

## Andrea Thompson

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**The Power of Open-Door Leadership.** As Andrea Thompson explains in this powerful talk, transparency is the foundation of good leadership, and self-awareness is the quality that separates great leaders from good ones. She draws on three decades of experience leading diverse teams in crisis situations – from combat zones to the White House Situation Room – to demonstrate that being self-aware is the “combat multiplier” that not only makes you a better leader, but those on your team better leaders, too. Providing additional lessons-learned from her time as a director for the McChrystal Group Leadership Institute, she inspires audiences to facilitate a gold standard, open-door environment in their organizations, using candor and an open dialogue to get things done. Through sharing her personal leadership journey in public service, Thompson also emphasizes the importance of mentoring the next generation, recruiting and retaining future leaders in order to succeed in the long-term.

**Today in International Security.** With over 30 years of international security and military service, Andrea Thompson offers her perspective on the current state of international security, and the challenges and opportunities that face the United States as we head into a new decade. Having formed diplomatic relationships across the globe and advised both the President and Vice President on national security, Thompson provides her insider insights on the issues of cyber and chemical weapons attacks, counterterrorism, and homeland security threats. As a catalyst for the Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies Bureau, she shares with audiences her vision of safety and security for the American people which includes an increased attention on innovative technologies, cyber security, and maintaining an open dialogue with our international counterparts.

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