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TUCCILLE SAYS "ABOLISH STATE
POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN"

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Jerome Tuccille proposes an end to state power of eminent domain. He calls this another example of idiocracy. Tuccille explains that, when the concept was first created, it was assumed that the state would need this power in order to build highways and the like. Otherwise, citizens who didn't want a highway running through their land might balk and refuse to sell the land to the state. The power of eminent domain proclaimed that if somebody didn't want to sell his land to the state, the state could legally force that person to sell at a price determined to be fair by the government. Today it's obvious, says Tuccille, that the state has abused this power. Anyone who has lost ten feet of front yard to more lanes of super highway passing by the front of the house can appreciate Tuccille's view.

Tuccille and other Libertarians are firmly convinced that the state has too much power in general -- and it uses this power to create what Tuccille calls "idiocracies" -- defined as activities that are "legal and proper" if carried out by the state, but "illegal and idiotic" if carried out by private individuals or businesses. Tuccille believes politicians and governments should have to obey the same laws as anyone else.

Jerome Tuccille is the Free Libertarian Party's candidate for Governor of New York State.