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Jeff Anderson founded the American Main Street Initiative in 2021 as a nimble think tank that focuses on issues of importance to everyday Americans and provides persuasive, intellectually rigorous content in high-visibility outlets—in the process helping to shape the public debate in favor of everyday Americans, the Constitution, and the American way of life. Prior to founding AMSI and serving as its President, he was the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics at the U.S. Department of Justice (2017-2021). Outside of government, he has had more than 1,000 pieces published in national outlets.

Anderson earned a Ph.D. studying America's founding principles at Claremont Graduate University. A former U.S. Air Force Academy professor of American Government (2001-2007), he served as the Senior Speechwriter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, co-founded and ran a successful start-up (The 2017 Project), and was a Hudson Institute Senior Fellow before becoming the Director of BJS. Jeff's scholarly writing on the American founders' debates at the Constitutional Convention was recently cited by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in *U.S. v. Hansen* ([see p. 28 in the PDF \(p. 4 in Thomas's concurring opinion\)](#))).

Jeff also co-created the [Anderson & Hester College Football Computer Rankings](#), which were part of the Bowl Championship Series throughout its 16-year run and were used to help determine college football's national championship matchup each season.