



Profile: Free State Project Member Andrew Prout

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 Andrew Prout (Hillsborough District 37: Hudson, Pelham)

State House candidate Andrew Prout moved to New Hampshire in December 2013 as part of the Free State Project. Prout and his wife Jamie Slater have demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Prout's wife Jamie Slater told the Union Leader they moved to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project.** "I'm mostly looking to Rand," said Jaime Slater, who moved to Hudson as part of the Free State Project, which hosts the annual forum and which is hoping to attract 20,000 people to New Hampshire in the name of "Liberty in our Lifetime." ([Union Leader, Free Staters getting traction, March 7, 2015](#))
- **Slater shared a FSP link encouraging more people to sign up for the Free State Project.** ([Facebook, August 20, 2015](#))
- **Slater posted a FSP logo highlighting that the group had reached 20,000 signers on Facebook on February 3, 2016.** ([Facebook, February 3, 2016](#))
- **Prout attended the Free State Project's largest annual event – PorcFest – in 2015.** The Free State Project's largest annual event PorcFest takes place over a three-day period. [PorcFest 2015, [Andrew Prout](#)]

Why is Andrew Prout'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 Andrew Prout 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]