Hillary Clinton

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Just do your goddamn job and keep your mouth shut.

Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton (born 26 October 1947) is a former United States Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, and First Lady of the United States. From 2009 to 2013, she was the 67th Secretary of State, serving under President Barack Obama. She previously represented New York in the U.S. Senate (2001 to 2009). Before that, as the wife of President Bill Clinton, she was First Lady from 1993 to 2001. In the 2008 election, Clinton was a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1 Quotes

1.1 1970s

- Children in early adolescence tend to exaggerate or romanticize sexual experiences and that adolescents with disorganized families, such as the complainant, are even more prone to such behavior.

- Hillary Clinton (1975) *State of Arkansas V. Thomas Alfred Taylor* affidavit as quoted in *Did Hillary Clinton betray a criminal client?* CNN (2014/07/01)

1.2 1980s

- He took a lie detector test. I had him take a polygraph, which he passed, which forever destroyed my faith in polygraphs.

- Recorded audio, speaking about a man, on trial for raping a 12 year old girl, whom she was appointed to defend. Quoted at Frontpage Mag and ABC News. Audio recording at: Free Beacon.


- I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas, but what I decided to do was to fulfill my profession which I entered before my husband was in public life.


- You know, I’m not sitting here like some little woman standing by my man, like Tammy Wynette. I’m sitting here because I love him, and I respect him, and I honor what he’s been through and what we’ve been through together. And you know, if that’s not enough for people, then heck, don’t vote for him.
• 60 minutes interview.

1.4 White house years (1993–2000)

We are here to advance the cause of women and to advance the cause of democracy and to make it absolutely clear that the two are inseparable. There cannot be true democracy unless women’s voices are heard.

• You know, everybody has setbacks in their life, and everybody falls short of whatever goals they might set for themselves. That’s part of living and coming to terms with who you are as a person.
  
  People interview (December 28, 1992)

• I’m not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president.
  
  Quoted in Blood Sport: The President and His Adversaries (p. 368), James B. Stewart, December 1993

• In the Bible it says they asked Jesus how many times you should forgive, and he said 70 times 7. Well, I want you all to know that I’m keeping a chart.
  
  Speech at the National Prayer Luncheon, reported in The New Yorker (30 May 1994)

• It saddens me that a historic event like this is being misconstrued by a small but vocal group of critics trying to spread the notion that the UN gathering is really the work of radicals and atheists bent on destroying our families.
  
  “China, UN Seek to Put Conference Back on Track” (Reuters: September 4, 1995)

• If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women’s rights and women’s rights are human rights once and for all. (September 5, 1995)

• They are often the kinds of kids that are called ‘super-predators.’ No conscience, no empathy, we can talk about why they ended up that way, but first we have to bring them to heel.
  
  Referenced in the Washington Post, about a 1996 statement.

• We should remember that just as a positive outlook on life can promote good health, so can everyday acts of kindness.
  
  It Takes A Village, January 1996

• Heavens, no! It could get subpoenaed. I can’t write anything.
  
  Jim Lehrer News Hour, when asked if she keeps a diary, hours before a jury in Little Rock, Arkansas, returned guilty verdicts against Clintons’ business partners; May 29, 1996

• We are here to advance the cause of women and to advance the cause of democracy and to make it absolutely clear that the two are inseparable. There cannot be true democracy unless women’s voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their country.
  
  Keynote Address at the Vital Voices Conference in Vienna, Austria (11 July 1997)

• From my perspective, this is part of the continuing political campaign against my husband… I mean, look at the very people who are involved in this. They have popped up in other settings. The great story here for anybody willing to find it, write about it and explain it is this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for president.
  
  Reacting to the truthful reports that her husband, Bill Clinton, had an affair with White House intern, Monica Lewinsky; Interview with Matt Lauer on NBC’s Today show (27 January 1998)

• Women have always been the primary victims of war. Women lose their husbands, their fathers, their sons in combat. Women often have to flee from the only homes they have ever known. Women are often the refugees from conflict and sometimes, more frequently in today’s warfare, victims. Women are often left with the responsibility, alone, of raising the children.
1.5 Senate years (2001 – January 19, 2007)


- It’s enough that I have to see you shit-kickers every day. I’m not going to talk to you too. Just do your goddamn job and keep your mouth shut.
  - Hillary Clinton’s response to a Secret Service agent who greeted her with “Good morning, ma’am,” as reported in Target: Caught in the Crosshairs of Bill and Hillary Clinton (2007), p. 84

- We will also stand united behind our President as he and his advisors plan the necessary actions to demonstrate America’s resolve and commitment. Not only to seek out and exact punishment on the perpetrators, but to make very clear that not only those who harbor terrorists, but those who in any way aid or comfort them whatsoever will now face the wrath of our country. And I hope that that message has gotten through to everywhere it needs to be heard. You are either with America in our time of need or you are not.
  - Statement in the US Senate in response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon Attacks (12 September 2001)

- Every nation has to either be with us, or against us. Those who harbor terrorists, or who finance them, are going to pay a price.
  - Sound file (13 September 2001)

- In the four years since the inspectors left, intelligence reports show that Saddam Hussein has worked to rebuild his chemical and biological weapons stock, his missile delivery capability, and his nuclear program. He has also given aid, comfort, and sanctuary to terrorists, including Al Qaeda members, though there is apparently no evidence of his involvement in the terrible events of September 11, 2001. It is clear, however, that if left unchecked, Saddam Hussein will continue to increase his capacity to wage biological and chemical warfare, and will keep trying to develop nuclear weapons. Should he succeed in that endeavor, he could alter the political and security landscape of the Middle East, which as we know all too well affects American security. This much is undisputed.
  - Senate speech (10 October 2002)

- I am sick and tired of people who say that if you debate and you disagree with this administration, somehow you’re not patriotic, and we should stand up and say, “We are Americans and we have a right to debate and disagree with any administration!”

- Like it or not, women are always subject to criticism if they show too much feeling in public.
  - Living History (June 9, 2003)

- I was one who supported giving President Bush the authority, if necessary, to use force against Saddam Hussein. I believe that that was the right vote. I have had many disputes and disagreements with the administration over how that authority has been used, but I stand by the vote to provide the authority because I think it was a necessary step in order to maximize the outcome that did occur in the Security Council with the unanimous vote to send in inspectors.
  - Council on Foreign Relations (15 December 2003) (video)

- He ran a gas station down in St. Louis… No, Mahatma Gandhi was a great leader of the 20th century.
  - Introducing a quotation by Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi, as reported in International Herald Tribune (21 January 2004)

- I wonder if it’s possible to be a Republican and a Christian at the same time.
  - C-SPAN broadcast (21 June 2004)

- Many of you are well enough off that… the tax cuts may have helped you… We’re saying that for America to get back on track, we’re probably going to cut that short and not give it to you. We’re going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good.
  - Explaining her opposition to President Bush’s tax cut in San Francisco (28 June 2004)

- I believe that marriage is not just a bond but a sacred bond between a man and a woman. I have had occasion in my life to defend marriage, to stand up for marriage, to believe in the hard work and challenge of marriage. So I take umbrage at anyone who might suggest that those of us who worry about amending the Constitution are less committed to the sanctity
of marriage, or to the fundamental bedrock principle that exists between a man and a woman, going back into the mists of history as one of the founding, foundational institutions of history and humanity and civilization, and that its primary, principal role during those millennia has been the raising and socializing of children for the society into which they are to become adults.

- "Hillary Clinton in 2004: Traditional Marriage a 'Bedrock Principle'" by William Bigelow, breitbart.com (Video)
- And Israel is not only our ally; it is a beacon of what democracy can and should mean… If the people of the Middle East are not sure what democracy means, let them look to Israel.
- Hanukkah dinner speech at Yeshiva University (December 2005)
- In defeating terror, Israel’s cause is our cause.
- Hanukkah dinner speech at Yeshiva University (December 2005)
- I have said publicly no option should be off the table, but I would certainly take nuclear weapons off the table.
- Bloomberg Television (regarding Iran), April 2006
- It is time to put policy ahead of politics and success ahead of the status quo. It is time for a new strategy to produce what we need: a stable Iraq government that takes over for its own people so our troops can finish their job.
- Speech in US Senate (21 June 2006)
- The lost opportunities of the years since September 11 are the stuff of tragedy. Remember the people rallying in sympathy on the streets of Teheran, the famous headline — “we are all Americans now.” Five years later much of the world wonders what America is now. As we face this landscape of failure and disorder, nothing is more urgent than for us to begin again to rebuild a bipartisan consensus to ensure our interests, increase our security and advance our values. It could well start with what our founders had in mind when they pledged “a decent respect for the opinions of mankind” in the Declaration of Independence. I think it’s fair to say we are now all internationalists and we are all realists. This Administration’s choices were false choices. Internationalism versus unilateralism. Realism versus idealism. Is there really any argument that America must remain a preeminent leader for peace and freedom, and yet we must be more willing to work in concert with other nations and international institutions to reach common goals? The American character is both idealistic and realistic: why can’t our government reflect both?
- Remarks to the Senate’s Council on Foreign Relations (31 October 2006)
- At the end of the day, the American people are going to be faced with some very tough judgments, because, at the current course this president is pursuing, I’m afraid that the next president will inherit this situation, with all of its complexity and all of its heartbreak… And let’s not kid ourselves. I think this administration is also focused on Iran. And I think we need to send a very strong message that an administration with its track record of failure, of arrogance, of refusal to listen and learn from the disastrous steps that have, unfortunately, been taken should not be rushing off and putting American servicemembers in harm’s way and possibly widening the conflict.
- Interview with Gwen Ifill on PBS’s NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (18 January 2007)
- Look what the Iraq Study Group came up with. You know, that was a totally nonpartisan group of, you know, 10 wise Americans, you know, some of them Republican, some of then Democrats from different, you know, experiences. They came out with a long list of recommendations. Now, you can say well, I wouldn’t agree with that one or wouldn’t agree with this one, but the fundamental point they made is that there is no military solution. There is only a political resolution and you’ve got to bring everybody into the game in order to move it forward, you know. And for whatever reason, this administration rejects that. They won’t talk to bad people. That means they won’t talk to the Iranians and the Syrians… If they’re our enemies, then believe me, I think they are, because they certainly don’t wish us any well outcome, then we need to know more about them. I think it’s a sign of strength to get into a process with people who you are concerned about their motives, who’s really calling the shots. This administration won’t do that. So, to a certain extent we’re flying blind.
- Interview with Greta van Susteren on FOX News (19 January 2007)

1.6 Presidential campaign (January 20, 2007 – 2008)
- From almost the first day they got into office, they (President Bush and Vice President Cheney) were
trying to figure out how to get rid of Saddam Hussein. I'm not a psychiatrist – I don’t know all of the reasons behind their concern, some might say their obsession.

- Town Hall speech, Berlin, NH, as reported in The New York Times (10 February 2007)

- I grew up in a middle-class family in the middle of America in the middle of the last century.


- …as we do bring our troops home, we cannot lose sight of our very real strategic national interests in this region… I will order specialized units to engage in narrow and targeted operations against al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations in the region. They will also provide security for U.S. troops and personnel and train and equip Iraqi security services to keep order and promote stability in the country, but only to the extent we believe such training is actually working. I would also consider, as I have said before, leaving some forces in the Kurdish area to protect the fragile but real democracy and relative peace and security that has developed there.

- Speech at the Temple for the Performing Arts in Des Moines, July 10, 2007

- In two nights you're going to have the Republican candidates here. They all support the war. They all support the president. They all support the escalation. Each of us is trying in our own way to bring the war to an end.

- Democratic Presidential Debate, Manchester, New Hampshire, June 3, 2007

- …freedom is never granted. It is earned by each generation… in the face of tyranny, cruelty, oppression, extremism, sometimes there is only one choice. When the world looks to America, America looks to you, and you never let her down… I have never lost faith in America’s essential goodness and greatness… I have 35 years of experience, fighting for real change… the American people and our American military cannot want freedom and stability for the Iraqis more than they want it for themselves… we should have stayed focused on wiping out the Taliban and finding, killing, capturing bin Laden and his chief lieutenants… I also made a full commitment to martial American power, resources and values in the global fight against these terrorists. That begins with ensuring that America does have the world’s strongest and smartest military force. We’ve begun to change tactics in Iraq, and in some areas, particularly in Al Anbar province, it’s working… We can’t be fighting the last war. We have to be preparing to fight the new war… We’ve got to be prepared to maintain the best fighting force in the world. I propose increasing the size of our Army by 80,000 soldiers, balancing the legacy systems with newer programs to help us keep our technological edge… I’m fighting for a Cold War medal for everyone who served our country during the Cold War, because you were on the front lines of battling communism. Well, now we're on the front lines of battling terrorism, extremism, and we have to win. Our commitment to freedom, to tolerance, to economic opportunity has inspired people around the world… American values are not just about America, but they speak to the human dignity, the God-given spark that resides in each and every person across the world… We are a good and great nation.

- Remarks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kansas City, Missouri, August 20, 2007

- I have a million ideas. The country can't afford them all.

- Reply to a question whether her proposals can be implemented without increasing the national debt, October 11, 2007.

- I'm so grateful this day has ended well.

- In response to the closure of the Campaign office hostage crisis.

- From my perspective, you get up every day and you get out there and you make your case, and you reach as many people as possible. That's what I intend to do. So I'm in it for the long run. It's not a very long run. It will be over by February 5.


- It's not easy, it's not easy. And I couldn't do it if I just didn’t, you know, passionately believe it was the right thing to do. You know, I've had so many opportunities from this country, I just don't want to see us fall backwards - no. So - you know, this is very personal for me. It's not just political, it's not just public. I see what's happening, and we have to reverse it. And some people think elections are a game, they think it's like who's up or who's down. It's about our country, it's about our kids' futures, and it's really about all of us together. You know some of us put ourselves out there and do this against some pretty difficult odds. And we do it, each one of us, because we care about our country. But some of us are right and some of us are wrong, some of us are ready and some of us are not, some of us know what
we will do to do on day one and some of haven't really thought that through enough. And so when we look at the array of problems we have and the potential for it getting - really spinning out of control, this is one of the most important elections America's ever faced. So as tired as I am - and I am - and as difficult as it is to try to kind of keep up with what I try to do on the road like occasionally exercise and try to eat right - it's tough when the easiest food is pizza - I just believe so strongly in who we are as a nation. So I'm going to do everything I can to make my case and, you know, then the voters get to decide.

- In response to the question, “How do you do it?” from Marianne Pernold The Washington Post

- It did take a Clinton to clean up after the first Bush, and I think it might take another one to clean up after the second Bush.

  - CNN

- You know, there's a great saying in Texas — you've all heard it — all hat and no cattle. Well, after seven years of George Bush, we need a lot less hat and a lot more cattle.

  - Campaign speech in El Paso, TX, February 12, 2008.

- So nice to be a fashion icon in my day.


- This is the president that looked in the soul of Putin [see George W. Bush's quote above], and I could have told him, he was a KGB agent. By definition he doesn't have a soul. I mean, this is a waste of time, right? This is nonsense, but this is the world we're living in right now.

  - On the Russian President Vladimir Putin

- It's time that we move from good words to good works, from sound bites to sound solutions.

  - Sound bite reported in Time, February 20, 2008.

- It's not us making this charge. It's the media.

  - Denying that her campaign charged Barack Obama with plagiarism, February 19, 2008 ; see relevant quote above, two days later

- Lifting whole passages from someone else's speeches is not change you can believe in. It's change you can Xerox.

  - Charging Barack Obama with plagiarism at Texas presidential debate, February 21, 2008 ; see relevant quote above, two days earlier

- Shame on you, Barack Obama!

- We used to say in the White House that if a place is too dangerous, too small or too poor, send the First Lady.

  - Iowa stump speech.

- They have done so much day in and day out and I want to thank all my friends and family, particularly my mother, who was born before women could vote, and is watching her daughter on this stage tonight.

  - February 5, 2008 Super Tuesday Address

- I remember landing under sniper fire. There was supposed to be some kind of a greeting ceremony at the airport but instead we just ran with our heads down to get into the vehicles to get to our base.... There was no greeting ceremony and we were basically told to run to our cars. That is what happened.

  - March 17, 2008, allegedly misspeaking about her 1996 trip to Bosnia.

- On a couple of occasions in the last weeks, I just said some things that weren't in keeping with what I knew to be the case and what I had written about in my book. And you know, I'm embarrassed by it. I'm very sorry I said it. I have said that, you know, it just didn't jive with what I had written about and knew to be the truth. [citation needed]

- So I made a mistake. That happens. It proves I'm human, which you know, for some people, is a revelation....I was also told that the greeting ceremony had been moved away from the tarmac but that there was this eight-year-old girl and I said, 'Well, I, I can't, I can't rush by her, I've got to at least greet her.' So I greeted her, I took her stuff and I left. Now that's my memory of it.

  - March 25, 2008, regarding her recent remarks on Bosnia.

- I was sleep-deprived, and I misspoke. [citation needed]

- You know, I have written about this and described it in many different settings, and I did misspeak the other day. This has been a very long campaign.

  - March 24 & 25, 2008, retracting her remarks regarding Bosnia in private interviews.
I can tell you that I may be a lot of things but I am not dumb. And I wrote about going to Bosnia in my book in 2004, I laid it all out there. And you're right, on a couple of occasions in the last weeks I just said some things that weren’t in keeping with what I knew to be the case and what I had written about in my book. And you know, I’m embarrassed by it. I’m very sorry I said it. I have said that, you know, it just didn’t jive with what I had written about and knew to be the truth. So I know that it is something that some people have said, “Wait a minute. What happened here?” But I have talked about this and written about it and then, unfortunately, in a few occasions I was not as accurate as I have been in the past.

April 16, 2008, Pennsylvania Democratic Presidential Debate, Philadelphia, when asked about her dishonesty concerning her recent comments about Bosnia.

Rich people, God bless us. We deserve all the opportunities to make sure our country and our blessings continue to the next generation.

FOX News interview with Bill O'Reilly, April 30, 2008.

I'm not going to put my lot in with economists.

on her dismissal of economists’ universal opposition to her gas tax holiday proposal

Always aim high, work hard, and care deeply about what you believe in. When you stumble, keep faith. When you’re knocked down, get right back up. And never listen to anyone who says you can’t or shouldn’t go on.

, Washington D.C., June 7, 2008

Life is too short, time is too precious, and the stakes are too high to dwell on what might have been. We have to work together for what still can be.

, Washington D.C., June 7, 2008

Although we weren’t able to shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling this time, thanks to you, it’s got about 18 million cracks in it.


You can be so proud that, from now on, it will be unremarkable for a woman to win primary state victories, unremarkable to have a woman in a close race to be our nominee, unremarkable to think that a woman can be the President of the United States. And that is truly remarkable.


And finally, to my husband, who understands so well the awesome responsibilities resting on the shoulders of President Obama and Vice President Biden and all of us who serve with them. I am so grateful to him for a lifetime of... all kinds of experiences – (audience laughter) – which have given me a – (applause) – which have given me an extraordinary richness that I am absolutely beholden to and grateful for.

Official Swearing-in Ceremony, February 2, 2009

Our democracy has been around far longer than European democracy.


I have absolutely no interest in running for president again.

ABC News TV interview, 2009-10-14. AFP

[W]hether I am meant to or not, I challenge assumptions about women. I do make some people uncomfortable, which I'm well aware of, but that's just part of coming to grips with what I believe is still one of the most important pieces of unfinished business in human history -- empowering women to be able to stand up for themselves.”

Vogue interview (November 21, 2009)

On their own, new technologies do not take sides in the struggle for freedom and progress, but the United States does. We stand for a single internet where all of humanity has equal access to knowledge and ideas. [...] The internet can help bridge divides between people of different faiths. As the President said in Cairo, freedom of religion is central to the ability of people to live together. And as we look for ways to expand dialogue, the internet holds out such tremendous promise. [...] We are also supporting the development of new tools that enable citizens to exercise their rights of free expression by circumventing politically motivated censorship. We are providing funds to groups around the world to make sure that those tools get to the people who need them in local languages, and with the training they need to access the internet safely. The United States has been assisting in these efforts for some time, with a focus on implementing these programs as efficiently and effectively as possible. Both the American people and nations that censor the internet should understand that our government is committed to helping promote internet freedom.
We want to put these tools in the hands of people who will use them to advance democracy and human rights, to fight climate change and epidemics, to build global support for President Obama’s goal of a world without nuclear weapons, to encourage sustainable economic development that lifts the people at the bottom up.


- Now, we are entering a new phase in our relationship with Iraq, and we are very committed to making a major civilian commitment to Iraq’s future. We’ll be opening, as you know, and running consulates in Irbil and Basra, we’ll have civilian experts available to work with not only Iraqi counterparts, but also Americans and to support American businesses in the years to come, as we do in our diplomatic – especially our commercial diplomatic work all over the world. And so it’s time for the United States to start thinking of Iraq as a business opportunity. And the sacrifice that the Iraqi people have made for your freedom is one that we highly respect.

  - Remarks at the Business Forum Promoting Commercial Opportunities in Iraq, June 3, 2011

- Well, I have been a strong supporter of ending discrimination, and particularly focusing on hate crimes and workplace bias and the like. And in our country, the issue of same-sex marriage, which is a matter left to each state, each state sets the rules -- is proceeding on a state-by-state basis. I think that is the best way for it to proceed. I have not supported same-sex marriage. I have supported civil partnerships and contractual relationships

  - Speech and Town interview with Australian Broadcasting Company (7 November 2010)

- Avoid conducting official Department business from your personal e-mail accounts.

  - United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton (June 28, 2011) Securing Personal E-mail Accounts, United States Department of State, cable, to: All Diplomatic and Consular Posts.

- MODERATOR 1: Okay. Which designers do you prefer?
  SECRETARY CLINTON: What designers of clothes?
  MODERATOR 1: Yes.
  SECRETARY CLINTON: Would you ever ask a man that question? [Laughter, applause]
  MODERATOR 1: Probably not. Probably not. [Applause]

- Town interview Hosted by KTR, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State. KTR Studio, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (December 2, 2010)

- We came, we saw, he died.

  - Reaction shortly after learning about the death of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, CBS News interview, October 20, 2011 Daily Mail CBS News

- To LGBT men and women worldwide, let me say this: wherever you live and whatever the circumstances of your life, whether you are connected to a network of support or feel isolated and vulnerable, please know that you are not alone.

  - Remarks in Recognition of International Human Rights Day (December 6, 2011)

- Gay rights are human rights.

  - Quoted in The Week, 10 December 2011, p. 10

- To us, to me personally, this video is disgusting and reprehensible. It appears to have a deeply cynical purpose: to denigrate a great religion and to provoke rage.

  - Remarks at the Opening Plenary of the U.S.-Morocco Strategic Dialogue (13 September 2012)

- Among the most striking things that I have learned is how much we have in common. I’ve sat down with people everywhere, discussing what was in their hearts and on their minds. And it doesn’t take long to find commonality, which is often overlooked, ignored, dismissed, and rejected otherwise.

  - Frontlines and Frontiers: Making Human Rights a Human Reality (December 6, 2012)

- With all due respect, the fact is, we had four dead Americans—was it because of a protest or because of guys out for a walk one night and decided to go kill some Americans? What difference at this point does it make? It is our job to figure out what happened and do everything we can to prevent it from ever happening again, Senator.


- regarding 2012 attack on US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya
• We will make sure that the person who made that film is arrested and prosecuted.

  • Said to Charles Woods, the father of a Navy SEAL killed in Benghazi, as quoted in “The Benghazi patsy” by Rich Lowry, Politico (9 May 2013)

1.8 Interim (2013–2015)

• Great nations need organizing principles, and ‘Don’t do stupid stuff’ is not an organizing principle.

  • Clinton Knocks Obama’s ‘Don’t Do Stupid Stuff’ Foreign Policy Approach, talkingpointsmemo.com (10 August 2014)

• Don’t let anybody tell you that it’s corporations and businesses that create jobs.


1.9 Presidential campaign (April 12, 2015 – 2016)

• I’m running for president. Everyday Americans need a champion, and I want to be that champion.

  • Tweet (12 April 2015)

• I wish [my mother] could have seen the America we’re going to build together. An America, where if you do your part, you reap the rewards. Where we don’t leave anyone out, or anyone behind. An America where a father can tell his daughter: yes, you can be anything you want to be. Even President of the United States.

  • Campaign kickoff speech (June 13, 2015)

• Public discourse is sometimes hotter and more negative than it should be, which can, in my opinion, trigger someone who is less than stable.

  • Interview with Jon Ralston, Ralston Live (18 June 2015)

• I did not send classified material, and I did not receive any material that was marked or designated classified.

  • Press conference , Las Vegas, Nevada (18 August 2015)

• I was the boss of ambassadors in 270 countries.

  • “Benghazi chair struggles to explain gains from marathon session”, CBS News (23 October 2015)

• As president, I will take steps to ban the box, so former presidents won’t have to declare their criminal history at the very start of the hiring process.

  • Speech given to the Charleston NAACP, as quoted in Alex Griswold (4 November 2015), “Oops: Hillary Accidentally Says Presidents Shouldn’t Have to Disclose Criminal History”, mediite.com

• Let’s be clear: Islam is not our adversary. Muslims are peaceful and tolerant people and have nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism.

  • Tweet (19 November 2015)

• Every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported.

  • Tweet (22 November 2015)

• That was a poor choice of words. As I’ve said throughout this campaign, the people at the heart of this issue are children, parents, families, DREAMers. They have names, and hopes and dreams that deserve to be respected. I’ve talked about undocumented immigrants hundreds of times and fought for years for comprehensive immigration reform. And I will continue to do so. We are a country built by immigrants and our diversity makes us stronger as a nation – it’s something to be proud of, celebrate, and defend.

  • Alex Griswold (24 November 2015), ”Hillary Apologizes For Saying ‘Illegal Immigrant’: ‘That Was a Poor Choice of Words’”, mediite.com

• There should be no bank too big to fail and no individual too big to jail.

  • Tweet (17 January 2016)

• I cannot control what the Republicans leak and what they are contending.

  • Meet the Press (January 2016).

• Let’s dispel with this fiction that @POTUS doesn’t know what he’s doing. He knows exactly what he’s doing.

  • Tweet (11 February 2016)

• There is a constitutional right for people to own guns, but there’s also a constitutional right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...
Interview with Steve Harvey, quoted in “Clinton confuses Constitution with Declaration of Independence in gun pitch”, FoxNews.com (25 February 2016)

Despite what you hear, we don’t need to make America great again. America has never stopped being great. But we do need to make America whole again. Instead of building walls, we need to tearing down barriers.

Speech (February 2016)

We are going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business.

CNN Democratic Presidential Town Hall in Columbus, Ohio (13 March 2016)

You know, joining a gang is like having a family. It’s feeling like you’re part of something bigger than yourself. So we’re either going to have gangs that murder and rob and do the things that are so destructive to the gang members and to the community. Or, we’re going to have positive gangs. We’re going to have positive alternatives for young people.

Clinton: We Need Positive Gangs; as quoted in Chandler Gill (21 April 2016), ”Clinton: We Could Have Positive Gangs”, Free Beacon.

Speech on fighting ISIS (November 20, 2015)

After a major terrorist attack, every society faces a choice between fear and resolve. The world’s great democracies can’t sacrifice our values or turn our backs on those in need. Therefore, we must choose resolve. And we must lead the world to meet this threat.

Our efforts will only succeed if the Arabs and Turks step up in a much bigger way. This is their fight and they need to act like it. So far, however, Turkey has been more focused on the Kurds than on countering ISIS. And to be fair, Turkey has a long and painful history with Kurdish terrorist groups. But the threat from ISIS cannot wait. As difficult as it may be, we need to get Turkey to stop bombing Kurdish fighters in Syria who are battling ISIS and become a full partner of our coalition efforts against ISIS. The United States should also work with our Arab partners to get them more invested in the fight against ISIS. At the moment, they are focused in other areas.

Stemming this tide will require much better coordination and information sharing among countries every step of the way. We should not stop press-ing until Turkey, where most foreign fighters cross into Syria, finally locks down its border. The United States and our allies need to know and share the identities of every fighter who has traveled to Syria.

And, once and for all, the Saudis, the Qatars, and others need to stop their citizens from directly funding extremist organizations, as well as schools and mosques around the world that have set too many young people on a path toward radicalization. When it comes to blocking terrorist recruitment, we have to identify the hotspots—the specific neighborhoods and villages, the prisons and schools—where recruitment happens in clusters.

Islam itself is not our adversary. Muslims are peaceful and tolerant people and have nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism. The obsession in some quarters with a “clash of civilizations” or repeating the specific words “radical Islamic terrorism” is not just a distraction, it gives these criminals, these murderers, more standing than they deserve and it actually plays into their hands by alienating partners we need by our side.

I think that the Saudis have a multiple level of responsibilities, first and foremost, stopping their own citizens from continuing the financing for extremists. And, you know, Saudi financing is still a major source of revenue for terrorist groups inside Syria, inside Iraq elsewhere.

ISIS has become quite a self-financing terrorist network with their theft of oil, selling it on the black market with their destruction and seizure of antiquities, selling that on the black market, with their taking over Mosul and raiding the banks. They’ve got a source of funding, so I don’t really know. But I know that the — that Saudi individuals have certainly funded other related terrorist groups over time and also exported a lot of Wahhabi radicalism by kicking out or sending out imams and teachers to set up schools and mosques to preach that particularly harsh brand of Islam. So the Saudis have a lot that they can do to both stop and then to help.

Speech about the Orlando Shooting (June 13, 2016)

The Orlando terrorist may be dead, but the virus that poisoned his mind remains very much alive. And we must attack it with clear eyes, steady hands, unwa- vering determination and pride in our country and our values.
I believe weapons of war have no place on our streets and we may have our disagreements about gun safety regulations, but we should all be able to agree on a few essential things. If the FBI is watching you for a suspected terrorist link, you shouldn’t be able to just go buy a gun with no questions asked. And you shouldn’t be able to exploit loopholes and evade criminal background checks by buying online or at a gun show. And yes, if you’re too dangerous to get on a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun in America.

We have to make it harder for people who should not have those weapons of war. That might not stop every shooting or terrorist attack. But it will stop some and it will save lives and it will protect our first responders.

None of us can close our eyes to the fact that we do face enemies who use their distorted version of Islam to justify slaughtering innocent people.

Now the third area that demands attention is preventing radicalization and countering efforts by ISIS and other international terrorist networks to recruit in the United States and Europe.

For starters, it is long past time for the Saudis, the Qataris and the Kuwaitis and others to stop their citizens from funding extremist organizations. And they should stop supporting radical schools and mosques around the world that have set too many young people on a path towards extremism.

The terrorist in Orlando targeted LGBT Americans out of hatred and bigotry, and an attack on any American is an attack on all Americans.

Our open, diverse society is an asset in the struggle against terrorism, not a liability. It makes us stronger and more resistant to radicalization. And this raises a larger point about the future of our country. America is strongest when we all believe that we have a stake in our country and our future. This vision has sustained us from the beginning. The belief that, yes, we are all created equal and the journey we have made to turn that into reality over the course of our history, that we are not a land of winners and losers, that we should all have the opportunity to live up to our God-given potential. And we have a responsibility to help others do so as well.

As I look at American history, I see that this has always been a country of “we” not “me.” We stand together because we are stronger together. E pluribus unum. One — out of many, one — has seen us through the darkest chapters of our history. Ever since 13 squabbling colonies put aside their disagreements and united because they realized they were going to rise together or fall separately, generation after generation has fought and marched and organized to widen the circle of dignity and opportunity. Ending slavery. Securing and expanding the right to vote. Throwing open the doors of education. Building the greatest middle class the world has ever seen. And we are stronger when more people can participate in our democracy.

2 Attributed

- You fucking Jew bastard!

- To Paul Fray, reported in The Guardian (2000) and State of a Union: Inside the Complex Marriage of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

3 Misattributed

- My accomplishments as Secretary of State? Well, I'm glad you asked. My proudest accomplishment in which I take the most pride, mostly because of the opposition it faced early on, you know. The remnants of prior situations and mindsets that were too narrowly focused in a manner whereby they may have overlooked the bigger picture and we didn’t do that. Very proud. I would say that's a major accomplishment.

- Claimed to be from a 2014-03-11 speech in letter to the editor by Scott Boyer. "Hillary Clinton: A killer public speaker", Missoulian (2014-07-21). There is no record of Hillary Clinton having engaged in a public appearance on this date, nor any news account or transcript recording such a quote, according to snopes.com (“Stating the Oblivious”).

4 Quotes about Hillary Clinton

- We need a bitch facing down terrorists, Iran and Congress.


- I am watching Hillary Clinton in her victory speech in New Hampshire… they just threw a bunch of college kids behind her, and had her talk about student loans, and had her daughter come out for a long awkward hug… does anyone actually buy it? Surely young people are too media savvy to be fooled by this kind of shit. Do we live in a democracy so we can just keep electing the same families? Barack is the first candidate in my lifetime to strip some of this bullshit away, and I just hope we don’t blow this chance. Man if we miss this opportunity we don’t deserve it… how bad does it have to get?
As a woman, I completely reject Hillary’s brand of bourgeois feminism because it leaves out millions of immigrant women, poor women, and the women under her bombs around the world.
~ Abby Martin

Hillary Clinton is a clear and present danger to the Constitution, the rule of law, and international peace and security. ~ Bruce Fein

- Win Butler

- What I saw in the 1990s sickened me. Hillary Clinton is now poised to become the Democratic nominee for president of the United States, but she simply lacks the integrity and temperament to serve in the office.

- Former Secret Service agent Gary Byrne, as quoted in “Ex-Secret Service agent: Hillary Clinton ‘occasionally violent’” by Mark Hensch, The Hill (6 June 2016)

A number of deep-pocketed elite have given up trying to buy off Republican politicians in order to support Ms. Clinton—the only establishment-friendly candidate of either party. ~ New York Observer

I would never, ever, ever vote for Hillary. We’re done if Hillary becomes president, the country is over. ~ Caitlyn Jenner

I disagree with Hillary Clinton on just about everything there is to disagree with a person about. If it comes down to Trump and Hillary, I will put a Hillary Clinton sticker on my fucking car. ~ Penn Jillette
The time for a woman to serve as our President has come – really, now is the time … I want Hillary to win. ~ Nancy Reagan

You know we had some protesters last night when we pulled up in San Francisco – and they're right to protest, they're absolutely right. ... It's ridiculous that we should have this kind of money in politics ~ George Clooney

When in public, Hillary smiles and acts graciously. As soon as the cameras are gone, her angry personality, nastiness, and imperiousness become evident … Hillary Clinton can make Richard Nixon look like Mahatma Gandhi. ~ Ronald Kessler

- When I’m at the bottom, she's Hillary Rodham!
- You should resign. It's the least you can do: Resign, along with those other spies and delinquents working in the State Department.
- Hugo Chavez, Chavez told Clinton in a televised speech on December 9, 2010
- When she comes on television, I involuntarily cross my legs.
- Tucker Carlson, MSNBC.
- The cab's idling out front, and she's opening a new bottle of wine.
- Tucker Carlson, MSNBC host, comparing Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton to “a drunk party guest who won't go home” for her refusal to drop out of the race; May 28, 2008
- The Democrats are throwing the election away. For what? An inadequate black male who would not have been running if there had not been a white woman who was running for president. … and God damn the Democrats. … Why would you like my name? Are you in the CIA, the FBI? (Spectator: My mother gets a little exorcised.)
- Hillary Clinton supporter Harriet Christian at Rules & Bylaws committee meeting on Florida and Michigan; May 31, 2008;
- She could be president someday. She could go to any state and be elected to the Senate.
- Bill Clinton, 1974.
• I can’t make her younger, taller, or change her gender. I can’t do anything other than to tell you who she is.
  
  Bill Clinton, January 6, 2007.

• Yes, I think it’s an obscene amount of money. You know we had some protesters last night when we pulled up in San Francisco – and they’re right to protest, they’re absolutely right, it’s an obscene amount of money. The Sanders campaign, when they talk about it, is absolutely right, it’s ridiculous that we should have this kind of money in politics, I agree.

  George Clooney’s response when asked to respond to Bernie Sanders’ statement that the $353,400 price tag to sit at the table with Clooney and Hillary Clinton was obscene, The Hill, April 26, 2016

• Without nepotism, Hillary would be running for the president of Vassar.


• Thank you Hillary Clinton for possibly becoming the first f— president. I would have said “female” but someone deleted the email.

  Jimmy Fallon, “Thank You Notes with President Obama”, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon — as quoted in “President Obama ‘slow jams’ the legacy of his eight-year presidency on Jimmy Fallon show” by Rachael Revesz, The Independent (10 June 2016)

• If you crave presidential lawlessness, war crimes, and international mayhem, you should adore Democratic presidential aspirant Hillary Clinton.


• Hillary Clinton is a clear and present danger to the Constitution, the rule of law, and international peace and security.


• They were urged to assemble that conference call and to speak frankly to Hillary by some of the top strategists around Hillary. … Close associates of hers, friends of hers were saying she really didn’t want the vice presidency. She really didn’t want it, even though she wouldn’t mind being offered it, or talked about it. Some of what we know tonight is that in the vetting [of potential VP candidates] process that’s going to be set up, they were going to demand, that is, Jim Johnson and the others looking at her as a possible candidate, that Bill Clinton open up the records of the Clinton Library -- all the donors, the tens of millions of dollars, where they came from? And I think Hillary’s reluctance to more fully really consider or give her heart to the notion of the vice presidency is she knew that it would require a legal vetting of her husband, and she he couldn’t pass it. … If she wants Obama’s fundraising prowess, if she wants contributors to help erase that enormous debt that she’s got, she needs to quickly get back in the fold and get with the program, and I think that’s what she’s doing now. I really don’t think it’s about the Veep thing because the Obama people have pretty much already said as of today that they’re really not interested.

  Howard Fineman of Newsweek, on another conference call, between Clinton and eight Clinton supporters in the Senate, urging her to concede and endorse Sen. Obama, and her unwillingness to pursue the vice presidency; June 4, 2008;

• Donald Trump is Hillary Clinton’s Christmas gift wrapped up under a tree. I am the lump of coal in her stocking.

  Carly Fiorina, Twitter (8 December 2015).

• It’s not a very big thing to say, “I made a mistake” on the war, and typical of Hillary Clinton that she can’t. She’s advised by so many smart advisers who are covering every base. I think that America was better served when the candidates were chosen in smoke-filled rooms.


• Hillary Clinton could be considered a founding member of ISIS.

  Rudy Giuliani, as quoted in “Giuliani: Clinton helped to create ISIS” by Rebecca Savransky, The Hill (23 March 2016)

• Say what you will about the Clintons, you cannot acquit them of having played the race card several times in both directions and of having done so in the most vulgar and unscrupulous fashion. Anyone who thinks that this equals “change” is a fool, and an easily fooled fool at that.
• Christopher Hitchens, "Fool Me Thrice", *Slate*, 28 January 2008, ISSN 1091-2339

• Why is Sen. Clinton, the spouse of the great influence-peddler, being nominated in the first place? In exchange for giving the painful impression that our State Department will be an attractive destination for lobbyists and donors, what exactly are we getting? George Marshall? Dean Acheson? Even Madeleine Albright? No, we are getting a notoriously ambitious woman who made a fool of herself over Bosnia, at the time and during the recent campaign, and who otherwise has no command of foreign affairs except what she’s picked up second-hand from an impeached ex-president, a disbarred lawyer, and a renter of the Lincoln Bedroom.

• Christopher Hitchens, "More Than a Good Feeling", *Slate*, 12 January 2009, ISSN 1091-2339

• I would never, ever, ever vote for Hillary. We're done if Hillary becomes president, the country is over. You can't fix immigration, you can't fix the economy — it's got to stop. We don't have a country. And Hillary will not do it. What has she done in her life? She was a lousy senator. She was horrible. Look at all the things that are going on in the Middle East, all because of what she did. Benghazi, she lied to us. She's a f---ing liar. She's a political hack. That's all she is. Nothing.

• Caitlyn Jenner, E!'s "I am Cait", as quoted in “Caitlyn Jenner: 'We're done if Hillary becomes president'” by Judy Kurtz, *The Hill* (11 March 2016)

• The cynicism of the Clintons, the careful, tightrope walk of all politicians, forced me, as an atheist, to get down on my knees and pray that someone would come along with some kind of authenticity … Well, someone called my bluff, goddamn it. … I have written and spoken and joked with friends the meanest, cruellest, most hateful things that could ever been said by me, have been said about the Clintons. I loathe them. I disagree with Hillary Clinton on just about everything there is to disagree with a person about. If it comes down to Trump and Hillary, I will put a Hillary Clinton sticker on my fucking car.

• Penn Jillette, as quoted in “Why Penn Jillette is Terrified of a President Trump” by Grant Burningham, in *Newsweek* (1 March 2016)

• When in public, Hillary smiles and acts graciously. As soon as the cameras are gone, her angry personality, nastiness, and imperiousness become evident … Hillary Clinton can make Richard Nixon look like Mahatma Gandhi.

• Ronald Kessler, describing interviews with Secret Service agents serving Secretary Clinton, in *First Family Detail* (2015)

• “She’s the most unbelievable actress I have ever met,” said a woman who worked on Hillary’s Senate campaign. “I remember one time at a Women’s Leadership Forum event in New York, thirty of us sat around Hillary, talking about politics. And she said, ‘You know, I love this organization, not just because we sit around and talk about politics, but because of the bonds of friendship forming around us.’ The way she said it, people were riveted by her performance. But I had gotten to know her, and I could tell she didn’t mean it. She has this unbelievable ability to be a liar. She is soulless.”

• Edward Klein, *The Truth About Hillary;* 0362-4331

• Hillary Clinton said that her childhood dream was to be an Olympic athlete. But she was not athletic enough. She said she wanted to be an astronaut, but at the time they didn't take women. She said she wanted to go into medicine, but hospitals made her woozy. Should she be telling people this story? I mean she’s basically saying she wants to be president because she can’t do anything else.’

• Jay Leno

• “When Hillary had the class reunion at the White House, there were 325 of us there,” said Catherine S. Gidlow, a lawyer in St. Louis. “I turned to someone and said, ‘I think there are 324 of us here who feel like failures,’ and she said, ‘No, I think there are 325 of us who feel like failures.’”

• Lewin, Tamar (14 April 2007), "Wellesley Class Sees ‘One of Us’ Bearing Standard”, *The New York Times*, ISSN 0362-4331

• Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton’s latest campaign finance report, published Wednesday night, appeared even to her most stalwart supporters and donors to be a road map of her political and management failings.

• Luo, Michael; Becker, Jo; Healy, Patrick (22 February 2008), "Donors Worried by Clinton Campaign Spending", *The New York Times*, ISSN 0362-4331

• As a woman, I completely reject Hillary’s brand of bourgeois feminism because it leaves out millions of immigrant women, poor women, and the women under her bombs around the world.

• Abby Martin, TeleSUR, April 17, 2016
• [The conference call] expanded because more members of Congress wanted to get in on it. They wanted to sound off on Hillary Clinton’s inclination to stretch this out, to wait until she heard those emails from her supporters, to give herself space and time. She wanted to use leverage, and she thought she would have more leverage if she waited. In fact her leverage was dissipating day by day because these members of Congress … were telling us that Senators were coming up [to Charlie Rangel, asking to join a conference call], I want to switch over but I can’t without her releasing us. So there was a lot of frustration and embarrassment and anger among her supporters on the Hill. … House Speaker Nancy Pelosi issuing that letter saying it had to be done by Friday. … I’m persuaded that this was pressure from her supporters, that Barack Obama really did respect her desire for the time to unwind this. I think there was a lot of discomfort and displeasure with the way she addressed her supporters last night. They were not happy about [Clinton campaign chairman] Terry McAuliffe announcing … “This is the next president of the United States.” That really rubbed them the wrong way. And Charlie Rangel said openly and on the record …, “I didn’t like what I heard. It was not gracious. Once he hit the magic number, she should have conceded and endorsed, and it put us in a terrible spot.”

• MSNBC host Keith Olbermann, on Clinton supporters’ call for Clinton to endorse Obama the day after the final primaries; June 4, 2008;

• She is one of the most ruthless people we have ever seen in politics and she doesn’t belong in the White House—at either end of the building, the president’s office or the residence.

• Dick Morris, former Bill Clinton advisor; Foreword to I’ve Always Been a Yankees Fan: Hillary Clinton in Her Own Words (2006) by Thomas D. Kuiper, p. xiii

• At what point does somebody who’s been endorsed by Richard Mellon Scaife, who compliments Fox News, and who touts Karl Rove’s math ability actually cease to be a Democrat anymore?

• Keith Olbermann, Countdown, May 19, 2008

• Our correspondent Andrea Mitchell reporting tonight that 23 members of Congress, strong Clinton supporters, calling her today, saying they would have to throw their support to Senator Obama; Senator Clinton replying she thought that made sense, adding that she would have another meeting with supporters on Friday to discuss the next steps.

No indication if those steps will be the termination of her campaign or merely its suspension. Her decision, the New York Times reporting tonight, came after a day of telephone conversations with supporters on Capitol Hill on what she should do now, now that Mr. Obama had claimed enough delegates to be able to clinch the nomination. Mrs. Clinton had initially said she had wanted to wait before making any decision, but her aids said that in conversations some of her closest supporters had said it was urgent that she step aside.

• NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell, on a conference call set up by Rep. Charlie Rangle, between Clinton and supporters after refusing to concede to Sen. Obama the day before; June 4, 2008;

• At least the state figure should have a head.

• Vladimir Putin in response to Clinton’s comment that Putin has ‘no soul’.

• The time for a woman to serve as our President has come – really, now is the time — and I think the idea of having a former First Lady as the leader of the free world is really quite a marvelous notion. I want Hillary to win. Even though I admire two of the current potential Republican nominees, I have no interest in seeing either of them lead this country.


• A number of deep-pocketed elite have given up trying to buy off Republican politicians in order to support Ms. Clinton—the only establishment-friendly candidate of either party.


• When the unclassified systems of the United States government, which has a full-time information security staff, regularly gets hacked, the idea that someone keeping a private server in the renovated bathroom of a server farm in Colorado is more secure is completely ridiculous.

• Edward Snowden on Servergate, “Edward Snowden says Hillary Clinton ‘ridiculous’ to think emails were secure,” The Guardian (3 September 2015).

• Trump says very scary things—deporting immigrants, massive militarism and, you know, ignoring
the climate. Well, Hillary, unfortunately, has a track record for doing all of those things. So, the terrible things that we expect from Donald Trump, we've actually already seen from Hillary Clinton.

- Jill Stein, interview with Democracy Now, as quoted in “Green Party candidate: Trump says 'terrible things,' Clinton does them” by Harper Neidig, The Hill (10 June 2016)

- Hillary said that guns don't keep you safe. If she really believes that she should demand that her heavily armed bodyguards quickly disarm!

- Donald Trump, Facebook post, quoted in “Trump: Hillary Clinton Should Disarm Her Bodyguards If She Really Believes 'Guns Don't Keep You Safe'”, by Awr Hawkins, Breitbart (3 January 2016).

- She’s wrong about absolutely everything, but she’s wrong within normal parameters.

- P. J. O'Rourke, endorsing Clinton for President over Donald Trump, May 7, 2016 on NPR

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