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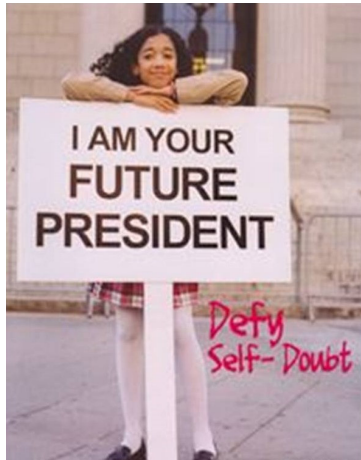
Make Political History

Don't Be Fooled

We the people of the United States of America have the opportunity to make history again. This time we have the opportunity to elect the most qualified individual to ever seek the office of president of the United States. Secretary Clinton is more qualified than any other person (man or woman) running for President. Possibly more qualified and prepared than anyone who has not previously served in the Presidency. Despite that fact, those who lack the resume want you to believe that qualifications don't matter. But, don't be fooled, if she was a he, there would be no contest. The case would be closed.

Secretary Clinton is fielding attacks on all fronts with grace and dignity. She is fighting attacks on her character from the Republicans. They have labeled her a liar, dishonest, blindly ambitious, not qualified, lacking in judgment, etc. Examine the record. Politifact deemed her to be [the most honest](#) of the current crop of Presidential candidates. There have been numerous allegations and investigations through the years, but none have had a basis in fact, ambitious men are applauded, there's no question regarding her qualifications, and it's very easy to play Monday morning quarterback and question her judgment. But putting all of that aside, do the Republicans really have the standing to call anyone a liar in the fact free world that they've created? Don't let the Republicans rob you of this opportunity to make history.

Secretary Clinton is fielding attacks from the media. The media minimizes her strengths and over looks her opponents' weaknesses. In short, they hold her to a different standard. If the polls are within the margin of error and Clinton is on top, the media reports that Secretary Clinton and her opponent are in a statistical dead heat. If the opponent is on top, they report that Secretary Clinton is losing. Don't take my word for it, just examine the record. The media has set the bar so low for her opponents that it would be difficult to slip a sheet of paper un-



der it. Donald Trump is ignorant regarding foreign policy, military history, and the government. Instead of them saying that he is unqualified, which he is, they say that he's a different kind of candidate. Don't let the media rob you of the opportunity to make history.

Secretary Clinton opposed Senator Sanders in the democratic primary election. Don't misunderstand me, he was an interesting candidate. However, he lacked the breath and depth of knowledge and the experience that Secretary Clinton has. He was a single issue candidate running for the highest office in a very complicated country. Don't take my word for it. According to Senator Sanders, all of the problems in this country exist because of income inequality and rich people. Really? How about the fact that many in the American populace don't vote? Could that possibly be part of our problem? What about our gerrymandered congressional districts? Could that be part of the problem? Without batting an eye, Senator Sanders turned Secretary Clinton into the progressive's boogie woman. She accepts donations from corporations, she benefits from Super PACs, and she gives paid speeches to corporations. All corporations are bad and dishonest therefore she's bad and dishonest. The DNC is in her pocket, the DNC is against him, the DNC has stacked the deck in favor of Secretary Clinton, and oh by the way, the media agrees with him. The DNC stole the election from him and by extension Secretary Clinton stole the election from him. Don't be fooled. By every metric, she won the Democratic primary election. She won

fair and square. Don't take my word for it. Check the record. Don't let your support for Senator Sanders rob you of the opportunity to make history.

The Republicans, the media, and Senator Sanders have presented Secretary Clinton as the prohibitive front runner as someone that you should fear. They say that the Democratic establishment has coroneted her as the Democratic nominee. Labeling her this way allows them to discount her successes (she was expected to win anyway) and exaggerate her losses (how could she lose to a self avowed socialist). Her detractors say that she's not likable, but if you check the record, her colleagues and life long friends swear to her likability (how many of us maintain life long friends). Every female US Senator has joyfully pledged their support for her. What kind of support are the other candidates getting? Not much from what I can see. Don't miss this opportunity to make history.

I do not see Secretary Clinton as perfect, she has her faults, but we all have faults. Is there such a thing as a perfect politician? I think not? She lacks the political finesse of her husband and President Obama. So what? She is not comfortable talking about herself (typical female trait). She's not open and doesn't easily connect with people. Given her history with the media and the Republicans, do you blame her? That doesn't make her dishonest, it just makes her cautious.

I expected the attacks from the usual suspects, the Republicans, the media and Democratic opponents. What I didn't expect, and what I'm most disappointed in is the lack of critical thinking and support from millennial females. You are correct when you say that you should not support Secretary Clinton just because she's a woman. However, if you do your homework and give her a fair hearing, you may find that you should support her despite the fact that she's a woman. Without question, she has demonstrated the knowledge, temperament, tenacity and expertise to do the job. But don't take my word for it,

check the record.

Let's put this question of distrust and lack of honesty to bed once and for all. Hillary Rodham Clinton served as the 67th United States Secretary of State, under President Barack Obama, from 2009 to 2013, overseeing the department that conducted the foreign policy of the Obama Administration. She was preceded in office by Condoleezza Rice and succeeded by John Kerry. She is also the only former First Lady of the United to become a member of the United States Congress and the United States Cabinet. Think about that statement. Does that sound like someone who is dishonest? Do any of us question the integrity of Condoleezza Rice or John Kerry? Has any other First Lady been treated with such disrespect? Does anyone think that you can rise to the position of Secretary of State without being vetted at the highest level? If there were any real issues with Hillary Rodham Clinton she would never have made it through the confirmation process to become Secretary of State. Don't take my word for it, check the record.

Why do you think that this country has never even come close to electing a female to the highest office in the land? Is it because women lack the experience, ambition, skill and temperament or is it that elephant that's been in the room for so long that we don't even notice it anymore (sexism and misogyny)? Don't miss this opportunity to make history. Don't vote for her because she's a woman, vote for her because she is the most qualified individual, man or woman to ever run for this office. Vote for her despite the fact that she's a woman.

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