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## A Vision for the Future

In these trying times, the Prohibition Party of New York continues its work to advocate for positive policies and advance social reform. We offer a vision for a better future for New York. A vision for a new approach to governance focused on moral principle, public service, and advancing the public wellbeing. A vision of a state filled with healthy, prospering communities, and greater opportunity for all New Yorkers. If you are interested in helping to make a positive impact on your state and your community, consider joining the Prohibition Party of New York.

"I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good." Martin Luther King Jr.

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## National Party News

The Prohibition Party continues to make progress with our ballot access efforts for the 2020 Presidential Election. We have completed the process for getting on the ballot in Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, and Vermont. We are also working to get on the ballot in the U.S. territory of Guam for its 2020 Presidential Preference Poll.

## State Party News

We in the Prohibition Party of New York continue to move forward in our efforts. The Prohibition Party of New York is working on preparations for our write-in campaign in the state for our presidential ticket. We are working on preparing the paperwork for gaining write-in certification, so that the state will provide a separate count for the number of write-in votes that our ticket will receive in the presidential election. As we move closer to the election, we plan to promote the campaign through social media, writing letters to the editor to local newspapers, and other campaign efforts.

We continue to engage our legislative and social activism. As we face reports of increased alcohol and drug, and rising overdose deaths, it is important that we advocate for protecting and advancing education, prevention, cessation, and addiction treatment programs. As our state legislature and local governments grapple with fiscal crises, it is important that we act as a voice for prioritizing the protection of life and public wellbeing in budgetary decisions. Going forward, we will work to spread our message, engage New Yorkers, and work to advance progress.



## USDA Releases New Dietary Guidelines Encouraging Men to Reduce Alcohol Use

The USDA had released a set of new recommended dietary guidelines in relation to alcohol use. In response to growing scientific evidence of the harmful effects of so-called moderate drinking, the new guidelines changed the recommended daily limit for alcohol consumption by men from 2 drinks per day to 1 drink per day. These are voluntary guidelines that people can choose whether or not to follow. Though, these guidelines may help to encourage some people to reduce their level of alcohol consumption.

These guidelines are attracting opposition from the alcohol industry, as well as various politicians supporting the alcohol industry. These elements have resorted to attacking the commission which designed the new guidelines and attacking the scientific data indicating the harms of 'moderate' drinking, and are trying to pressure the USDA into revoking the new dietary recommendations. Hopefully, the USDA won't surrender to their pressure.

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/cuomo-signs-law-extending-child-victims-act-filing-deadline-to-aug-2021?fbclid=IwAR355yO1cbDONHPfLPNUzTH2LUN4A0TBARUDDIWAOF0ajUB2WsdLIPWF8>  
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"As long as limitless profits are more important than human lives, there will be some excuse for trampling on people."  
Thomas McElwain

## Rochester Airport to be Named After Frederick Douglass

An airport in Rochester is getting named in honor of the abolitionist Frederick Douglass. On August 11th, the Monroe County legislature voted to change the name of the Greater Rochester International Airport to the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport. In addition, educational materials about Frederick Douglass will also be placed in the airport.

This name change comes in response to a petition signed by roughly 5,000 people requesting that the airport be named in honor of Douglass.

Frederick Douglass was born as a slave in 1818 in Maryland. At age 20, he escaped slavery. He became one of the most prominent figures in the movement to abolish slavery in the United States. He spent roughly a quarter-century living in Rochester, New York, where he published his newspaper the North Star.

Commenting on the matter, Monroe County Executive Adam Below stated,

"Frederick Douglass holds an unparalleled place of prominence in the history of Rochester and Monroe County... He called Rochester home for more than a quarter-century and it was here that he founded and published his North Star newspaper, wrote some of his greatest works and speeches, and continued his life-long fight for emancipation, suffrage, equality, and human rights. His world-renowned leadership on social reform is a legacy that lives on throughout our community."

Kenneth Morris, president of Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and a great-great-great-grandson of Frederick Douglass, stated,

"By honoring this particular historical figure in this way, I believe that Rochester is saying something important about itself: it wants to be a national center for individual rights and justice."

Source: <https://www.syracuse.com/state/2020/08/update-ny-airport-to-be-renamed-after-frederick-douglass.html?fbclid=IwAR3idPvaG8Nf1jauVC-x5DrzyxTz7H9S-k5OuHYv-SXEtgQl4tMQQkGom2o>

"I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence." Frederick Douglass



## The Prohibition Party and Women's Equality

August 26th was National Women's Equality Day. The day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, establishing national women's suffrage. The Prohibition Party was one of the forces which helped to champion women's suffrage. We were the first national political party to formally support national women's suffrage. This was included in our first national party platform in 1872, decades before the Democratic and Republican Parties got around to it. One of the figures who helped pass the 19th Amendment in Congress was Prohibition Party congressman Charles Randall. Charles Randall served in Congress from 1915 to 1921, for a district in California, and cast his vote in favor of passing the 19th Amendment. In addition, the Prohibition Party has supported the participation of women in electoral politics. Hundreds of women have for office under Prohibition Party tickets. Susanna Salter, the first woman mayor in the U.S. was elected mayor of Argonia Kansas in 1887. Anna Woodbey, the first African American woman candidate for office, was nominated by the Prohibition Party as a candidate for regent of Nebraska's state university, in 1895. And the Prohibition Party nominated Marie Brehm as the first legally recognized woman candidate for vice president in 1924.

## New Laws Passed to Expand Absentee Voting in New York

Earlier this month, the Governor signed a series of bills passed by the state legislature to expand absentee voting in New York state. The state has expanded the list of reasons for being eligible to request an absentee ballot to include "risk of illness to oneself or others". Previously, voters would have to wait until 30 days before the election to request an absentee ballot. Now voters will be able to request an absentee ballot for the November general election immediately.

Due to concerns about issues with the post office, the state will take steps to seek to make sure that absentee ballots can be mailed in a timely manner. The state will accept absentee ballots that arrive up to 7 days after November 3rd, as long as they were postmarked and sent by election day, and will except absentee ballots without the date postmarked up to November 4th.

Source: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/carlieporterfield/2020/08/20/cuomo-signs-new-laws-to-expand-absentee-voting-ahead-of-presidential-vote/?fbclid=IwAR3XZdJlQJMGIZYDeAsfuibbNksbagQ-X-gt9AcCdR7zY6dUPXDaM927c9ef6b16e8>

## Child Victims Act Lookback Window Extended

Previously, the state legislature passed the Child Victims Act. The act served as a partial remedy to a flawed aspect in previous state law, where a statute of limitations on investigating and prosecuting acts of sexual abuse against children allowed far too many child molesters and rapists to avoid being held accountable for their crimes. The Child Victims Act partially remedied this issue by expanding the time period for the statute of limitations. The bill also established a one-year period in which the statute of limitations was waived, so that people who were sexually abused as children and were denied justice due to the statute of limitations, could pursue legal action against their abusers. The arrival of the coronavirus has interfered with the ability of people to pursue cases before the lookback window ended. As a result, there was an effort to extend the period for the lookback window. This effort succeeded. Earlier this month, the Governor signed a bill to extend the lookback window for another year.

The expansion of the lookback window for the Child Victims Act will help to allow more people to seek justice and as such is a positive thing. Though it is important to remember that the larger issue still remains. As long as the statute of limitations for rape, sexual assault, and the sexual abuse of children remain, there will be people that are going to be denied justice and sexual abusers who will be allowed to run free, because of an absurd and arbitrary deadline. We must continue the effort to improve our legal system and work towards abolishing the statute of limitations for rape, sexual assault, and the sexual abuse of children.

Source: <https://13wham.com/news/local/cuomo-signs-law-extending-child-victims-act-filing-deadline-to-aug-2021?fbclid=IwAR355yO1cbD0NHPlPNUzTH2LUN40TBARUDDIWAOfajU8B2W5DLIPWF8>

## New York Schools Face Significant Cuts to State Aid

As we have reported before, the coronavirus outbreak has had a disruptive effect on our state's economic and fiscal condition. The state government has moved to make significant cuts to various areas to state spending. One area that will face significant funding cuts in state aid to school districts.

School districts in New York are mainly funded by a combination of local property taxes and state funding. In areas where there is a smaller base for property taxes, school districts can be especially reliant on state funding to help finance their efforts to educate students. As school districts move towards the start of a new school year, they will generally see a 20% reduction in state aid.

This is a challenging time for our state's schools. We must do what we can to face present challenges, mitigate hardship, and work to navigate towards a brighter future.

Source: <https://www.syracuse.com/coronavirus/2020/08/weeks-from-start-of-year-ny-schools-face-sharp-aid-cuts.html?fbclid=IwAR2U6dqtWY53-Cst-R4grNMuJelTPKlcmZgdsKwaHCrg3XhEtBfPXLtZE>

## Sabat Challenges Narratives Peddled by Marijuana Lobbyists

The marijuana industry profits off selling marijuana, despite the negative effects that it can have on consumers and the social, medical, and economic damages it causes to society at large. Not content with the states whose governments made the foolish decision to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana, they fund an army of lobbyists to try to get other states to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana. In the process, these lobbyists make grandiose and false claims about what states could gain if they accede to the marijuana industry's demands.

In an article in the Empire Report, Kevin Sabat calls out the marijuana industry lobbyists' exaggerated claims. Here are some highlights of his statements in the article.

"Promising everything from massive amounts of state tax revenue to social justice, the New York marijuana lobby is high on big promises, but low on actual evidence."

"On average, tax revenue from marijuana sales accounts for less than one percent of the state budget where the drug has been commercialized. And these states have not seen the boon they were promised by industry pushers."

"marijuana-legal states are asking the federal government for \$1 trillion in aid. So much for the great pot boon. Even pro-legalization State Senator Liz Krueger, the lead sponsor of the marijuana bill in Albany, recently threw water on this argument stating legalization 'wouldn't give us any revenue...it

would actually cost us money to get started up"

"Of course, some New Yorkers will rake it in. Wall Street stands to profit, for sure, and Big Tobacco is salivating."

"As any businessperson knows, revenue isn't the only thing that matters. Costs do too. And marijuana comes with plenty of them: in the form of marijuana-impaired traffic deaths; marijuana-related hospitalizations and poison control center calls; costs to the workforce, just to name a few.

And there are the emotional costs. What amount of revenue would console the family and friends of the tragic limo crash in Schoharie likely caused by a stoned driver?"

"What about social justice? Turns out that is smoke and mirrors, too.... the ACLU found that racial disparities in marijuana arrest rates continue in states with "legal" marijuana. Furthermore, the data shows the marijuana industry is overwhelmingly white-owned, largely comprised of white employees, and disproportionately located in communities of color and low income."

"Opposing the expansion of Big Pot is not some crazy, fringe idea. It has stalled in Albany because of bipartisan opposition, and it's a position shared by the Democratic Party's nominee for president. The former vice president understands marijuana legalization is about nothing more than a return on investment for the likes of Big Tobacco, alcohol conglomerates, and Big Pharma."

Source: <https://empirereportnewyork.com/new-york-marijuana-lobby-is-high-on-big-promises/?fbclid=IwAR3JchfdWu2gQF50-pbT8lKhTAuLVFvnsRdwKdEnp9AaiRWY9Jjwpc7HeE>

## Domestic Violence Exacerbated in the Coronavirus Outbreak

In New York state and nationally, we have seen that the problem of domestic violence has been exacerbated in the Coronavirus outbreak. The governor has stated that New York State has seen an "alarming spike" in domestic violence reports during the coronavirus outbreak. Advocates and organizations against domestic violence, such as National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, are pointing out that the effects of the coronavirus outbreak can serve to increase the frequency and intensity of domestic violence incidents. People who are in abusive relationships are increasingly isolated at home with their abusive partners and may face greater difficulty in attempting to leave. Increased financial stresses could lead to abusive individuals lashing against their spouses. Abusive individuals could take advantage of the coronavirus outbreak to find new ways to try to exercise control over their spouses.

Dr. Peter. B. Bach has pointed out that the combination of the coronavirus outbreak and the failure of various governments to restrict alcohol sales during the pandemic has resulted

in increased drinking among segments of the population. This increased drinking has led to an increase in alcohol-fueled domestic violence.

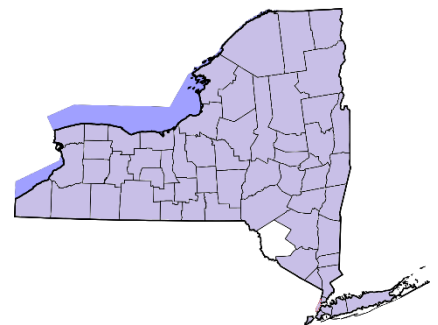
In addition to the significant damage that domestic violence causes to the lives of individuals, domestic violence has a damaging effect on society as a whole. According to the CDC, the lifetime cost of domestic violence to society totals \$3.6 trillion. This includes the costs of medical care, criminal justice, lost worker productivity, and other effects.

Melissa DeRosa, secretary to Governor Cuomo, has stated that a state task force will endeavor to improve domestic violence services, shelters, support groups, and advocacy. In addition, various advocates and organizations throughout the country are working to try to deal with the rise in domestic violence. It will take significant effort to try to reverse this rise in domestic violence, and even greater long-term efforts to advance the kind of social reform to produce a significant and lasting decline in domestic violence.

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"Politics is about the improvement of people's lives. It's about advancing the cause of peace and justice in our country and the world. Politics is about doing well for the people." Paul Wellstone



## Expanding Outreach

Our public messaging efforts continue to reach an increasing number of people in New York State and beyond. We continue to reach more people over Facebook. Our most recent data shows that content from our Facebook page has been viewed by people in at least 385 communities across the state, in 61 out of 62 counties. We also reached people in every other state, and in over 50 countries. The New York Prohibition Party twitter account has reached over 890,000 cumulative views.

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters." Benjamin Franklin

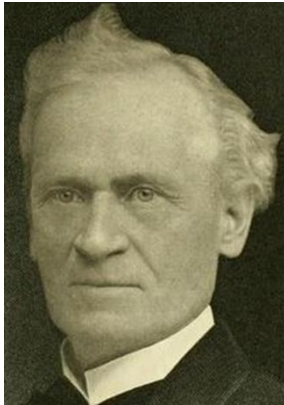


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"Prohibition is a political issue that will not down. It will never be settled until it is settled right". William Sulzer

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## New York Prohibition Party History



**Charles E. Welch**

Charles E. Welch was a businessman, founder of the Welch's Grape Juice Company, Prohibition Party politician, and 1916 Prohibition Party candidate for governor of New York. Charles Welch was born in Watertown, New York in 1852. His parents were Thomas B. Welch and Lucy M. (Hult) Welch. He was one of 7 children.

Charles' father Thomas Welch was a dentist, Methodist minister, and prohibition activist. Thomas was born in Glastonbury, England. In 1834, his family immigrated to the United States. He was educated at Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary and New York Central Medical College. He lived in various parts of the country before settling in Vineland, New Jersey in 1865. In the 19th century, the Methodist church had come to largely embrace the cause of temperance. The Methodist church had also embraced the notion that unfermented wine (grape juice) was the blood of Christ to be used in communion, rather than alcoholic wine. Given the limitations of the time, many Methodist congregations had to try to produce their own grape juice locally, so that they could use it before it started to go bad. Thomas Welch sought to tackle the issue. In 1869, he started experimenting with ways to try to preserve grape juice. He eventually figured out a way to utilize pasteurization to produce a long-lasting form of grape juice. Thomas began producing and selling grape juice to local churches. Though it would be Charles Welch who would turn the practice into a nationally prominent business.

Charles Welch had grown up in New York, Minnesota, and New Jersey. Similarly, to his father, Charles pursued a career in dentistry. Charles took an interest in the pasteurized grape juice that his father had created. After initial attempts to sell the grape juice had limited success, he encouraged his father to continue trying. Charles joined his father in

producing and selling grape juice as a side business. Charles worked to grow the business and expand its customers through ambitious marketing and advertising efforts. Over the years, the popularity of their grape juice began to grow and spread beyond their local area.

By the 1890's, Charles decided to focus on the grape juice business as his main endeavor. In 1893, Charles turned over his dental practice to his sister, Dr. Emme Welch Slade. He was able to get the grape juice advertised in Methodist publications. In 1893, Welch's grape juice was sold to thousands of people at the Chicago World's fair; helping to spread awareness of it across the country. With the growth of the business, Charles recognized the need to expand it from a family business to a large-scale corporation. The family surveyed several grape-producing areas in New York state before selecting the village of Westfield, in Chautauqua County, New York.

In 1897, the Welch's Grape Juice Company was incorporated in Westfield, New York. The Welch's Grape Juice factory was constructed in Westfield and began mass-producing grape juice. Charles worked to build the company over the following decades. In 1901, the company sponsored five booths at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo. Welch's grape juice was advertised in religious journals, temperance publications, health and medical journals, women's periodicals, and national magazines. By 1910, the Company was selling a million dollars in grape juice a year, and by 1913 was selling twice as much as they were in 1910. In 1913, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan hosted a dinner for the British Ambassador, where Welch's grape juice was served instead of wine. In the same year, the U.S. navy banned alcohol on their ships and began serving Welch's grape juice to sailors instead. By the time that national prohibition has started, Welch's Grape Juice was a prominent beverage across the nation.

After the establishment of the Welch's Grape Juice Company in Westfield, Charles Welch took up residence in Chautauqua County, New York. Charles and his family became significantly involved in the local community: engaging in philanthropy, supporting the local Methodist church, and serving the boards of various local organizations. Charles Welch was on the board of trustees of the Chautauqua Institution, Allegany College, and the Chautauqua Women's College. He served 6 terms as mayor of Westfield, New York (It is not certain what the exact years of all these terms were, but it is known that he was mayor in 1911-1912 and 1916-1920).

Charles Welch was a strong supporter of the prohibition cause. By the early 1900's Charles was a member of the Prohibition Party. In 1906, he ran as a Prohibition Party candidate for the State Assembly in Chautauqua County's 2nd District. He received 188 votes (2.15%) and

came in third place. In 1912, he ran for Congress in New York's 43rd Congressional District. He received 2,082 votes (4.55%) and came in 5th place.

In 1914, the Prohibition Party nominated Charles Welch as its candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York. The party nominated former Governor William Sulzer as its candidate for governor. Charles received 44,484 votes (3.25%) and came in 4th place.

In 1916, Charles Welch was nominated to be the Prohibition Party candidate for Governor of New York. He ran on a state platform that included:

- Support for prohibition on the state and national level
- Support for Women's suffrage
- Criticized the Democratic and Republican party for inefficiently managing state government
- Support for reforms to combat corruption and bribery in the state government
- Support for completing a state barge canal project, while remaining cost-efficient
- A plan for improving the state's road construction projects to produce high-quality roads, connecting all parts of the state to key population centers and trade networks, while remaining cost-efficient
- Support reforming state prisons based on a type of reform that was being enacted at the time in Sing Sing prison
- Calls for establishing a system for supporting the families of National Guard members when they are serving in deployments
- Support for removing mayors, sheriffs, and district attorney's who refuse to enforce laws restricting alcohol sales

Charles Welch received 21,773 votes (1.35%) and came in 4th place.

Charles Welch died on January 6th, 1926, and was buried in Westfield Cemetery.

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