

# Basic Detail Report

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**Actresses Laura Betti and Giuliana Calandra**

**at a political gathering in Rome supporting the 1978 law that legalized abortion  
in Italy, and that was being challenged in a referendum in 1981**

**Date**

1981-1981

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

In 1981 a referendum took place to establish whether to abolish the 1978 law that legalized abortion in Italy. In spite of a staunch campaign by conservatives and Catholics who advocated the 'Yes' vote to outlaw abortion, more than 80% of the voters opted for the 'NO' vote, supported by feminists and the Radical Party, keeping abortion legal. In the political gathering in Rome photographed here, two prominent actresses support the vote in favour of keeping abortion legal. Giuliana Calandra (1936 - ), an Italian theatre and cinema actress, and Laura Betti (1927-2004) an actress who worked with Pasolini and Fellini.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 30.3 x 20.3 cm (12 x 8 in.)