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Atlas Network increases global prosperity by strengthening a network of independent partner organizations that promote individual freedom and are committed to identifying and removing barriers to human flourishing.

The Atlas Network vision is of a free, prosperous, and peaceful world where the principles of individual liberty, property rights, limited government, and free markets are secured by the rule of law.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR VP



Dear Friend of the free society,

We're in the midst of very challenging times, and it's easy to get discouraged by the drumbeat of worrisome news stories. So, how about some good news for a change? **One of the things I love most about my job at Atlas Network is that it puts me in touch with inspiring organizations all over the world that are making a difference for our values.** I compiled this report to share some of my favorite examples of what's being achieved by our partners, thanks in part to the training and investment that they've received as a consequence of your generosity.

In a few weeks, a copy of our Annual Report will be sent to our full donor list. It will cover the complete scope of Atlas Network's activities to strengthen the worldwide freedom movement for the long term. I know, however, that many donors like to cut to the chase and say, "show me the results." **To that end, the following pages contain 10 stories of Atlas Network partner organizations that scored an important win in 2021.** All told, Atlas Network's partners delivered 160 public policy victories in 21 countries during 2021. We are grateful to you because this could not have been possible without your support of the worldwide freedom movement.

Chad Goote
VP of Development

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(UNITED STATES)

FRONTIER INSTITUTE

WIN: Increased access to healthcare, eliminated unnecessary government regulations, and saw the passage of a more fiscally responsible budget plan.

The Frontier Institute is working to improve economic freedom for the citizens of Montana through innovative research and coalitions.



IMPACT:

1

As a result of Frontier's commitment to the people of Montana, they have created a task force in conjunction with Governor Gianforte to reduce regulations surrounding small businesses, construction, unemployment, and more. This will hopefully work to uplift Montana's entrepreneurs and spur growth.

2

Frontier has increased access to healthcare by working to repeal harsh legislation such as Montana's Certificate of Need laws or strict Telehealth regulations in favor of more inclusive policies.

3

For example, Frontier aided in implementing a highly progressive Direct Patient Care system.

4

In agreement with Frontier's model for a conservative Montana Budget, Montana passed an incredibly modest budget plan compared to years prior, promising to keep spending growth below 4.4% for the next biennium.

HOW DID WE HELP? Atlas Network granted the Frontier Institute \$20,000 to expand their organization. As a result, the 2021 Montana legislature agreed to seven out of eight policy recommendations put forth by Frontier's Montana Recovery Agenda, and Frontier raised \$179,471 towards their mission.

(MEXICO)

MÉXICO EVALÚA

WIN: Spread awareness about the effects of COVID-19 regulations, ended National Institute of Markets and Competition for Well Being initiative (INMECOB), and achieved significant recognition for their work.

México Evalúa is dedicated to holding government bodies at all levels accountable and making recommendations to ensure that their work is effectively serving the community.



IMPACT:

1

México Evalúa hosted a virtual seminar on the challenges and long-lasting effects of local COVID-19 regulations that was attended by over 300 participants.

2

They also published significant literature on the dangers of merging fully autonomous government bodies, specifically the IFT and CRE, which they believe that if combined would harm local competition and independent decision-making.

3

Partially thanks to these efforts, Senator Monreal ended the INMECOB initiative, which would have worked to combine these aforementioned government organizations.

4

The work done by México Evalúa was recognized by 2,482,703 viewers on social media, achieved 388 media mentions, and garnered 438 hours of watch time on their informational videos.

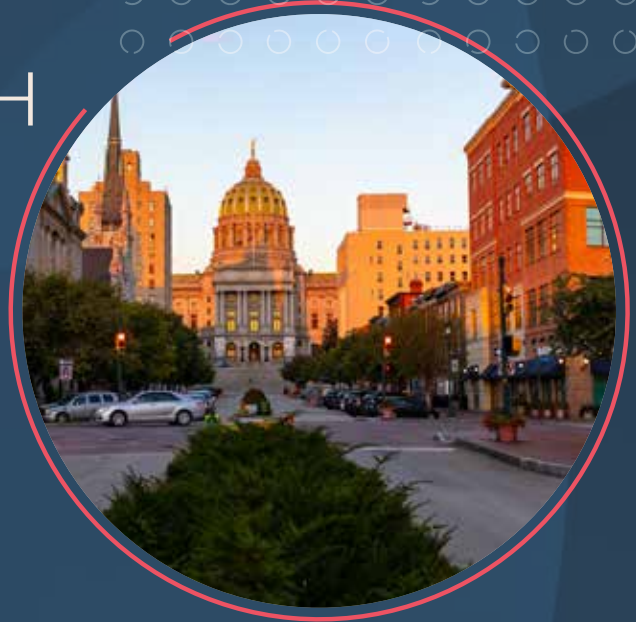
HOW DID WE HELP? Atlas Network granted México Evalúa \$20,000 to reduce red tape in the energy sector, the health sector, and multilevel coordination. This project was widely recognized by the media and influenced real-time policy decisions.

(UNITED STATES)

COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION

WIN: Slowed government spending, improved government clarity surrounding COVID-19 protocols, and enhanced opt-out processes for unions.

The Commonwealth Foundation is working to bring free-market ideas and improve economic freedom in Pennsylvania through leading-edge research and policy solutions.



IMPACT:

1

The Commonwealth Foundation prioritized asking for greater transparency from Pennsylvania legislatures concerning ever-changing government mandates during the COVID-19 state of emergency. This encouraged Governor Wolf to reopen many local businesses, allowing people to get back to work.

2

Furthermore, they encouraged a constitutional amendment to limit the power of any Pennsylvania governor to declare a state of emergency exceeding 21 days.

3

The Commonwealth Foundation also advocated for union workers, passing legislation that allows them to resign from a union, free of charge, if dissatisfied with representation.

4

They also tackled Pennsylvania's unsustainable spending trends in recent years, helping to pass the Taxpayer Protection Act to slow the growth of government spending.

HOW DID WE HELP? Atlas Network granted the Commonwealth Foundation \$25,000 to aid their post-COVID-19 recovery mission, funding programs focused on rolling back mandates, and promoting telemedicine, education, and more. Their influence encouraged 10 new bills, resulted in over 300 media mentions, and helped Pennsylvania to make significant headway on CNN's recovery meter list.

(DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO)

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

WIN: Advocated for better access to electricity and helped spur private investment.

The Centre for Development and Enterprises Democratic Republic of the Congo is looking to accelerate development in the DRC by improving institutions and utilities across the country.



IMPACT:

1

Their research helped influence decisions regarding The Democratic Republic of Congo's national regulatory structure in furtherance of private investment in the electricity sector.

2

Similarly, the Centre for Development and Enterprises Democratic Republic of the Congo advocated bringing electricity to the Goma province by the end of 2021, collecting over 50,000 signatures to date.

3

Furthermore, they published their findings online, receiving 57 media mentions, 86,000 video views, and 1,000 attendees at their virtual events.

HOW DID WE HELP? The Centre for Development and Enterprises Democratic Republic of Congo received a grant from Atlas Network to help improve the electricity sub-sector in the DRC. As a result of their research, three out of their seven policy recommendations are being nationally recognized and considered.

(CANADA)

MONTREAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTE

WIN: Improved their Trade Provincial Leadership Index, eliminated barriers to trade, helped to create Red Tape Reduction Group.

The Montreal Economic Institute's goal is to create a nation with a single market and eliminate unnecessary border controls. They are working to make this a reality in Canada with their cutting-edge publications, advisory services, and public policy recommendations.



IMPACT:

1

The Montreal Economic Institute improved its Internal Trade Provincial Leadership Index, which works to score Canada's provinces and territories based on the presence of trade barriers in the region.

2

This index helped to inform policymakers and eliminate barriers to interprovincial trade in Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario.

3

Specifically, the index inspired Ontario and Saskatchewan to create a Joint Red Tape Reduction Group to eliminate border controls and tariffs between the two regions, which will hopefully spur growth and competition across Canada.

4

This new edition garnered the Montreal Economic Institute 268 media mentions this year alone, increasing their influence exponentially

HOW DID WE HELP? The Montreal Economic Institute received \$32,000 to continue the work of their One Country One Market Campaign, which works to decrease barriers to free trade in Canada.

(UNITED KINGDOM)

INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

WIN: Established 61 new trade deals, got 500,000 views, advocated for U.S.-U.K. trade agreement

The Institute of Economic Affairs is working to increase economic freedom and mobility in the U.K. with free-market policies and literature.



IMPACT:

1

The Institute of Economic Affairs' paper "Freight Expectations: Post Pandemic Prospects for Global Trade" influenced the Secretary of State and International Trade to establish 61 new trade deals collectively worth £867,000,000,000.

2

Their COVID-19 Compendium YouTube channel achieved 70,982 hours of watch time and over 500,000 views, working to better inform the British public.

3

The Institute of Economic Affairs also published 18 academic papers and 146 articles in influential publications like *The Times* and the *Independent*.

HOW DID WE HELP? Atlas Network gave the Institute of Economic Affairs \$20,000 towards their COVID-19 Compendium, which works to spread information concerning the pandemic via digital publications and broadcasts. Their online presence grew considerably, with the institute's work reaching 50 different countries in 2021.

(UNITED STATES)

JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

WIN: Helped pass the Regulatory Sandbox Act and influenced criminal justice reform.

The John Locke Foundation is working hard to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty in America through innovative research and policy solutions.



IMPACT:

1

The John Locke Foundation encouraged North Carolina to pass the Regulatory Sandbox Act, which worked to promote entrepreneurship and innovation among businesses across the state.

2

They have also had a major influence this legislative session, highlighting the ways in which the criminal justice system contributes to poverty and paving the way for major bipartisan criminal justice reform to simplify the state's current complicated criminal legal system. These needed reforms were largely based on recommendations made in John Locke Foundation's aforementioned papers.

3

Similarly, the foundation's paper on the role of community policing was featured as a WNCT Online Regional Article, helping to encourage politicians to explore a different approach to crime control.

HOW DID WE HELP? The Atlas Network awarded the John Locke Foundation \$30,000 towards their Escape from Poverty effort, which works to break the intergenerational poverty cycle. As a result of the research funded by this grant, the John Locke Foundation has been able to increase its impact on North Carolina's policy decisions.

(LITHUANIA)

LITHUANIAN FREE MARKET INSTITUTE

WIN: Released their Economic Deregulation Package, were heavily featured in the media, and influenced policy decisions.

The Lithuanian Free Market Institute is working to promote individual freedom and free-market ideals through creative policy recommendations, advocacy, and deregulation initiatives.



IMPACT:

1

They released their Economic Deregulation Package, which works to reduce red tape in a number of Lithuania's most crucial areas, including healthcare, the labor market, and more.

2

This package and its policy recommendations concerning breaking down barriers across Lithuania has been extremely well received and endorsed by key decision-makers, including Lithuania's prime minister, Ingrida Šimonytė.

3

Conferences held by the Lithuanian Free Market Institute discussing their package have garnered ubiquitous support from the media, with the institute being mentioned in a delfi.it article gaining 64,000 readers, and a Panorama news program, which reached over 825,000 viewers.

4

They also published 29 of their own articles and opinion pieces in the country's leading media outlets, helping to raise awareness about barriers to personal liberty and garnering over 110 media appearances.

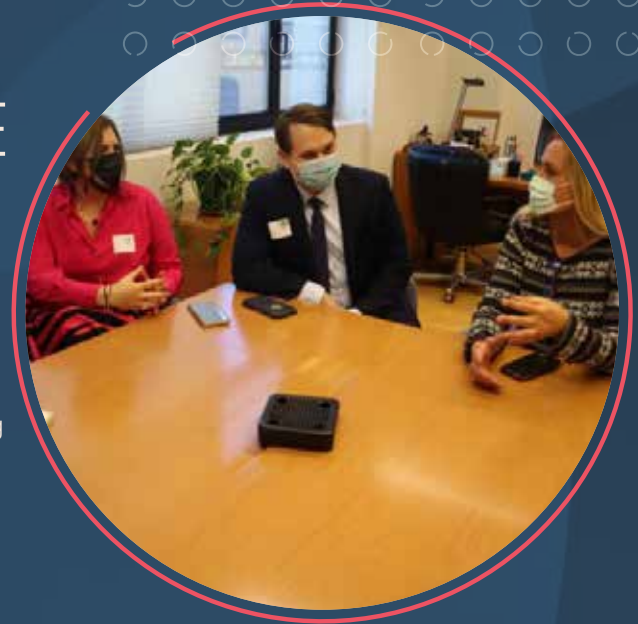
HOW DID WE HELP? Atlas Network granted the Lithuanian Free Market Institute \$60,000 towards their "Laissez-Faire Lithuania" program, which works to deregulate Lithuania's economy and promote individual freedom across the board.

(SPAIN)

FUNDACIÓN PARA EL AVANCE DE LA LIBERTAD

WIN: Reduced rent-control policies, reduced value-added taxes, and increased access to testing and vaccines.

Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad is working to support the organizations and individuals advancing economic freedom across Spain.



IMPACT:

1

The Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad's policy recommendations concerning rent control in Spanish cities reached parliament members in the National Congress, resulting in the disbandment of rent control in 179 municipalities in Madrid and 251 in Euskadi.

2

Furthermore, after taking into account this research, the Ministry of Urban and Agenda Housing Policy vowed not to pursue rental caps in future policy decisions.

3

Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad has also played a key role in a reduction in value-added taxes on COVID-19 health necessities and insurance, alleviating costs for over 11 million private healthcare users.

4

They also helped increase access to testing and vaccines, helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep more people safe.

HOW DID WE HELP? Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad received two grants of \$18,000 and \$27,000 respectively towards the prevention of rent-control policies in Spanish cities and to fund their "Private Healthcare Saves Lives" campaign.

(POLAND)

FUNDACJA LIBERTÉ

WIN: Held their annual Freedom Games conference, received significant media attention, and created an e-network of civic educators.

Fundacja Liberté is a Think Tank working to bring classical liberal economic principles to Europe. They are actively promoting an open society through the publication of their quarterly magazine and the sharing of policy recommendations at their many workshops and conferences.



IMPACT:

1

Fundacja Liberté's 2021 Freedom Games conference reached over 1,084,477 online viewers and 1,750 in-person attendees, many of whom were high-profile decision-makers in the European economy.

2

This was a highly publicized event, reaching over 2,909 media mentions and two large print media outlets.

3

Fundacja Liberté has also been building a network of 168 secondary school teachers in Poland to help better inform students of their individual rights and the standards to which they should be holding their government.

4

Fundacja Liberté also created an e-learning platform called NaukaObywatela.pl to better connect students to their network of educators and create more free-market thinkers.

HOW DID WE HELP? Fundacja Liberté received two grants of \$15,000 and \$20,000 respectively towards their annual Freedom Games conference in 2021 and towards their network of civics educators in Poland.

CONTACT ATLAS NETWORK

These 10 wins represent just a selection of the great work that is supported by your gifts to Atlas Network. If you'd like to learn more about Atlas Network, its partners, and the programs that help them aim higher and achieve more for freedom, please contact Chad Goote at chad.goote@atlasnetwork.org.

This report is only one of the ways we draw attention to excellent work within the freedom movement. Visit AtlasNetwork.org to learn about the winners and finalists of our annual awards on five continents in connection with our Templeton Freedom Award program, as well as the special class of grantees we've labeled as Smart Bets for 2022: organizations that punch above their weight and that we believe will deliver outsized returns on your philanthropic investment. We annually showcase the Smart Bets grantees at our Liberty Investor Summit, which will next be held in New York City in conjunction with Atlas Network's Liberty Forum conference on November 16–17, 2022.



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