



Profile: Free State Project Member John Goldthwaite

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 John Goldthwaite (Merrimack District 20: Chichester, Pembroke)

State House candidate John Goldthwaite [moved to New Hampshire from Arizona in 2009 as part of the Free State Project](#). Goldthwaite has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Goldthwaite moved to New Hampshire with the Free State Project and was arrested for criminal trespassing less than two hours after arriving.** [Free State Project. [Forum](#). Accessed October 2014]
- **Goldthwaite is an online member of several Free State Project Groups.** These include the Facebook groups for PorcFest and the Bardo Project. PorcFest is the annual Free State Project Festival, and the Bardo Project is a Free State Project members forum centered around livestock and farming. [Facebook. Profile: [John Goldthwaite](#), Groups. Accessed October 2014]
- **Goldthwaite appeared on the Capitol Access TV Show of Free Stater Denis Goddard.** The program is known for highlighting Free State Project members and campaigns. [Capitol Access. [Episode 131](#). September 19, 2010]

Why is John Goldthwaite'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.¹ Members like John Goldthwaite 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.

¹ "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]