

The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman
U.S. Representative of New York (1973–1981)

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Brooklyn Bridge

Representative Holtzman remembers campaign photos taken on the Brooklyn Bridge and writing campaign literature during her run for Congress in 1972.

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And I remember we went on the Brooklyn Bridge to get the photographs taken because it's iconic—the Brooklyn Bridge for a Brooklyn candidate. And I, I think that might have been the first time, actually, that I'd walked on the bridge. But it was really thrilling to be up there so high and such a beautiful view. And the photograph with the grid behind me, the cables behind me, was just a great photo. That's what I remember a lot. And I remember also helping to write the first—might have been the only piece of campaign literature we had, with, with a college classmate of mine. We sat in my, in the basement of my parents' house typing it out on a typewriter, trying to be very concise, but preparing the first piece of literature. And it was very good. I mean, it was effective, so it worked. We gave out lots of it. And I probably could never have won without the help of people from my college class, classmates of mine, and classmates of mine from law school who were really helpful. And actually, a law school classmate of mine came down from Philadelphia, and brought someone else to help run the campaign, and to do the Election Day—the last 10 days to organize things more effectively. And yeah, so I could never have done it without them.