



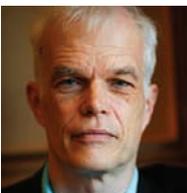
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Bobby Jindal is in his second term as governor of Louisiana. His accomplishments in office include implementation of comprehensive ethics reform and of one of the nation's largest school-choice systems. His administration has passed reforms that reward teachers for outstanding work. The number of failing schools in Louisiana has been cut in half, and the state's high-school graduation rate has reached an all-time high. Other reforms that Jindal's administration has enacted have made the state government smaller and more efficient, all without raising taxes. Choosing not to expand Medicaid under President Obama's plan, Jindal instead reformed the state's Medicaid and public safety-net health-care system through a network of public-private partnership hospitals. A graduate of Brown University, he completed studies in political science as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Jindal has worked as a consultant for Fortune 500 companies, as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, as executive director of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, as president of the University of Louisiana System, and was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Jindal was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 and reelected in 2006. He and his wife, Supriya, reside in Baton Rouge with their three children. @BobbyJindal



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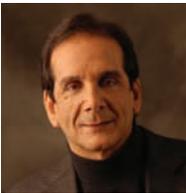
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