

As for his job, Ohio is very different from most states in that "It has the largest number of cities over 100,000 of any state--sixteen. They all have newspapers and they all have correspondents here. Plus, there are 3 TV stations that have stringers here. The only ⁱⁿstate newspaper is the Cleveland Plain Dealer. But people in Dayton or Toledo take it only as their second paper. So you have all these different media markets. And believe me, they have very different interests. The people in Toledo don't care about the problems of Cincinnati. I know some press secretaries who only have two papers to worry about, the afternoon paper and the evening paper in one city. We have to worry about a lot of them."

She's keeping some figures on which papers call. "Before the election three-quarters of all our press requests were from Ohio and one quarter from elsewhere. Now, it has completely turned around. The national requests make up 75%, along with the international requests. We are getting lots of those now, so many that we have to turn some down. The Senator's explanation is that if he should ever decide to run, they will want pictures of him, but he won't have any time to do it. They are collecting file footage for possible use at a later date so they won't get caught short."

She said she likes to know who else in the office is talking to reporters because "when something appears in the press it's my neck on the block," but she said reporters with specific interests develop relationships with individual staffers--like Andrews on defense.