

Liz Abzug

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“He Could Handle It”

Liz Abzug reflects on her father’s reaction to her mother’s critics.

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Very tough for him to take public criticism of her. He wanted to like, punch people out. Hated it. And like they say to him, he’s a—at that point, a stockbroker, a financial guy, and they’d say to him, “Oh, what are you going to do, wear the apron when you get to, when she gets to the White House?” Or, you know, “What are you doing? Are you going to carry her bags?” And, you know, they’d make fun of him, and you know what? My father was a mature guy and he seems—a good sense of self, so it didn’t—he could handle it.