



Profile: Free State Project Member Andrew Vermiglio

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.

Manchester Ward 11 Selectman Candidate Andrew Vermiglio

Manchester Ward 11 Selectmen Candidate Andrew Vermiglio moved to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project [in 2014](#). Vermiglio has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Vermiglio is an active participant in Free State Project events, and blogs at the Free State Project-linked website FreeKeene.com.** He writes and participates in activism under the alias "[Shire Dude](#)". Vermiglio was a [co-host](#) of the Manchester-based and Free State Project-linked podcast Rebel Love Show from July 2014 to July 2015. In 2014 Vermiglio appeared on a [New Movers Panel](#) at Keenevention, a FSP-linked event. Vermiglio has produced [several videos](#) around FSP activities and FSP member actions.
- **Vermiglio has participated in attempts to thwart police sobriety checkpoints in Manchester, including by livestreaming the activities.** Vermiglio has been involved with CopBlock activities with other Free Staters in Manchester, [taking video](#) while others warn drivers away from sobriety checkpoints.
- **Vermiglio promoted the Free State Project while a student in California before moving to New Hampshire.** Vermiglio [passed out FSP fliers](#) at Young Americans for Liberty events.
- **Vermiglio clogs up the court system by challenging \$10 parking tickets in court.** Vermiglio recorded several videos around his Free State Project activism, including [a trial](#).
- **Vermiglio currently lives above "The Quill" - a gathering place for Free State Project members.** The building is owned by [Free Stater Matthew Ping](#) and "[The Quill](#)" serves as a community center Free State Project members and activities.
- **Vermiglio is involved with NH Exit, a Free State Project-associated secessionist organization.** Vermiglio designed and sells bumper stickers [promoting NH Exit](#), an organization started by, and led by, Free Staters that promotes the secession of New Hampshire from the United States. Vermiglio has also [participated in NH Exit public demonstrations](#).

Why is Andrew Vermiglio'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 Vermiglio 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]