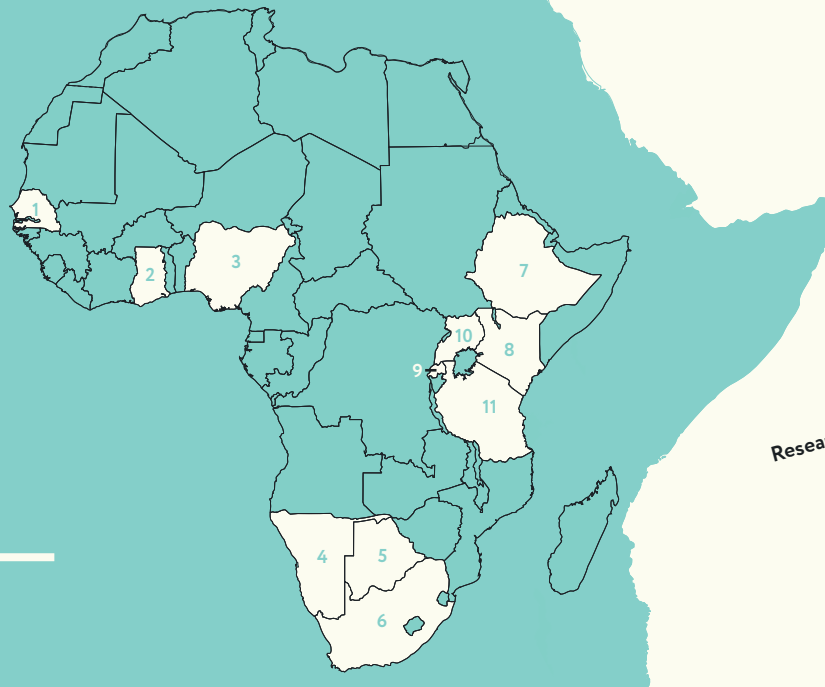
¹ The Royal United Services Institute informed Transparify that it plans to update its disclosure in July 2016.

Africa Results

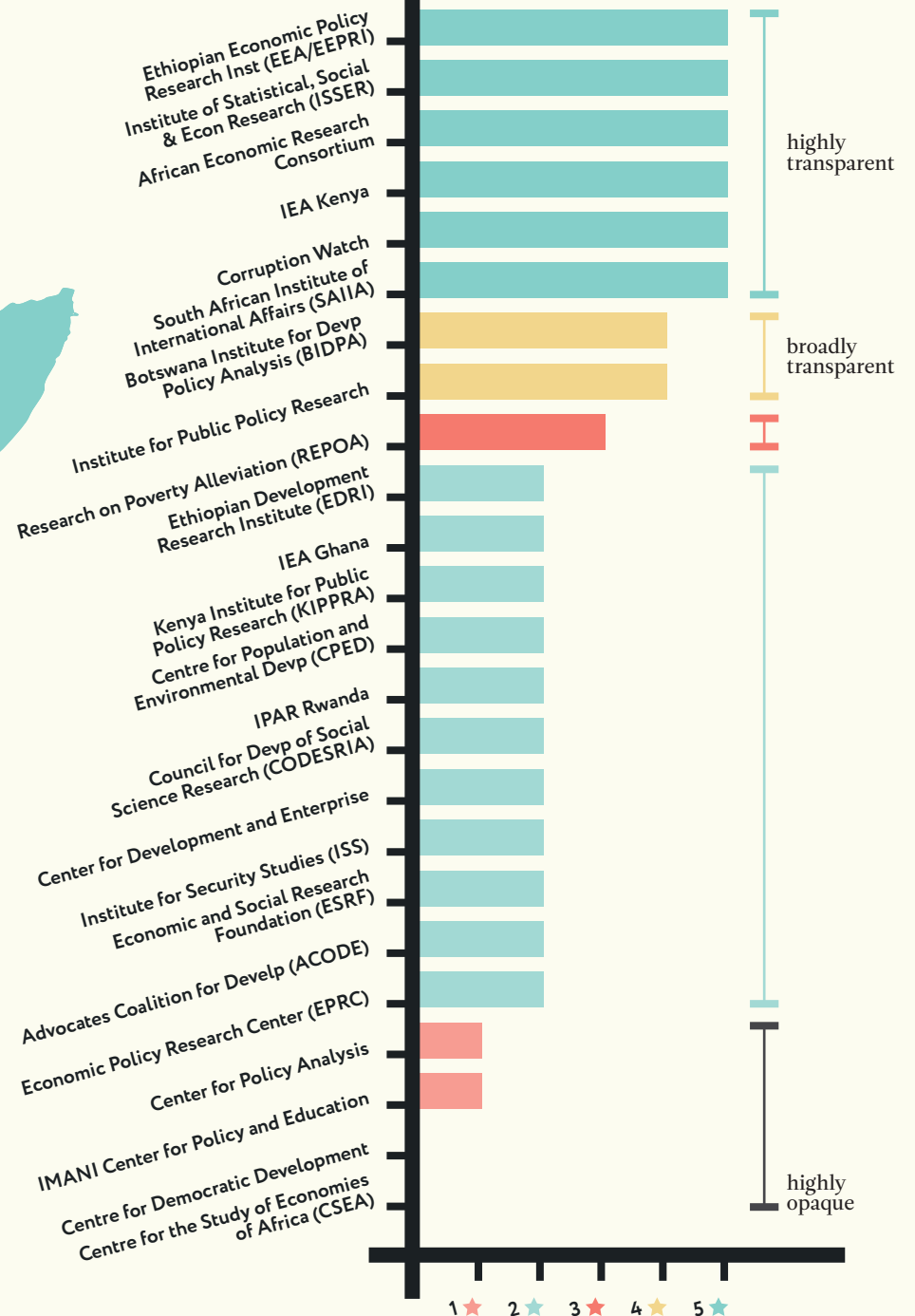
The existence of highly transparent think tanks in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa clearly demonstrate that other African institutions can also excel in transparency if they choose to.

For example, the three highly opaque think tanks in Ghana will now find it difficult to argue that there is something unique about their country that prevents them from disclosing who funds them, and think tanks in Nigeria may want to reflect on why they cannot meet the high standards set by some of their peers in other large African states.

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1 Senegal	4 Namibia	8 Kenya
Council for Devp of Social Science Research (CODESRIA)	Institute for Public Policy Research	African Economic Research Consortium
2 Ghana	5 Botswana	IEA Kenya
Institute of Statistical, Social & Econ Research (ISSER)	Botswana Institute for Devp Policy Analysis (BIDPA)	Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research (KIPPR)
IEA Ghana	6 South Africa	9 Rwanda
Center for Policy Analysis	Corruption Watch	IPAR Rwanda
IMANI Center for Policy and Education	South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)	10 Uganda
Centre for Democratic Development	Center for Development and Enterprise	Advocates Coalition for Develop (ACODE)
3 Nigeria	Institute for Security Studies (ISS)	Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC)
Centre for Population and Environmental Devp (CPED)	7 Ethiopia	11 Tanzania
Centre for the Study of Economies of Africa (CSEA)	Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Inst (EEA/EEPRI)	Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF)
	Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)	Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA)



The Americas Results (excluding the U.S.)

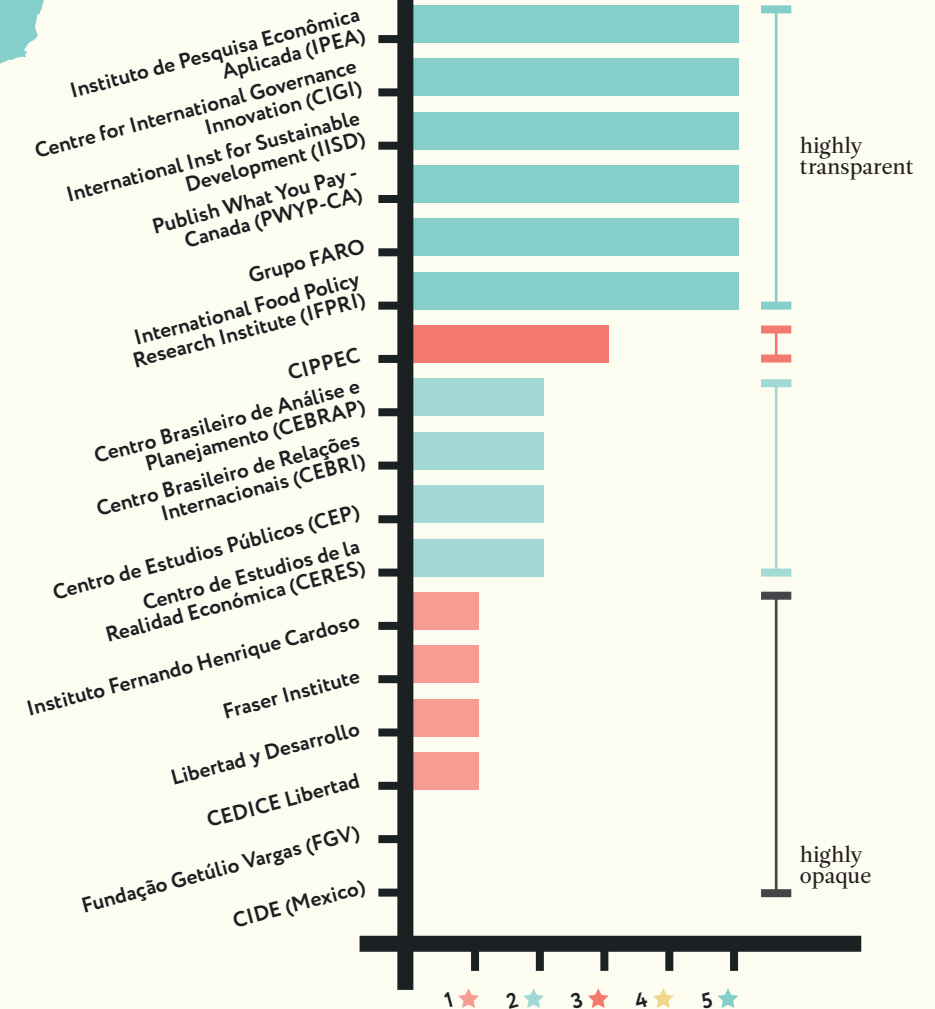
Canada's policy research and advocacy scene now includes three highly transparent institutions, with the International Institute for Sustainable Development and Publish What You Pay Canada joining transparency veteran CIGI at the top of the table. Sadly, Fraser Institute is still highly opaque and remains at the bottom end of the spectrum.

In Ecuador, Grupo FARO has maintained its excellent performance of previous years, as has Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada in Brazil.

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1 Argentina	3 Canada	International
CIPPEC	Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
2 Brazil	International Inst for Sustainable Development (IISD)	6 Mexico
Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA)	Publish What You Pay - Canada (PWYP-CA)	CIDE (Mexico)
Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP)	Fraser Institute	7 Uruguay
Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (CEBRI)	4 Chile	Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Económica (CERES)
Instituto Fernando Henrique Cardoso	Centro de Estudios Públicos (CEP)	8 Venezuela
Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV)	5 Ecuador	CEDICE Libertad
	Libertad y Desarrollo	
	Grupo FARO	



Europe Results (non-EU)

Think tanks in Europe have continued their movement towards greater transparency. At the time of our first baseline assessment, only five institutions were transparent, and ten were highly opaque. Today, 15 think tanks are transparent, including 13 that are highly transparent. Only seven highly opaque institutions remain.

Throughout the region, numerous models of transparency now exist. Think tanks aspiring to excellence in Bosnia, Georgia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Ukraine can all turn to local role models for inspiration and guidance. Only Serbia still lacks a local champion for full disclosure.

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1 Bosnia

Analitika - Center for Social Research
Center for Research and Studies Udrzenje
Centre for Policy and Governance
Centre for Security Studies
Think Tank Populari

3 Macedonia

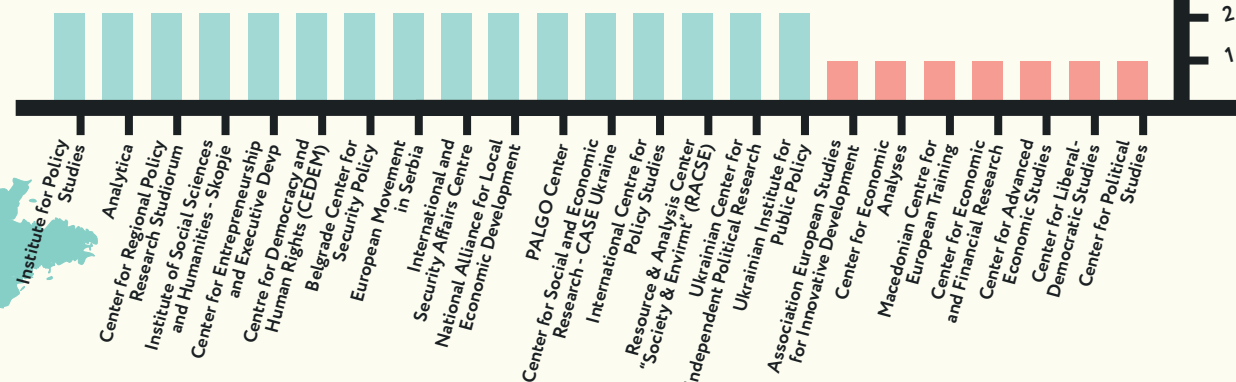
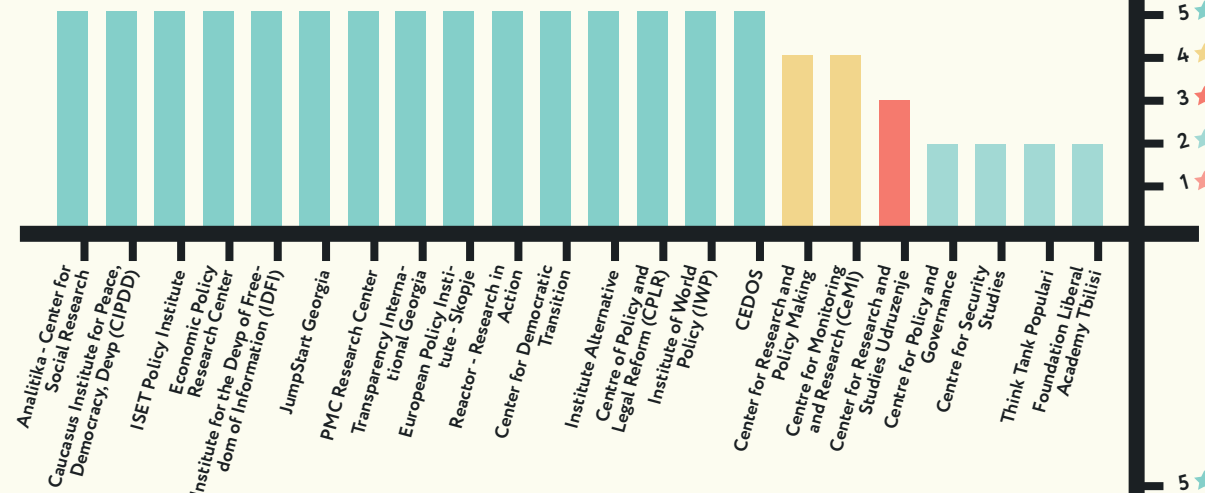
European Policy Institute - Skopje
Reactor - Research in Action
Center for Research and Policy Making
Analytika
Center for Regional Policy Research Studiorum

2 Georgia

Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy, Devp (CIPDD)
ISET Policy Institute Georgia
Economic Policy Research Center
Institute for the Devp of Freedom of Information (IDFI)
JumpStart Georgia
PMC Research Center Transparency International Georgia
Foundation Liberal Academy Tbilisi
Institute for Policy Studies
Association European Studies for Innovative Development

4 Montenegro

Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities - Skopje
Center for Economic Analyses
Macedonian Centre for European Training
Center for Democratic Transition
Institute Alternative Centre for Monitoring and Research (CeMI)
Center for Entrepreneurship and Executive Devp
Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)



5 Russia

Center for Economic and Financial Research

6 Serbia

Belgrade Center for Security Policy
European Movement in Serbia
International and Security Affairs Centre
National Alliance for Local Economic Development
PALGO Center
Center for Advanced Economic Studies
Center for Liberal-Democratic Studies

7 Ukraine

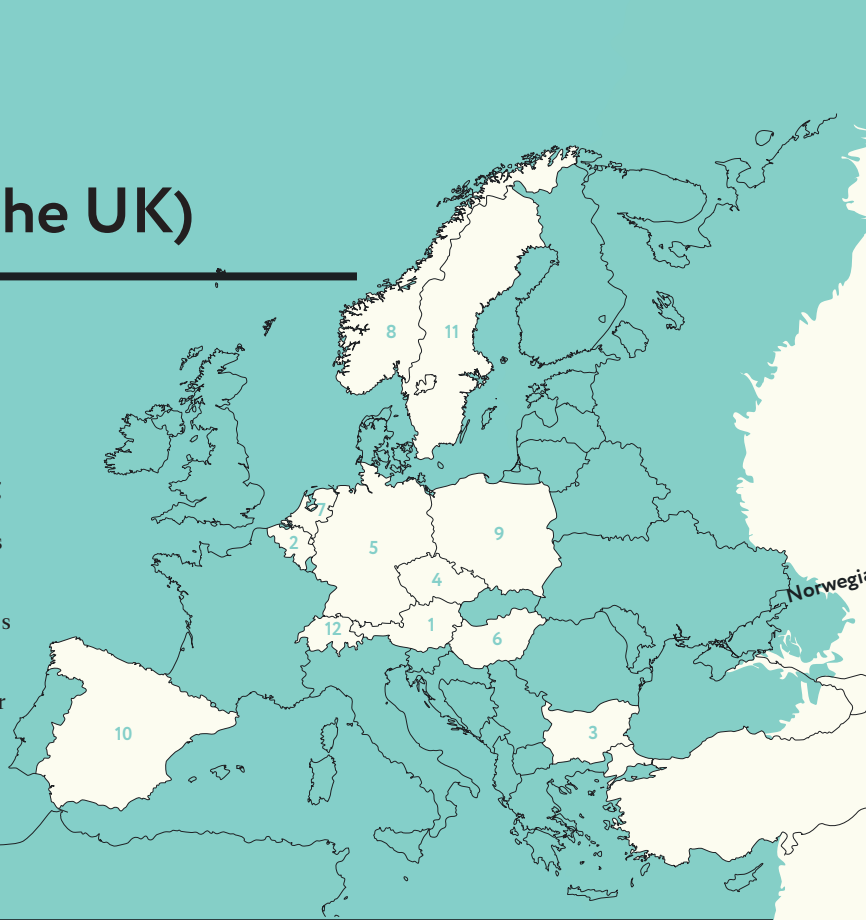
Centre of Policy and Legal Reform (CPLR)
Institute of World Policy (IWP) Ukraine
CEDOS (formerly: Center for Society Research)
Center for Social and Economic Research - CASE Ukraine
International Centre for Policy Studies
Resource & Analysis Center "Society & Envirmt" (RACSE)
Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research
Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy
Center for Political Studies

EU Results (excluding the UK)

Within the European Union, transparency is slowly but surely becoming the norm among leading think tanks.

The International Crisis Group improved further on last year's strong performance by disclosing the precise sums received from each of its donors, and Hungary's Eötvös Károly Institute became highly transparent in one giant leap. Transparency International's European Union office also joined the ranks of European organizations recognized for their outstanding transparency.

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1 Austria

Hayek Institute

2 Belgium

Bruegel

International Crisis Group

Transparency International EU

Centre for European Policy Studies

3 Bulgaria

Center for the Study of Democracy

Centre for Liberal Strategies

Institute for Market Economics

4 Czech Republic

Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)

5 Germany

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

German Development Institute (DIE)

Institut für Weltwirtschaft

DIW Berlin - Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung

European Stability Initiative

6 Hungary

Eötvös Károly Institute

Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis

Political Capital

7 Netherlands

European Centre for Devp & Policy Managmnt (ECDPM)

Clingendael

8 Norway

Norwegian Institute for International Affairs

9 Poland

CASE

10 Spain

FRIDE²

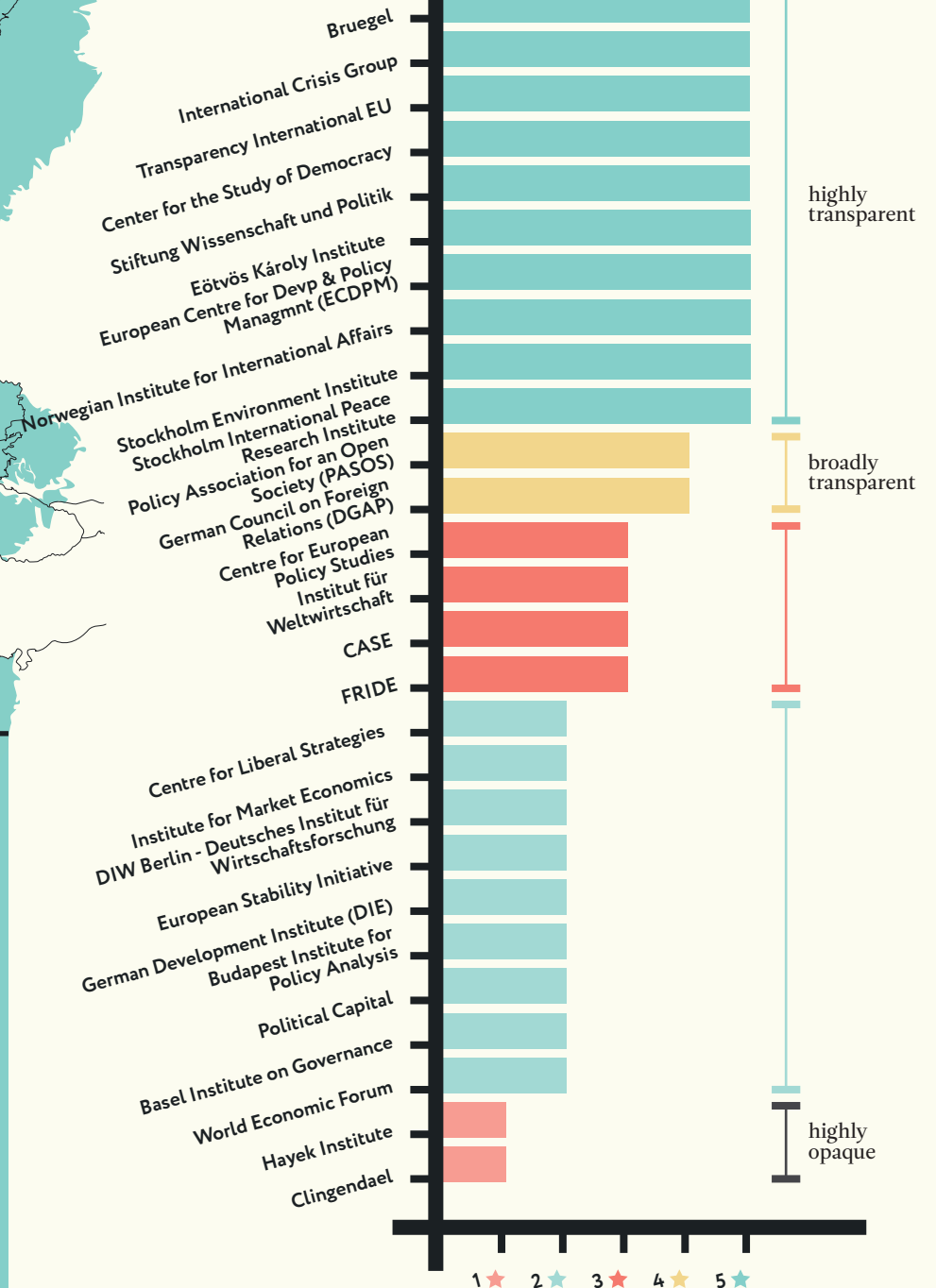
11 Sweden

Stockholm Environment Institute

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

12 Switzerland

Basel Institute on Governance
World Economic Forum



South Asia & Oceania

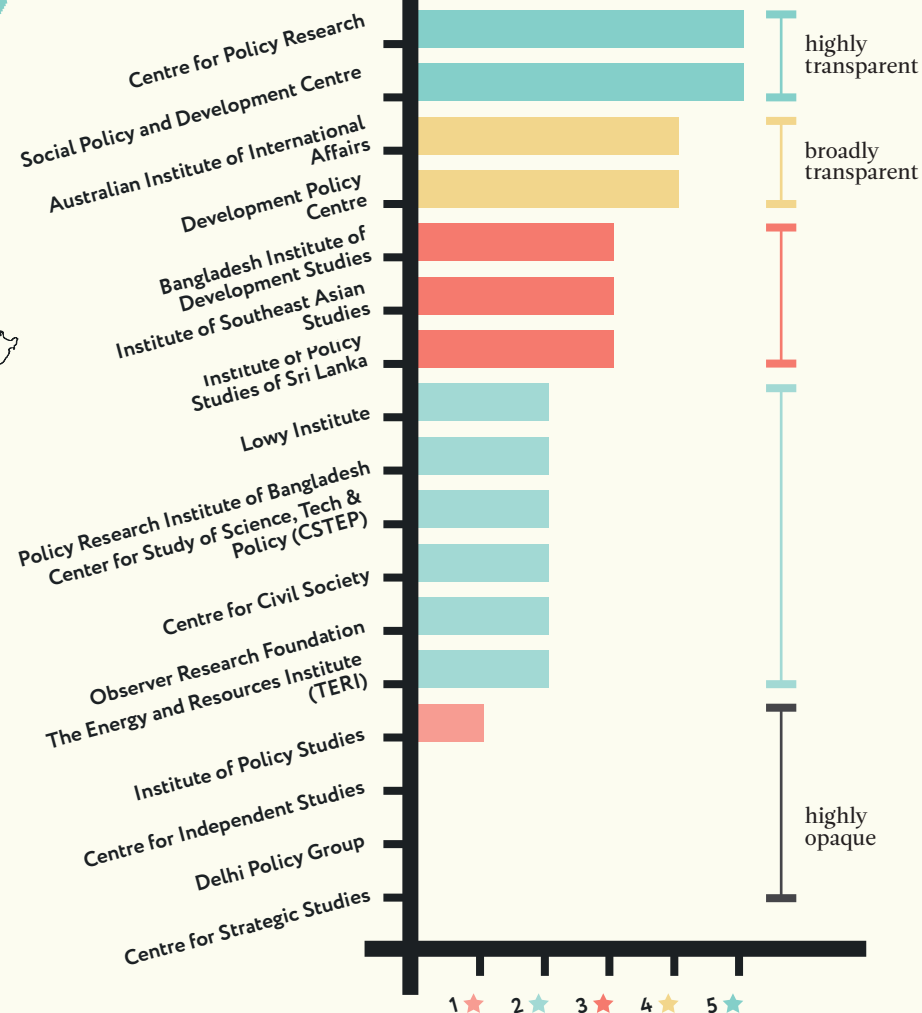
India's Centre for Policy Research and Pakistan's Social Policy and Development Centre continue to set an example for South Asian think tanks with their excellent level of transparency.

Overall performance remains disappointing in South Asia. Despite their global aspirations, many prominent policy research institutes in the world's largest democracy still fall short of global transparency standards.

Oceania presents an equally mixed picture. The Centre for Independent Studies (Australia) and the Centre for Strategic Studies (New Zealand) are highly opaque. They do not even disclose the names of the donors who fund their work. In contrast, the Lowy Institute does disclose donors' names, but does not reveal who pays how much. Only the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the Development Policy Centre demonstrate broadly transparent levels of disclosure.

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1 Australia	3 India	5 Pakistan
Australian Institute of International Affairs	Centre for Policy Research	Social Policy and Development Centre
Development Policy Centre	Center for Study of Science, Tech & Policy (CSTEP)	Institute of Policy Studies
Lowy Institute	Centre for Civil Society	6 Singapore
Centre for Independent Studies	Observer Research Foundation	Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
2 Bangladesh	The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)	7 Sri Lanka
Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies	Delhi Policy Group	Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka
Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh	4 New Zealand	
	Centre for Strategic Studies	

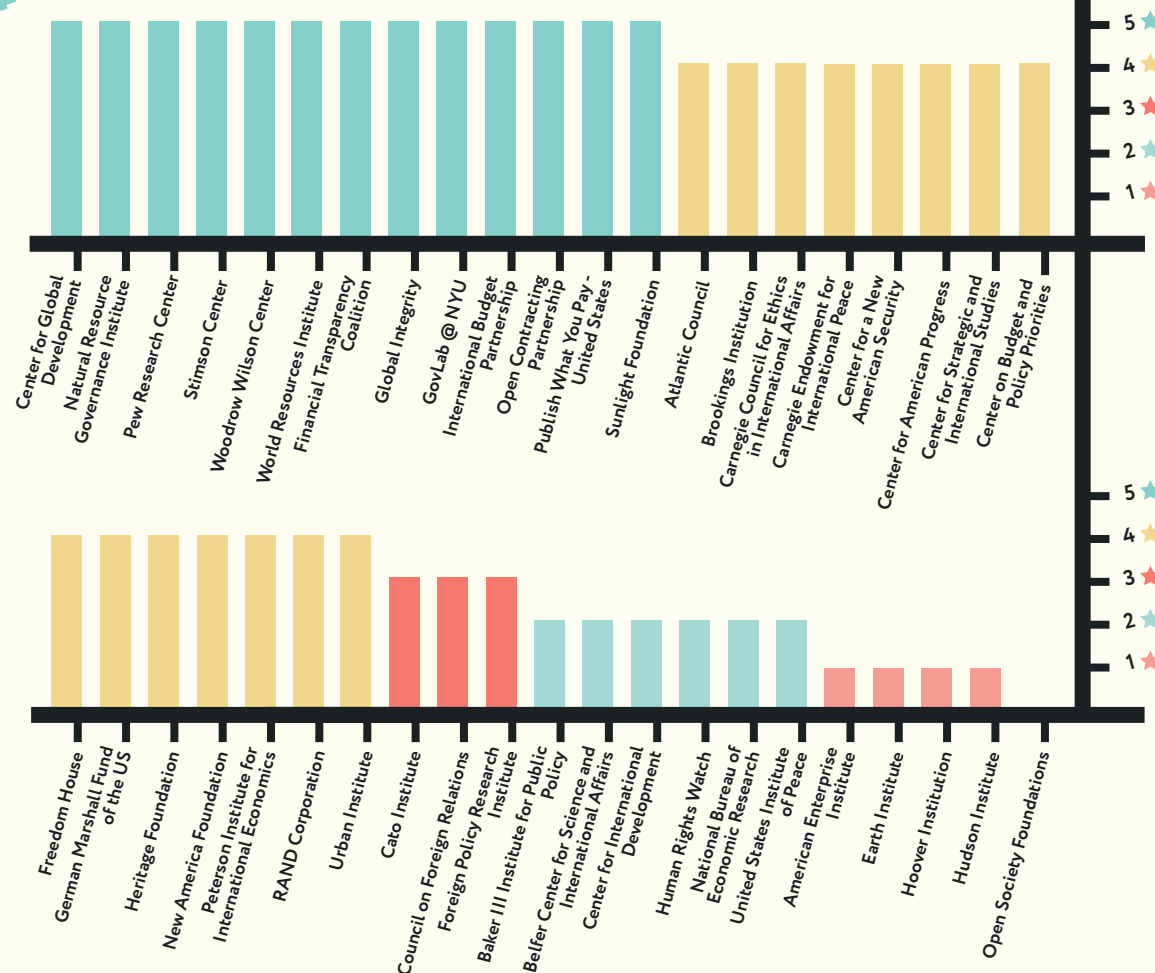


United States Results

In the United States, three additional major think tanks have become transparent. Atlantic Council, Center for American Progress and Center for Strategic and International Studies have all grouped their donors into financial brackets, allowing citizens and policy makers to gain insight into their funding structures.

The average transparency score among Transparify's original population of U.S. think tanks is now 3.3, up from just 2.1 when we first assessed them in late 2013. The field is becoming increasingly polarized between a growing transparent majority and a small highly opaque minority, with fewer and fewer institutions remaining in the middle ground.

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United States

Center for Global Development
Natural Resource Governance Institute
Pew Research Center
Stimson Center
Woodrow Wilson Center
World Resources Institute
Financial Transparency Coalition
Global Integrity
GovLab @ NYU
International Budget Partnership
Open Contracting Partnership

Publish What You Pay - United States
Sunlight Foundation
Atlantic Council
Brookings Institution
Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Center for a New American Security
Center for American Progress
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Freedom House
German Marshall Fund of the US
Heritage Foundation
New America Foundation
Peterson Institute for International Economics
RAND Corporation
Urban Institute
Cato Institute
Council on Foreign Relations
Foreign Policy Research Institute

Baker III Institute for Public Policy
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
Center for International Development
Human Rights Watch
National Bureau of Economic Research
United States Institute of Peace
American Enterprise Institute
Earth Institute
Hoover Institution
Hudson Institute
Open Society Foundations

