

## The Libertarian Party, Newsmakers in New York

### New York Times

The Free Libertarian Party, a new political party stressing opposition to "big government, big spending and government bureaucracy," made its debut in New York State yesterday by presenting candidates for one congressional and two assembly seats.

7/5/72

The most novel ideological voice is that of the Free Libertarians...

10/7/73

The new Libertarian Party, he said, would cut government intervention sharply at home and abroad and encourage civil liberties and unrestricted capitalism.

2/6/74

The man left, but soon came back, asking to hear more of Mr. Tuccille's proposals for bettering the state of affairs... He noted that he would probably still vote for Mr. Carey, "but in principle, how can you dispute what they're saying."

9/21/74

The Free Libertarians profess to offer an alternative for those dissatisfied with past liberal, conservative and radical causes—an alternative that emphasizes property rights and criticizes taxation as part of its philosophical underpinnings.

10/4/74

Another neophyte candidate is the third person in the race, Virginia S. Walker, a 32-year-old Conservative who is also running on the Free Libertarian line. Mrs. Walker, a college instructor, who speaks of Dryden as easily as Duryea, offers a wide and disarming array of views rooted in disgust with politicians "who hold pragmatism above principle" and disgust with government that coerces citizens through such devices as taxation and zoning laws. Mrs. Walker is a tireless speaker. At times she has to debate fellow conservatives annoyed at some other views, such as her tolerance of abortion and her opposition to most pornography laws and other laws affecting victimless crimes.

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This party (Free Libertarian) holds the view that each individual is the absolute owner of his life and that all man's social actions should be voluntary.

11/18/74

Libertarian Party activists listened, took notes, and cheered enthusiastically for four days as one speaker after another, usually college professors, praised civil liberties and denounced big government.

9/27/75

The party refuses to accept Federal matching campaign funds.

10/26/76

The Libertarian Party candidate Roger MacBride was the most successful minor party candidate, getting on the ballot in 31 states and the District of Columbia.

10/29/76

### New Yorker

Tuccille, whose party platform is heavily against big government, explained the fish and his choice of hero by noting that the twenty-first President had been criticized for going fishing too often.

11/18/74

### William F. Buckley, Jr.

Still, I am glad the Libertarian Party exists. It keeps reminding us of those capillaries of government authority by which, de Tocqueville flatly predicted, we would bring on the final sclerosis of American freedom.

### James J. Kilpatrick

But for sheer exhilarating appeal, the Libertarian folks have something going.

### New York Daily News

I (Fran Youngstein) would reduce the victimless crimes on the books, as an example, to get the police out of the massage parlors and into the streets.

8/26/73

The only woman in the race, Ms. Francine Youngstein, of the Free Libertarian Party, also denounced the bond issue, urging that the subways be returned to private ownership.

8/30/73

In fact, if Tom Avery of Manhattan, Free Libertarian Party candidate for Comptroller, had his way he would sell everything the city owns. "Everything the city touches fails," said Avery, who is a student

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Ms. Youngstein's campaign is not aimed at fighting City Hall. She wants to eliminate it: she wants to eliminate the city income tax.

11/4/73

As the official candidate of the Free Libertarian Party, Tuccille is even stealing votes from Gov. Wilson... (the Party) stands for greater freedom for individuals on all levels.

11/4/74

### Village Voice

The Free Libertarian Party has an issue to attract almost anyone who doesn't draw a paycheck from the government. It styles itself as the party of civil liberties and property rights, two propositions that liberal vs. conservative traditionalists conceive of as opposites, but which members of the FLP view as corollary aspects of individual freedom.

8/17/72

### Nicholas von Hoffman

(T)he miniscule Libertarian Party may have been the only group to enter the election in the country's largest city with something like a serious purpose.

11/12/73

It's too early to hope out loud that the Libertarians will be able to become the major opponents of the Reprocrats in a reconstituted two party system; but for the over-taxed, over-regulated, over-burdened and under-powered millions of American middle-class, they're the only people worth voting for.

10/26/74

### New York Post

Or as she says in her commercial, "Taxation is theft. Spend your money as you see fit. What you do with your body is your business. Laws restricting Pornography and drugs have no place in a free society."

11/3/73

Since the Libertarians see too much government as the cause of many problems, their long range plan is to get their members elected and begin the task of chipping away at the great bureaucracies.

9/30/74

Finally, there are the Free Libertarians, a party which tends to defy easy ideological characterization. The party adheres to the maxim "he who governs least, governs best" and has purchased a modest amount of media time on TV.

10/21/74

The former Republican state legislator was out campaigning for another presidential candidate of his own, the Libertarian Party contender, Roger L. MacBride.

10/29/76

The party seems to offer something for both the conservatives and liberals.

10/23/76

MacBride said that liberals have tried to use government to regulate economic life and conservatives have tried to regulate personal life. His party, he said, would do neither.

10/18/76

### Newsweek

Libertarianism has surfaced in this election year as an ideology matched to the mood of many disgruntled Americans... Radical as it sounds, Libertarianism has the virtue of consistency—a quality that is winning it converts from the greys of political moderation.

11/11/74

### National Review

Libertarian Party candidates in the last election were nothing if not colorful. Jerry Tuccille, candidate for governor of New York, sent a Lady Godiva through Central Park on a horse named Taxpayer. Sandy Cohen passed out wooden nickels in a congressional race in Poughkeepsie. Karl Bray ran for Congress in Utah despite troubles with the IRS for pleading the Fifth Amendment on his tax return.

11/22/74



## Majority Report

She has raised an important philosophical issue: the libertarian alternative. Feminist activists are new at grand economic analysis . . . some propose a socialist revolution. Fran Youngstein is saying we need less government. It looks like a long debate.

11/73

## George Will

The major parties today would not recognize a good idea if it were served to them on a plate with watercress around it. Good ideas come—occasionally—from minor parties, like the FLP, which help make the "free market in ideas" something more than a metaphor.

## New York State Press

Jerry Tuccille, candidate for governor on the Free Libertarian Party ticket, was denied entrance Friday to the South Mall and to Capitol Park when he attempted to hoist a simulated pyramid. "The pyramid symbolizes the arrogance of Governor Rockefeller in building a temple to himself, as the ancient pharaoh, using slave labor. The pyramid is in honor of the taxpayers, who paid for the Mall without their permission," said Tuccille

*Albany Times Union* 10/12/74

Tuccille thinks the government should get out of business, both as regulator and protector. Government involvement in business and industry, starting with the New Deal, has contributed to monopoly, he says. "You bailed out Lockheed. You bailed out Con Edison," Tuccille told one student. "Let them go under."

*Binghamton Sunday Press* 10/14/74

Mr. Tuccille's Party opposes laws against prostitution, pornography, marijuana, abortion and gambling, claiming a free society needs no such restrictions.

*Buffalo Evening News* 10/14/74

They (Free Libertarians) see no point to carrying pornography, marijuana and homosexuality laws on the books, saying such laws have no place in a free society.

*Buffalo Courier Express* 9/27/74

We'd like to single out the first woman to run for Mayor of New York City, because Fran Youngstein brought the freshest approach to the campaign.

*Gramercy Herald* 11/2/73

Tuccille said that the proper way to support theater, music and the fine arts is via a free market and voluntary exchange rather than government subsidy.

*Gramercy Herald* 9/27/74

A candidate for governor of New York (Tuccille) has called for the decriminalization of anything consenting adults want to do.

*Ithaca Journal* 7/27/74

Other political beliefs of the Free Libertarian Party include a strong credo in a free market economy.

*Levittown Tribune* 10/9/74

Faced with the prospect of losing their homes, a group of East New York residents have banded together to fight a proposed innovative educational complex. . . . Last night, the East New York group organized its efforts with the help of the Free Libertarian Party's gubernatorial candidate, Jerome Tuccille of Tarrytown.

*Long Island Press* 10/1/74

"Albany's South Mall represents a theft of \$2 billion from the taxpayers of New York State," gubernatorial candidate, Jerome Tuccille, said Friday. "Its the modern equivalent of the pyramids of Egypt: a monument to a few big shots, built at the expense of the people."

*Ogdensburg Journal* 9/23/74

The Libertarian candidate for Assembly in the new 100th District (Guy Riggs) says he favors "zero tax growth" and repeal of laws against "victimless crimes."

*Poughkeepsie Journal* 5/25/72

Other essential services, such as transportation, should, Tuccille said, be thrown open to competition by private operators.

*Poughkeepsie Journal* 7/26/74

With several hundred campaign workers, a talented staff including a sympathetic ad agency which filmed a TV spot at cost, and a coalition of former McGovern and McCarthy workers on the one hand and Buckley and Goldwater people, he (Tuccille) presented a "left minus right equals zero" political philosophy to state voters. . . . "In a nutshell, we believe that no man has the right to initiate force against another or dictate his social actions.

*Schenectady Gazette* 11/1/74

The Tuccille campaign will be very active in the weeks ahead, Capon (FLP Kings County Chairperson) said, with TV, radio and newspaper advertisements. "The taxpayers of this state must know that there is an alternative to those who see state government as their personal possession and the people of this state as their walking, talking bank."

*Shore Record* 9/20/74

Mrs. Walker's chief campaign concerns will be: giving the middle class a voice in the Assembly; protecting private property rights, with special emphasis on the repeal of condemnation laws; divesting New York State of powers dangerous to individuals. . . .

*Suffolk Life* 6/2/74

Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian candidate for governor of New York, was on the Buffalo State campus Sunday night to call for the abolition of "victimless crime" laws.

*The Record (SUNY Buffalo)* 10/18/74

Tuccille advocates a total free enterprise system.

*Schuyler Gazette* 10/11/74

Tuccille felt the state was one of the worst causes of inflation with its massive governmental machinery.

*The Daily Orange (Syracuse)* 10/16/74

The Party's basic philosophy, the laissez-faire attitude, holds that "all individuals have the right to live in whatever manner they choose so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others."

*Syracuse New Times* 10/27/74

The discussion was as much philosophical as issue oriented; and Tuccille projected an image of a man of principles rather than a pragmatist.

*Tarrytown Daily News* 8/8/74

Free Libertarians propose diminishing the government bureaucracy and eliminating government interference with individual rights.

*Westchester Reporter Dispatch* 9/27/74