

Wikileaks Emails Bring New Attention to Hillary Victory Fund "Money Laundering" Charges

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The problem with conspiracy theorists is that, quite frequently, the theorists lack adequate imagination. That seems to be the case when it comes to the <u>Democratic National</u> <u>Committee's behind-the-scenes machinations</u> to muscle Hillary Clinton into the White House while plotting against her main challenger, Bernie Sanders. That conclusion stems from the trove of <u>20,000 DNC emails</u> dumped into the public sphere by Wikileaks last Friday.

The leaked emails have cost Debbie Wasserman Schultz her job as Chair of the DNC but other top DNC officials captured in devious plots against Sanders in the email exchanges still have their jobs – or at least no official firings have been announced. This makes the conspiracies seem more like a DNC business model.

The DNC's own charter demands that it treat all Democratic primary candidates fairly and impartially, but top DNC officials made a mockery of that mandate. In addition to conjuring up ways to smear Clinton challenger Bernie Sanders during the primary battles, the leaked emails show a coordinated effort to cover up what the Sanders camp called "money laundering" between the Hillary Victory Fund and the DNC.



Politico Reporter, Ken Vogel

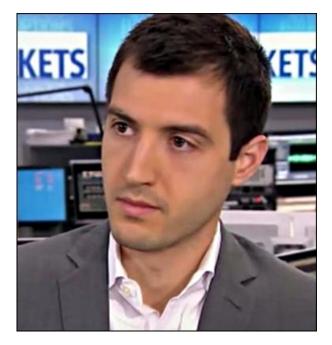
Despite the fact that the Sanders campaign had no such active arrangement with the DNC, the DNC agreed to participate in the Hillary Victory Fund, a joint fundraising committee that sluiced money to both Hillary's main candidate committee, Hillary for America, as well as

into the DNC. To a much tinier degree, funds also went to dozens of separate State Democratic committees.

On May 2 of this year, the Sanders campaign <u>released a statement</u> charging Clinton with "looting funds meant for the state parties to skirt fundraising limits on her presidential campaign," and exploiting "the rules in ways that let her high-dollar donors like Alice Walton of Wal-Mart fame and the actor George Clooney and his super-rich Hollywood friends skirt legal limits on campaign contributions."

Despite Clinton's promise to rein in tax dodges by hedge funds, <u>Wall Street On Parade</u> <u>reported</u> in April that major hedge fund titans were also big donors to the Hillary Victory Fund. We wrote at the time:

Federal Election Commission records show that S. Donald Sussman, founder of hedge fund Paloma Partners, gave \$343,400 to the Hillary Victory Fund while also donating \$2.5 million to Priorities USA, the Super Pac supporting Hillary. Hedge Fund billionaire George Soros donated \$343,400 to the Hillary Victory Fund while sluicing a whopping \$7 million into Priorities USA to enhance Hillary's efforts to move into the Oval Office.



Isaac Arnsdorf, Reporter for Politico

Today, reporters Ken Vogel and Isaac Arnsdorf of Politico have provided <u>significant new</u> <u>details</u> from the leaked emails to show how the DNC worked behind the scenes to control the media's handling of revelations involving the Hillary Victory Fund.

Vogel was criticized by some media outlets when the Wikileaks emails revealed he had allowed a DNC official to review one of his articles critical of the joint fundraising operation prior to publication. Erik Wemple of the Washington Post has provided some necessary clarity to that issue <u>here</u>.

The Clinton camp and the DNC had attempted publicly to defend the joint fundraising operation as providing critical help to State Committees in order to help down-ticket

candidates.

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