



Join the Free State Project

"... it does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds..."

— Samuel Adams

Do you want to live in freedom in your lifetime? The **Free State Project** is recruiting 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people to move to New Hampshire, where they may work within the political system to reduce the size and scope of government. The success of the Free State Project will likely entail reductions in burdensome taxation and regulation, reforms in state and local law, an end to federal mandates, and a restoration of constitutional federalism, demonstrating the benefits of liberty to the rest of the nation and to the world.

If you want liberty, please join us. Read our Statement of Intent and Participation Guidelines, and ask yourself how you want to live. If you will stand with us, join the Free State Project and begin the fight for your freedom.

Live what you believe.

If you prefer to sign up online, you can do so on our web site at www.freestateproject.org.

Please note that we have a standing policy, articulated fully in the FAQ, of expelling those who undertake racial agitation or advocate coercion or violence. We also ask that you be at least 18 years of age to sign the Statement of Intent.



Free State Project Participation Guidelines

“In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: You must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

— James Madison

1. The Free State Project (FSP) shall not require dues or contributions of any kind for participation.
2. The FSP shall require all prospective participants to sign a Statement of Intent indicating:
 - a. that they will move to New Hampshire, the state designated according to the rules laid out in these Guidelines
 - b. that they will be bound by the Guidelines, and
 - c. that they will work toward a society in which the sole role of civil government is the protection of individuals' rights to life, liberty, and property.

The Statement shall become void three years after the time of signing should the designation of the state not have occurred by that time *(No longer applicable)*

3. Once 5,000 people have signed the Statement, voting shall commence on a state where all participants should move and register to vote (should they choose to register to vote). All sufficiently small states will be considered. The voting shall proceed according to Simple Condorcet's Method.* All ballots shall be made public to avoid subterfuge; miscounted ballots shall be corrected before the outcome is officially declared. *(No longer applicable)*
4. Once 20,000 people have signed the Statement, participants in the FSP shall move to the state decided upon as expeditiously as possible and absolutely within five years of the crossing of the 20,000-signer threshold. Should the Project never attract 20,000 signers, the move shall be aborted.
5. If these Guidelines are amended, anyone who has signed to an earlier version shall be given an opportunity to withdraw his consent.

* Condorcet's Method works by allowing voters to rank all the states from #1 to #10, and these rankings are used to compare each state to every other state in one-on-one contests. If a state does not lose any pairwise contest, it is the winner. If no state is unbeaten, then smallest-magnitude defeats are eliminated until a state is unbeaten. For more information see the voting methods report. *(No longer applicable)*

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is welcome to participate?

A. Anyone who can agree to the clause in the Statement of Intent which says that you support the creation of a society in which the maximum role of civil government is the protection of citizens' rights to life, liberty, and property. In essence, this includes everyone who wants to cut the size and scope of government by about two-thirds or more.

Q. Why is New Hampshire the state the FSP is moving to?

A: After obtaining 5,000 committed members, the FSP membership voted and chose NH. The vote was conducted in accordance with the Participation Guidelines. The FSP membership selected NH because of its many political, economic, and cultural advantages, and because NH's low population ensures that each individual can have an effect on the political system.

Q. Why don't we try "taking over" a city, a county, a group of counties, or a foreign country?

A. Counties do have some substantial powers, but states have even more powers, including control over most sales, income, and property taxes, control of the state police, and full control over statewide legislation. As larger territories, states have more diverse economies and communities than counties. Trying to break off a group of counties to form a new state would not work. The Constitution requires the Congress and state legislature to approve the creation of any new state, and that would not happen. We're not interested in "taking over" New Hampshire, but in using an active, engaged minority to reinforce and extend its libertarian sympathies.

Q. What is the time frame for the Free State Project?

A. The Participation Guidelines state that once we reach 20,000 participants, everyone has five years to move to New Hampshire. The Participation Guidelines do not specify a requisite time period for reaching 20,000. However, the Project's goal is to reach 20,000 participants by September 2006.

Q. Are Project members expected to move to a specific town or county in New Hampshire?

A. No. It is completely up to Free State Project members and their families to decide where to live. Our website will provide some information on New Hampshire's localities to assist people in making that decision.

Q. Does the Free State Project promote secession?

A. No, the Free State Project is not promoting secession.

Q. I love the idea of the FSP, but for practical reasons I just can't sign the Statement of Intent right now. I still want to be involved - do you still want me anyway?

A. Yes! While we need 20,000 activists in the Free State to meet our goal, we also need the support and assistance of those unable to commit to the move. You have the option of signing up as a Friend of the FSP. (Please call or visit our website to find out how.) We encourage and appreciate the participation of non-signers in our forums, and welcome assistance in publicity, recruiting, research and all the other work to be done.

Q. Why does the FSP's logo feature a porcupine?

A. Porcupines are cute and non-aggressive, but you don't want to step on them.