



# Profile: Free State Project Member Dan Garthwaite

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## Free State Project Members

Free State Project members sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire and work to change the way of life in our state. They do not move here for a job, or for family, or even because they like what New Hampshire has to offer. Instead, they move here because a political group they are affiliated with voted on a state to move to in order to enact a political agenda, and New Hampshire was the unlucky recipient of that vote.

## State House Candidate Dan Garthwaite (Hillsborough District 17: Manchester)

State House candidate Dan Garthwaite moved to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project. Garthwaite has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Garthwaite signed the early mover pledge, which was aimed at getting 1,000 Free Staters to move to New Hampshire early to establish a network for other Free Staters to follow in later years.** The majority of FSP participants will not move until 20,000 individuals have signed on for the Free State Project. [Free State Project. [First 1,000 Pledge](#). 2003-2006]
- **Garthwaite and his fellow Free Stater roommate Tim O'Flaherty ran on opposite sides of the ballot in 2012 to ensure one of them got elected to the State House.** Garthwaite ran as a Republican and his roommate ran as a Democrat; his roommate was elected to the State House. [Union Leader. [Mark Hayward's City Matters](#). 11.15.12]
- **Garthwaite served as the Research Director of the NH Liberty Alliance, a Free State Project group focused on the state legislature.** The NHLA pushes for extreme policies at the state level. [Union Leader. [Garry Rayno's State House Dome](#). 10.28.12]
- **Garthwaite accepts bitcoin for campaign donations.** Bitcoin is an alternative monetary system to the U.S. dollar. All but a few of the candidates running in New Hampshire who accept Bitcoin are members of the Free State Project. [Shire Liberty News (FSP Publication). [Bitcoin Accepted by New Hampshire Candidates](#). July 2014]

## Why is Dan Garthwaite's FSP Affiliation Important?

The ultra-extreme Free State Project voted on a state to move 20,000 people to, with the stated purpose to take over state government and dismantle it. The Free State Project seeks to create a libertarian "utopia" void of public infrastructure and common laws, and to use the power of numbers to dramatically change New Hampshire – even threatening secession from the rest of the country.<sup>1</sup> Members like Dan Garthwaite are actively working to help the Free State Project fulfill those goals.

**For more information about the Free State Project Watch of Granite State Progress, contact (603) 225-2471 or [freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org](mailto:freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org).**

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<sup>1</sup> "Once we've taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we've accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this." [[Announcement: The Free State Project](#) by Founder Jason Sorens]