

Why bother with the Liberal Party? Isn't Justin Trudeau rabidly pro-abortion?

Yes, it is true that Justin Trudeau is rabidly pro-abortion. He advocates passionately for the so-called "right" to kill babies who are still in the womb.

He even said he'd support Quebec separatism if Harper were ever to "go backwards" by making abortion illegal. Justin Trudeau is indeed an agent of evil who deserves to be defeated in his own riding. However, for the time being at least, Trudeau has promised open nominations in the Liberal party.

The reason why Campaign Life Coalition is encouraging people to buy Liberal party memberships, along with Conservative memberships, is so that the pro-life movement can try to conduct take-overs of nomination meetings, in every federal riding, for both parties.

If in a given riding we were able to engineer a situation through the nomination process where a pro-life Conservative was up against a pro-life Liberal in the next general election, that would be a win-win situation for the right-to-life movement. No matter which candidate wins (with the exception of a potential NDP victory) a pro-life MP would emerge.

This would be a coup d'état of sorts for the pro-life movement. And you know what? It's doable. In a general election where 50,000+ people cast a ballot in a given riding, you need to muster 15,000 to 30,000 votes to win. Those numbers are a real challenge. However, nomination meetings are sometimes won with fewer than 100 votes by party members.

A hostile take-over of a former pro-abortion Liberal riding, or of a pro-abortion Conservative riding for that matter, is entirely possible. All pro-lifers have to do is buy party memberships and show up to vote for "our guy or gal".

Campaign Life Coalition is totally non-partisan. We support the **individual who shares our pro-life values**, never the party. If the candidate or MP is solidly pro-life, regardless of what party he or she belongs to, they will receive the support of CLC. If there's 2 or 3 such candidates in a given election race, all the better. There is also value in ensuring that a pro-abortion candidate's name never makes it to the ballot.

Although almost all of the current pro-life MPs reside in the Conservative Party, remember that the Conservative caucus also has a large number of pro-abortion MPs. Just think of the Conservative Party Whip, Gordon O'Connor (Carleton-Mississippi Mills) who, during the debate on Stephen Woodworth's Motion 312, gave what was arguably the most stridently pro-abortion speech ever delivered in the House of Commons. He argued that "abortion is part of the human condition" and should never be restricted.

Thankfully, O'Connor has announced that he will not seek re-election. However, let's use an example assuming he still was running in 2015. Supporting the nomination of a pro-life Liberal in that riding, while also supporting a pro-life conservative nomination candidate to run against



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O'Connor, would be desirable for increasing our likelihood of success. If O'Connor were to defeat the Conservative nomination challenger, we might still have a chance of taking him out in the general election with a successful pro-life Liberal.

Can you imagine the benefits of having a general election in a tight race where the Conservative and Liberal contenders were duking it out to win the social conservative vote, in the hope it would put them over the top? That healthy competition would force them to be more open about their views. Therefore, it would actually help social conservatives make a more informed decision about who best represents their values.

With respect to private members bills and motions, it is strategically very valuable to have pro-lifers on both sides of the aisle in the House of Commons. The biggest obstacle that pro-life, Conservative MPs face when bringing forward private members bills and motions, is the swift media attacks on Harper regarding his mythical "hidden abortion agenda".

This media barrage is what has caused Harper to come down so hard (and so undemocratically) on his backbench MPs. If there were more pro-life Liberal MPs with whom the backbench Conservatives could collaborate, they wouldn't have to feel so intimidated by their party leader, nor fear some form of retribution. They could collaborate so that some of the bills are brought forward by a pro-life Liberal, taking away the ability of the anti-life media to accuse Harper of having a hidden agenda. Rather than bringing the proverbial hammer down on his MPs therefore, Harper could simply tell journalists, "Hey, this bill was brought forward by a Liberal. Don't talk to me about it".

In other words, the existence of more pro-life Liberals would make political life more tolerable for back-bench Conservative MPs.

Therefore, please do not take Campaign Life Coalition's recent request for supporters to buy Conservative and Liberal memberships as somehow being an endorsement of the Liberal party. It is neither that, nor endorsement of the Conservatives. It says that we have to work toward taking over nominations in both parties to ensure that the only possible outcome in many non-NDP ridings, is a pro-life outcome.

We hope this explanation helps.