

The Eight-League Framework Applied to Think-Tank Working Programmes

Think-tanks often have several working programmes (research directions).

In a given think-tank, not all working programmes have the same volume or frequency of research publications.

By observing a think-tank's working programme as if it were an individual think-tank, it becomes possible to apply the Eight-League Framework [1] to these programmes.

We use 'WPL1' for 'Working Programme in League 1,' 'WPL2' for 'Working Programme in League 2,' and so on.

Examples :

- a) All five of these working programmes are classified as WPL1:

<https://www.brookings.edu/research-programs/>

(Indeed, if they were five individual think tanks, each would qualify for L1:

> <https://www.brookings.edu/programs/governance-studies/research-and-commentary/>

> <https://www.brookings.edu/programs/economic-studies/explore-research-and-commentary/>

> <https://www.brookings.edu/programs/foreign-policy/research-and-commentary/>

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<https://www.brookings.edu/programs/global-economy-and-development/research-and-commentary/>

> <https://www.brookings.edu/programs/brookings-metro/research-commentary/>)

- b) This think tank is clearly classified in L1:

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research-library> .

However, the 'Research Focus' on 'Space Policy' is classified in L5 as of October 2024, since its last publication was in July 2022:

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research-library?f%5B0%5D=focus%3ASpace%20Policy>

(We label it WPL5.).

The 'Energy' Research Focus is a L1 Working Programme :

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research-library?f%5B0%5D=focus%3AEnergy> (WPL1) —

The 'Center for Energy Studies' is, in fact, the primary division of this think tank:

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/centers-programs>

Footnote :

[1]

<https://think-tanks.university/differentiating-think-tanks-by-volume-and-regularity-of-research-output-an-eight-league-framework/>