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An Interview with Andy Foster

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Andy Foster, *Illinois Statecraft*, ISG-A-L-2010-029

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Andy Foster was born on June 28, 1965 in Logansport, Indiana, and grew up in Wheaton, Illinois. He grew up with a passion for political science and attended Marquette University, first majoring in broadcast journalism and then political science. After graduating in 1987, he started working in Wisconsin for presidential candidate George H. W. Bush. Following the 1988 presidential election, Foster worked for the Bush administration in Washington, D.C., in the White House Office of Political Affairs.

In May 1992, Foster returned to Illinois to run the Illinois Republican Party, to help with the Bush reelection campaign, and to work as the Executive Director of Citizens for Edgar. Edgar later asked Foster to join the administration as his travel coordinator and traveling aide. This gave Foster the chance to meet people throughout the state, perfect grooming for the job Edgar offered him in late 1993 – campaign manager for the 1994 reelection campaign. Foster spent the next year in that intense position, helping Edgar win a landslide victory with 60% of the popular vote. Foster discussed the 1994 campaign in great detail, including the primary and general elections, campaign strategy, and much more. He continued to work in the second administration as Edgar’s Deputy Chief of Staff, and then he moved to California in 1998, leaving politics for the corporate world.

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