

WANTED: 50,000 VOTES TO SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE.

Robert Bohner is the Right to Life candidate for Governor of New York. Under New York law, the Right to Life Party will go out of existence unless Bob Bohner receives 50,000 votes on Election Day. Therefore, in asking you to vote for Bob Bohner, we are appealing to you to keep Right to Life alive for the next four years so that we can work to save unborn babies.

Here are some questions that people have asked us about the present Right to Life situation:



Q. Why is it so important for the Right to Life Party to continue?

A. We are very, very close to passing important pro-life legislation. This year — on both the Federal and the State levels — Right to Life lost by only a single vote. With your help, we can win next year.

But all the progress we have made will vanish in a moment if Right to Life goes out of existence. In that event, the pro-abortion forces will point out gleefully that we are not as strong as we were four years ago.

In 1978 — because our candidate for Governor received 50,000 votes — even The New York Times had to write a front-page article acknowledging the growing power of Right to Life. The Times' headline read: "Right to Life Party Shows Its Strength."

If we fail this year, can you imagine the front-page story in The Times? Can you see the headline now: "Right to Life Party disappears as Political Force in New York"?

Please keep this from happening. Please help us by voting for Bob Bohner and encouraging your friends to do the same.

Q. What is the position on abortion of the other candidates for Governor — Mario Cuomo and Lewis Lehrman?

A. Both Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Lehrman have stated publicly that they do not favor legislation to protect unborn children. Mario Cuomo wrote a letter to Planned Parenthood pledging his support for their efforts, while Lewis Lehrman told The New York Times (September 6, 1982) that he was not interested in the nomination of the Right to Life Party because he did not favor a pro-life constitutional amendment to protect the unborn.

Q. But are not some Right to Life groups supporting Lehrman?

A. Unfortunately, there are some people who intend to use the name "Right to Life" in an effort to elect Mr. Lehrman. Because of the confusion this may cause, it is important for all pro-life voters to know that Mr. Lehrman refused to have anything to do with the Right to Life Party. On many occasions throughout the campaign, he has stated his lack of support for legislation to defend the unborn. As one example, on April 5, 1982, he made the following statement to New York Magazine and we quote Mr. Lehrman directly: "I believe abortion should not and cannot be prohibited by law."

That this continues to be Mr. Lehrman's position can be seen from his latest letter on the subject. The letter is reprinted elsewhere on this page.

Q. With respect to the necessity of obtaining 50,000 votes on the Right to Life line, does it have to be the candidate for Governor who achieves the 50,000? Suppose Bob Bohner fails to achieve that number, but the Right to Life candidate for Senator gets 50,000. Would this be sufficient to keep the Right to Life Party in existence?

A. No. Under the Election Law, it is the candidate for Governor — and only the candidate for Governor — who can keep the Right to Life Party in existence. This means that — if Bob Bohner receives only 49,999 votes — the Right to Life is doomed. However, if he gets one vote more — if he reaches the 50,000 — the Right to Life will have gained a tremendous victory.

That is the reason your vote is so important for Right to Life. What you and your friends do on Election Day can make all the difference in the world. Your vote may not make Bob Bohner Governor, but it can do something else far more important. By keeping the Right to Life Party in existence, you can save the life of many babies who might otherwise die.

Lehrman letter on Abortion

Because certain supporters of Lewis Lehrman have been claiming incorrectly that the Republican candidate supports the Right to Life position, we reproduce in full a letter that Mr. Lehrman wrote only three weeks ago. While he would not force taxpayers to pay for abortion, Mr. Lehrman stresses that the decision to take the life of an unborn baby must be left to each individual. Over the years, the principal argument of pro-abortion groups has been that abortion is a personal and religious matter that cannot be effectively prohibited by law. It is precisely this view that Mr. Lehrman advocates in his October 9th letter.

LEW LEHRMAN

October 9, 1982

Ms. Eileen Maglan
104 Wendycrest Drive
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Dear Ms. Maglan:

Thanks for your letter. My position on abortion is simple. Abortion is a deeply personal and moral issue. This issue must be resolved in the conscience of each man and woman in light of their faith. But I doubt abortion can be effectively prohibited by law. I do not believe the taxpayer should be forced to subsidize unrestricted abortion on demand.

Best regards,

L. Lehrman
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Paul Callahan-Lt. Governor!



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