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## *Cybersecurity and Privacy Concurrence: Pros & Cons* Information Security & Personal Information Protection

### **LWV needs a position to protect our information.**

This position also applies to cybersecurity protections and effective deterrents to assure national security, economic and social stability. Governments are developing policies now for personal information and for critical infrastructure protections.

Recognition of personal privacy issues has changed dramatically in the past 40 years and the League has not addressed developing technology issues. Not only is it complicated and hard to understand, but we are only now becoming aware of how pervasive the problem has become. The League needs to be at the table as a trusted voice.

**Con:** LWV has enough positions to work with.

**Pro:** We only found a single (important) reference to “privacy” in *Impact on Issues, Public Policy on Reproductive Choice*

*Protect the constitutional right of **privacy** of the individual to make reproductive choices.*

We recommend you read our study for the fascinating ways that privacy issues have and have not changed over the last century and a half in America. Digital intrusions are sometimes just a twist on an old concern, like theft of images. But our advocacy positions need to adopt it.

**Con:** LWV is not an expert and therefore should not speak to this.

**Pro:** We do not need to be computer science experts to arm our advocates to address these issues. Please see the research references in our study, representing many experts, certainly not everyone, but an extensive list. A national study might cite an updated list, after the needed 3 to 4 years. Please work with this and consider an update when it becomes necessary.

**Con:** This is too complicated.

**Pro:** Our positions can be very technical. A goal of our study was to help educate members and the public. We recommend learning about the issues by reading our study. We submit that the issues themselves have very personal consequences that can affect each of us. League advocates need these positions to speak to currently arising legislative issues, across all disciplines. We have already cited them in Oregon for dozens of bills. We have spoken to broadband, elections, and seismic emergency preparedness as critical infrastructures. These all need cybersecurity protections.

**Con:** What do ransomware, identity theft, hacks, and “doxing” have to do with us?

**Pro:** These are infringements on our civil liberties. Our advocates can do better with powerful positions to address these increasingly frequent and sophisticated problems.

**Con:** Privacy is a generational concern and the kids don't seem worried.

**Pro:** The Internet of Things (IoT) and we ourselves are increasingly networked. This position can influence how "Big Data" uses our information. The protection stakes are high: infrastructure interruptions, ransoms, compromised personal information, and hacking.

**Con:** I'm supporting the Election Security concurrence. Do we need this?

**Pro:** Actually, yes, we do. Many Election security issues are also covered in these two Oregon position segments. Information privacy and transparency are both addressed in our position. Recording personal information is required from elections workers, public officials, candidates and their families. They should be protected from public exposure and serious threats. LWVOR has used these positions to protect them while urging for increased transparency for contact information so our Voter Education volunteers can provide Vote411 access.

**Con:** Let states decide until all members are comfortable with the issue.

**Pro:** Management of our personal information needs to be addressed on a larger scale in order to protect us. Our personal information for medical, financial, online communications by internet and cell phones, all can extend beyond state lines. These can best be addressed with access to use a position shared at the national League level.

**Con:** It is impossible to address all of these issues in one position.

**Pro:** Our comprehensive study produced positions presented at convention in separate segments. This one would address the cybersecurity protection needs for governments, individuals, and organizations (including private sector and critical infrastructure). We need strong and effective deterrents to assure national security, economic and social stability, and personal information integrity.

**Con:** LWV should focus nationally and locally and stay away from global issues.

**Pro:** The ubiquitous information and communication technologies (ICT) of today's pervasive digital services, platforms, and marketplaces require a global governance perspective to address their societal and economic impacts. We need positions with our Impact on Issues

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**Pro:** State laws which become inconsistent with future comprehensive federal privacy standards can be preempted, while more stringent laws may stay in place. At a minimum, citizens' information protection rights should be comparable to those of citizens around the world—both current and future protections that may be established.

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**Pro:** Uniform privacy rights need to protect personal privacy and prevent known harms. This is a well-informed, current position. Let's adopt it.