

## **Liz Abzug**

**Daughter of U.S. Representative Bella Savitzky Abzug of New York**

### **Campaigning for Mom**

Liz Abzug remembers the emotional toll of campaigning for her mother.

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You know, I was close to my mom. My sister, we were all a pretty close family. My father would campaign for her pretty—very intensely, too. It was—I mean, it was great on one hand and hard on the other, because she worked like 18-hour days and she was very driven when she campaigned in the streets, you know, with—pressing the flesh, giving everybody a button, a shopping bag, because at the time that was how you got your publicity out. And it was very, very intense. It's—how much can you cover? How many neighborhoods can you be in? You know, how many people can you talk to within this—this grass-roots campaigning? And she, she wore us all out. And actually one time on the Upper West Side in a particularly bitter race, somebody was trying to—you know, I'll never forget it—at the supermarket, I was trying to get her, you know, advance my mother, advance her and to meet people, meet people, meet people, and this one woman didn't like that we were in there, and I guess she didn't like my mother, and so she spit in my face. And I was very upset about it.