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In Europe, think-tanks send staff into government as special advisers /and work (v.) to shape (v.) 决定...的形成；影响...的发展 public debate. 主 Assessing 评估，评定（性质、质量） influence 系 is harder in China, where the revolving 旋转的 door is one-way 单行的；单向的: officials may retire (v.) (令) 退職；(使) 退休 into think-tanks, but seldom return to government. And the party in power never changes.

Example 1. 标题 assess

/ə'ses/ (v.) ~ sb/sth (as sth) : to make a judgement about the nature or quality of sb/sth 评估，评定（性质、质量）

在欧洲，智库会派遣工作人员，作为特别顾问，进入政府，并努力影响公众辩论。而在中国，评估智库的影响力则比较困难，因为中国的旋转门是单向的：官员们可退休并加入智库，但很少重返政府。并且掌权的执政党也从未改变。

During *the trade war* with America, scholars have been summoned 召唤；召集，召开（会议） /to advise on the wording 措辞；用词 of Chinese government announcements. Smart think-tanks prepare (v.) public and neibu 内部 versions of papers. They are also asked by officials /to advance 提出（想法、理论、计划） arguments (n.) 论据；理由；论点 that bigwigs 要人；大人物 prefer (v.) not to make aloud.

Distrust (v.) 不信任；怀疑 any policy wonk 一味苦干的人；书呆子 /who claims (v.) to speak for a grandee 大人物；显要人物；(旧时西班牙或葡萄牙的) 大公, though 不过，可是，然而, says a prominent 重要的；著名的；杰出的 researcher. “If he is really close to those VVIPs, he cannot tell you.”

在与美国的贸易战中，学者们被召集起来，就中国政府公告的措辞提出建议。聪明的智库们，准备了公开版本和内部版本的文件。官员们还要求他们提出一些权贵们不愿大声说出的观点。不过，一位著名的研究人员表示，不要相信任何自称代表权贵来说话的政策书呆子。“如果他真的和那些vvip们关系非常密切的话，他是不会告诉你那些权贵的内心真实想法的。”

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