

# LaRouche candidates strong in Ore., Pa.

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Returns in the Democratic primary in Pennsylvania confirmed the trends of recent primaries in Texas, Ohio, and Indiana, where the core vote for candidates supporting the policies of Lyndon LaRouche, Jr. expanded against a backdrop of a precipitous fall of the total participation in the primary. In three key congressional races, the LaRouche candidates polled better than 30%. George Eddleston in the 10th Congressional District (CD), including Scranton, received 34%, while Mike Neal in the 15th CD, including Lancaster, polled 32%, and Donald Hadley in the 16th CD got 31%.

These results have to be considered in light of the storm of defamation directed at the candidates, and the fact that they spent virtually no money. The pattern extended to state assembly races in far-flung corners of the state. Steve deMarco in the 164th Assembly District near Philadelphia received 33% of the vote, while on the other side of the state, Crystal Graham got 30% in the 64th Assembly District.

Results in Oregon also confirm that wherever LaRouche candidates are on the ballot, even when resources do not permit a full-scale campaign effort, they poll 15-30%, based on a program that appeals to the "forgotten voter."

Steve Douglas, Pennsylvania state coordinator for the National Democratic Policy Committee, noted that, in areas of Pennsylvania where the slander campaign against LaRouche candidates backed by the NDPC was the worst, Democratic votes fell to the lowest levels. "This was particularly noticeable in Mike Neal's race, where the *Lancaster New Era* sponsored a daily diatribe against our candidate and the Democratic Party sent out 8,000 hate letters." The Democratic voter turnout fell to 12% of the eligible vote.

"These results show that you can only stop LaRouche-linked candidates by burning down the barn," added Douglas. "But you can't win elections that way." The result in Pennsylvania has left the NDPC Democrats in excellent shape, and the party bureaucrats in a mess. The NDPC is already setting plans to run candidates in every congressional race in 1988, and for every position in sight in next year's races.

The "regulars," on the other hand, lost the contest for U.S. Senate. Pennsylvania Auditor General Don Bailey, who had the endorsement of the party organization, lost to extreme

liberal six-term Congressman Bob Edgar. Bailey depended on the regular organization to get out the vote, but that organization was busy depressing the vote.

The Pennsylvania result shows again that the Democrats cannot win elections without the 30-50% of the constituency—the "forgotten majority"—who are regularly voting for LaRouche. If these voters don't turn out, the party reverts to the wierdo constituency that pushed the party to disastrous defeats. The forgotten majority—blue collar workers, farmers, small entrepreneurs, and minorities—are either voting LaRouche or not voting.

## Votes for LaRouche candidates in Pennsylvania and Oregon

PENNSYLVANIA	Candidate	Percent	Total
Governor	Steve Douglas	3	37,922
U.S. Senate	George Elder	4	48,566
<b>Congress</b>			
CD 1 (Philadelphia)	Bernard Salera	2	1,208
CD 2 (Philadelphia)	Denise Henderson	3	2,434
CD 3 (Philadelphia)	Jack Holton	4	2,054
CD 5 (Chester/Coatesville)	Donald A. Hadley	29	2,044
CD 7 (Delaware Co.)	Wayne Long	1	342
CD 8 (Bucks County)	Richard Barnes	4	939
CD 10 (Scranton)	George Eddleston	34	11,247
CD 11 (Wilkes Barre)	Daniel Fisher	6	8,016
CD 12 (Johnstown)	Chris Lewis	19	10,322
CD 13 (Montgomery County)	John Scheetz	13	3,247
CD 14 (Pittsburgh)	Gary Forrest	15	9,390
CD 15 (Allentown)	William Logue	16	3,626
CD 16 (Lancaster/Lebanon)	Michael Neal	32	3,449
CD 19 (York)	Jonathan Kulp	20	3,832
CD 20 (McKeesport)	Constance Komm	14	8,668
CD 22 (Washington)	Donald Shapira	12	7,930
CD 23 (Warren)	Jerry McMurdy	16	4,505
<b>State Legislature</b>			
District 64	Crystal Graham	22	N.A.
District 163	Stephen DeMarco	33	N.A.
<b>OREGON</b>			
<b>Congress</b>			
CD 1 (Banks)	Tom Repasky	12	7,323
CD 2 (Portland)	Sam Kahl	5.2	3,397
CD 3 (Milwaukee)	Duane Fulmer*	4.4	2,292
<b>State Legislature</b>			
District 7 (Portland)	John Billows	15.7	683
District 20 (Portland)	David Kahl*	11.8	447
District 30 (Scio)	Marian Robertson*	25.4	1,105
District 33 (Salem)	Ruth Willis*	13.9	579

\*LaRouche Republicans