

A Hillary Clinton Presidency Would be a Disaster, A **Nightmare for Americans**

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Make no mistake. A Clinton presidency would be disastrous - the worst of all possible deplorable choices, none worthy or any public office, all aspirants beholden to wealth, power and privilege exclusively.

Don't let their duplicitous rhetoric fool you. They're all cut out of the same cloth. Otherwise, they wouldn't get public attention. Populist Green Party aspirant Jill Stein gets none.

A Clinton presidency would be nightmarish for the vast majority of Americans and world peace. It'll combine the worst of George Bush and Obama, an agenda of endless wars of aggression, maybe targeting Russia, China, and/or Iran, corporate favoritism, destroying social justice, and full-blown tyranny against resisters.

Doug Henwood is editor and publisher of the Left Business Observer. It covers "economics and politics in the broadest sense," discussing what everyone needs to know, suppressed in mainstream reporting.

In November 2014, his <u>Harper's article</u> headlined "Stop Hillary! Vote no to a Clinton dynasty." It bears repeating. A second Clinton presidency is the worst of all deplorable choices.

Her qualifications "boil down to this," says Henwood.

"She has experience, she's a woman, and it's her turn. It's hard to find any substantive political argument in her favor."

As first lady, she pushed husband Bill to bomb Belgrade in 1999. The rape of Yugoslavia raged throughout the 1990s, culminating with 78 days of lawless US-led NATO aggression from March 24 – June 10, 1999.

She encouraged her husband to end welfare for needy households. Vital Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) ended. The so-called Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation (PRWORA) followed, changing eligibility rules.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) set a five-year time limit - leaving millions of needy households (many with single mothers) on their own when aid was most needed.

As New York senator and Secretary of State, she "bec(ame) increasingly hawkish on foreign policy," Henwood explained.

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"What Hillary will deliver (as president) is more of the same. And that shouldn't surprise us...American politics has an amazing stability and continuity about it."

No matter who's elected president, business as usual always continues, hardening, not softening deplorably during Bill Clinton's presidency, worse than ever post-9/11 under Bush II and Obama – certain to be worse than ever no matter who gets the top job next November, especially if it's Hillary, a neocon, anti-populist war goddess.

Her self-proclaimed progressivism is pure fantasy. Her record as first lady and in public office exposes her real agenda, warranting condemnation, not praise.

She "has a long history of being economical with the truth," said Henwood. As New York senator, "she voted for the Iraq war, and continued to defend it long after others had thrown in the towel."

She echoed the Big Lies about Saddam's nonexistent WMDs and ties to Al Qaeda. She cozied up to right-wing Republicans to ward off criticism. As Secretary of State, she was "less of a diplomat and more of a hawk," Henwood explained.

She backed escalated war on Afghanistan, pushed for continued US military presence in Iraq, helped orchestrate lawless aggression on Libya, and urged Obama to bomb Syria without required Security Council authorization.

She was involved in developing "pivot to Asia" strategy. "Since leaving the State Department, (she) devoted herself to...Clinton, Inc...(a) fund-raising, favor-dispensing machine" together with husband Bill, said Henwood.

Their style is self-promotion, including "huge book advances and fat speaking fees... And with an eye to the presidency, (she) kept up her line of neocon patter, while carefully separating herself from Obama."

She deplorably supports Netanyahu's high crimes – from naked aggression on Gaza to current war throughout the Territories. Palestinian bloodshed and horrific suffering are of no consequence. Israeli imperial interests alone matter.

Henwood concluded his lengthy article, saying "Eight years of Hill? Four, even? To borrow her anti-McCain jab from the 2008 Democratic convention: No way, no how!"

His new book titled "My Turn: Hillary Clinton Targets the Presidency" covers in greater detail what his article discussed. The cover shows her hawkish image, pointing a gun with her arm outstretched. With Biden out as a potential candidate, she looks like a shoe-in Democrat nominee, despite all the exposed baggage about her.

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