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“Campaigning in the Streets”

Liz Abzug provides a firsthand account of the campaign trail in 1970s Manhattan.

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But mostly it was demanding, incredibly demanding on me and my father and my sister. And it was, “Do whatever you can do, do then some more,” because she would be herself so committed to the intensity of these street campaigns particularly and getting and reaching every voter—you know, don’t forget we didn’t have new media then. We didn’t have the Internet. You know, everything was either through person-to-person contact or television or radio, and that’s—so really—campaigning in the streets, even with megaphones all over up and down Manhattan with Barbra Streisand—she had a lot of stars that helped her out because she was so—they saw her as so dynamic—was the way you reached the voters.