
Oklahoma Webpages: The Health of Oklahomans.

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3 Oklahoma Think Tanks

Think Tanks are all about getting their opinions over. In the Internet Age websites are a natural tool of persuasion.

The State Chamber of Oklahoma

<http://www.okstatechamber.com/>

Their stated mission is "...to make Oklahoma the State of Choice for business. To accomplish that goal, we focus on all federal and state laws which can impact our state." Begun in 1926. Their website has such features as events and press releases, but focuses on providing their outlook about these major topics which they call *Issues/Advocacy*:

- Agri-Business
- Education and workforce development
- Energy and environment
- General business and economic development
- Health care and international
- Labor
- Lawsuit reform
- Research and technology
- Retail
- Rural economic development
- Taxation
- Transportation infrastructure
- Unemployment compensation
- Workers' compensation

Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs

<http://www.ocpathink.org/homepage/>

Their stated mission is to "...conduct research and analysis of public issues in Oklahoma from a perspective of limited government, individual liberty, and a free-market economy". Begun in 1993. Their website has such features as events, press releases, podcasts, audio and video clips, and a blog, but also features such online publications as their series of "Policy Papers," and a monthly collection of articles titled "Current Perspectives" with an archive of past issues back to 1999. They also provide their outlook on these major topics which they call *Research Ideas*:

- Education
- Energy
- Taxes and spending
- Lawsuit reform
- Healthcare
- Family and society
- Other

Oklahoma Policy Institute

<http://www.okpolicy.org/>

Their stated mission is to "...advance policies aimed at alleviating poverty, promoting fiscal responsibility, and expanding economic opportunity". Begun in 2008. Their website has such features as press releases and a blog, but also includes "Data and Research Links" which links to resources from federal and state agencies on various topics. They also provide their outlook on these major topics which they call *Issues*:

- Asset development
- Budget and taxes
- Economy
- Healthcare
- Human services
- Poverty and self-sufficiency