



Profile: Free State Project Member Phillip Harris

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 3 Selectman & School Committee Candidate Phillip Harris

Manchester Ward 3 Selectman and School Committee candidate Phillip moved to New Hampshire as part of the [Free State Project in 2010](#). Harris has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

Harris 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. [Next 1,000 Pledge](#). 2010]

Harris has tried to deny or downplay his affiliation with the Free State Project as a candidate for public office. Despite signing a pledge to move to New Hampshire as part of the Free State Project, Harris tried to turn the conversation when asked about it directly during a candidate radio interview – even though he was later forced to admit his affiliation to the Free State Project. [Girard at Large. [Phillip Harris, Candidate for NH State Rep. in MHT](#). August 6, 2014]

Harris previously ran as a candidate for the New Hampshire State House, in addition to his candidacy for two different municipal offices this year. It is not uncommon to see Free Staters who engage in candidate recruitment activities to run for multiple offices or to run shortly after arriving in New Hampshire. [Granite State Progress, Free State Project Watch [2014 Candidate List](#) and [2016 Candidate List](#)]

Why is Phillip Harris' 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 Phillip Harris 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]