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## Announcing Manhattan Institute's 2007 Alexander Hamilton Award Honorees

**K. Rupert Murdoch**  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,  
News Corporation

**The Honorable Edward Koch**  
105<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of New York

On **Tuesday May 8th, 2007**, the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York's largest and most influential think tank, held its seventh annual Alexander Hamilton Awards Dinner. **The award recognizes New Yorkers who exemplify Hamiltonian values: civic leadership, fiscal restraint, entrepreneurial spirit, and energetic public debate.** A crowd of New York's business, media and philanthropic elite—550-strong—attended in support of the Institute. The annual black-tie fundraiser, held at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York City, raised over \$1.3 million dollars this year for the Manhattan Institute.

During his three terms as Mayor from 1978–1989, **Edward Koch** restored fiscal stability to the City of New York, placing the City on a GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices) balanced-budget basis, and taking tough stands in municipal labor negotiations along the way. Koch created, for the first time in New York City, a merit-based judicial-selection system, and chose some of the city's most outstanding public servants to serve in his administration.

"Thank you, Manhattan Institute, for the common sense you have displayed on so many issues," said Mayor Koch.

**Rupert Murdoch** is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of News Corporation, one of the world's largest diversified media companies. News Corp's Fox News and *New York Post* are two thriving New York institutions that provide forums in which all ideas are considered. Alexander Hamilton founded the *New York Post* to inform spirited—and public-spirited—debate, a mission Murdoch has restored and enlarged.

"I have long admired the Manhattan Institute, since its founding over 25 years ago. My companies benefit from your work, your scholars and writers appear frequently in the *NY Post*, the *Weekly Standard*, and Fox News. The originality and insight with which you illuminate problems clear the path for solutions for many people," Murdoch told the crowd.

The honorees were introduced by the Honorable **Alfonse M. D'Amato** and **Roger Ailes**, respectively, with additional remarks by **Dinner Chairman Howard Rubenstein** and **Manhattan Institute Chairman Dietrich Weismann**.

Previous award winners include former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, author Tom Wolfe, former Governor Hugh Carey, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and philanthropists Roger Hertog, Chuck Brunie and Walter Mintz. More information is available online at [www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ah\\_2007.htm](http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ah_2007.htm).

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