

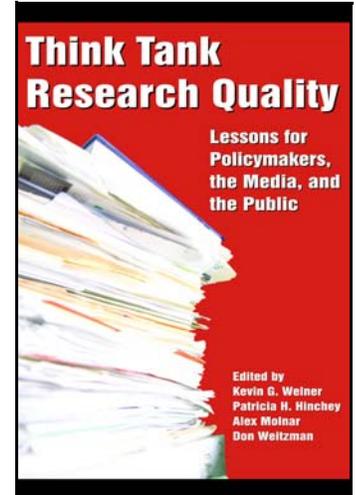


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Think Tank Research Quality: Lessons for Policy Makers, the Media, and the Public

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Democracy thrives when a nation insures itself of a well-informed populace. The Think Tank Review Project helps our nation meet that goal by debunking bad social science, much of which emanates from the many highly partisan and well-funded think tanks that have developed over the last few decades. This book presents the best of the Project's reviews in a compelling indictment of think tank reports and their influence. - *David Berliner, Arizona State University*

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