

Taylor Andrews (Republican)

Taylor Andrews attended Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar, eventually earning a PhD in political science. Andrews then spent several decades as a professor at a prestigious university in California before becoming the president of a university in New Jersey. Andrews has been married for 27 years and has a son and daughter, ages 22 and 20. After a distinguished career as a scholar, Andrews retired from education and ran for governor of New Jersey. Andrews is currently serving a second term as New Jersey's governor.

Andrews supports minimum-sentencing laws for criminals but wants to increase funding for local law enforcement in order to make streets safer and to prevent crime. Andrews supports the death penalty as currently used. Andrews does not support any additional limits on an individual's right to own weapons and feels that the United States needs to focus on criminals who possess weapons illegally, not citizens who own them legally.

Andrews is a strong believer in the power of unregulated business to improve the American quality of life. Andrews thinks that minimal environmental restrictions are necessary, but also believes there is no need for additional restrictions. Instead, Andrews feels that government needs to focus on areas of the country, such as toxic waste sites, that need to be cleaned up. Cleaning up these sites and rebuilding on them, Andrews believes, will create jobs and provide future sites for businesses and homes.

Andrews believes that the United States needs to be a moral leader in the world. It should fight for freedom and democracy wherever there is a need. While this will ideally involve diplomacy rather than military action, Andrews says that the country should not hesitate to use its military when U.S. interests are threatened or attacked. However, Andrews feels that American forces should never be deployed to another country without having an exit strategy.

Andrews advocates keeping the current publicly subsidized health insurance programs, Medicare and Medicaid, but wants the federal government to provide no additional funding for health programs and no federal funds for stem cell research or cloning.

Andrews feels strongly that any American can succeed with hard work and perseverance. The answer to society's problems is not to require the federal government to put more money into social programs but to encourage individuals to take responsibility for themselves. Andrews wants to see federal tax cuts across all income levels so that Americans can keep more of the money they earn. Additional tax cuts for U.S. businesses will encourage those businesses to use the additional revenue to create more jobs. Andrews also wants to allow faith-based organizations to compete for federal funds to provide social services for the poor, rather than the federal government providing those services.

Finally, Andrews feels that the government needs to do more to encourage legal immigration and discourage illegal immigration. Andrews feels that the most effective way to do that would be to create a guest worker program that allows people to come to the United States for up to three years to obtain work. At the end of the three years, they could continue to work in the United States if they begin the process of becoming a citizen. Otherwise, they would need to return home. Anyone currently in the United States illegally would need to return to his or her home country to apply for the guest worker program.