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## 2016ER ATTACKS

**RAND PAUL CALLED BILL CLINTON A SEXUAL PREDATOR AND CALLED DEMOCRATIC EFFORTS TO PORTRAY THEMSELVES AS CHAMPIONS OF WOMEN HYPOCRITICAL IN LIGHT OF HIS ACTIONS**

**HEADLINE: “Rand Paul: Democrats Should Disown ‘Sexual Predator’ Bill Clinton.”** [Washington Post, [2/6/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/02/06/rand-paul-democrats-should-disown-sexual-predator-bill-clinton/)]

**Rand Paul Called Bill Clinton A “Sexual Predator.”** “Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) said in a new interview that Democrats should distance themselves from Bill Clinton if they are serious about women's rights. Asked on Newsmax TV whether Clinton is an unsavory character, Paul repeated his assertion that the former president is a ‘sexual predator.’” [Aaron Blake, Washington Post, [2/6/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/02/06/rand-paul-democrats-should-disown-sexual-predator-bill-clinton/)]

**Rand Paul Called Democrats Hypocritical For Being “Big On All These Workplace Rules To Protect Women,” But When Bill Clinton Was President “He Really Didn’t Obey The Workplace Rules On Women And What He Did Was Inappropriate.”** “Paul's been anything but shy in his criticism of the former president over the Monica Lewinsky scandal. ‘I think the American people don't like hypocrisy. Democrats have been big on all these workplace rules to protect women, most of which I agree with. But then when he was commander and chief he really didn't obey the workplace rules on women and what he did was inappropriate,’ Paul offered.” [NH1, [10/16/14](http://www.nh1.com/news/rand-paul-reveals-what-will-help-him-decide-to-run-for-president-in-2016/)]

**Rand Paul Said That Democrats Said They Were “Great Saviors Of Women In The Workplace,” But Bill Clinton’s Affair With An Intern Was “Sexual Harassment.**” “’You know what’s funny about it is I tell people – they’re like, “Why did you bring up the Clintons? Why did you bring up Bill being such a predator and sexual harassment and what he did with an intern in the workplace?”’ Paul said. ‘I said, ‘Well, because they asked me the question.’ I tend to answer questions and they ask me the question. I answered the question and they asked my wife the same question. But it is an important point because the Democrats want to say, ‘We’re the great saviors of women in the workplace.’ One of the things we have done that is a step forward, has been over the last couple of decades is women should be protected from predatory behavior of their bosses. And that’s what Bill Clinton’s affair, whatever you want to call it with an intern was, was sexual harassment.’” [Breitbart, [2/5/14](http://www.breitbart.com/Breitbart-TV/2014/02/05/Rand-Paul-Attacks-Democrats-for-Bill-Clinton-Woody-Allen-Hypocrisy-in-War-on-Women)]

**Rand Paul: “Until They [Democrats] Get Rid Of The Hypocrisy That They’re Going To Be Great Feminist And They’re Going Defend A Big Bully In The Workplace Who Takes Advantage Of A 20-Year-Old Girl, I Don’t Think They Have A Leg To Stand On.”** “‘And so until they get rid of the hypocrisy that they’re going to be great feminist and they’re going defend a big bully in the workplace who takes advantage of a 20-year-old girl, I don’t think they have a leg to stand on,’ Paul continued. ‘And that hypocrisy defeats their whole argument. I mean look at the other people who give money. Look at a Woody Allen, who is a big Democrat giver across the country, whose seven-year-old girl described what he did to her. And yet nobody in Hollywood blinks an eye and says he’s still our big pal. We love Woody Allen. He’s a great giver to Democrat causes. And really there should be a social shunning of somebody who would do something like that, if not prison.’” [Breitbart, [2/5/14](http://www.breitbart.com/Breitbart-TV/2014/02/05/Rand-Paul-Attacks-Democrats-for-Bill-Clinton-Woody-Allen-Hypocrisy-in-War-on-Women)]

**Rand Paul Said There Was “A Question Of Hypocrisy” In The Fact That Democrats Said There Was A War On Women By The Republicans, And Yet They Defended A Man Who Did Something “Inexcusable” In the Workplace.** Rand Paul on his comments about Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky: “You know, I'm not so sure. I mean, like I said, it's hard to separate them. It's not her fault. I mean, she's had to tolerate the same sort of problems from him, you know, I guess over time. But I would say that it's more a question of the entire Democrat Party, who says there's a war on women and that somehow the other party is committing this, and yet they support and defend a guy who really, in the workplace, was doing something that was inexcusable, should not be tolerated. And so really there's a question of hypocrisy. And I think people don't like hypocrisy. And so we'll see. I don't know if it makes any difference now or not. I just keep answering the questions you all ask me.” [CBS This Morning, CBS, 1/29/14]

**Rand Paul Suggested It Was Hypocritical Of Democrats To Cast The GOP As Anti-Women While Celebrating Bill Clinton, And Said That Anyone Who Accepted Money From Or Had A Fundraiser With Bill Clinton Should Give It Back.** “The Kentucky Republican and likely 2016 presidential candidate is making a habit of ripping former President Bill Clinton, dubbing the 42nd president a ‘sexual predator’ and suggesting that it is hypocritical of Democrats to cast the GOP as anti-women when they celebrate someone who preyed on women working under him in the workplace.‘They can’t have it both ways. And so I really think that anybody who wants to take money from Bill Clinton or have a fundraiser has a lot of explaining to do. In fact, I think they should give the money back,’ Mr. Paul said on C-SPAN’s ‘Newsmakers.’ ‘If they want to take a position on women's rights, by all means do. But you can't do it and take it from a guy who was using his position of authority to take advantage of young women in the workplace.” [Washington Times, [2/9/14](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/feb/9/rand-pauls-launches-pre-emptive-2016-strike-on-bil/?page=all)]

**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES CRITICIZED HILLARY CLINTON FOR PRESENTING HERSELF AS AN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS WHILE THE CLINTON FOUNDATION ACCEPTED DONATIONS FROM COUNTRIES WITH POOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS RECORDS**

**Carly Fiorina On Secretary Clinton: “She Tweets About Women’s Rights In This Country And Takes Money From Governments That Deny Women The Most Basic Human Rights.”** [Politico, [2/26/15](http://www.politico.com/story/2015/02/carly-fiorina-hillary-clinton-womens-rights-115543.html)]

**Rand Paul: “There Is Indeed A War On Women…In Saudi Arabia…When Hillary Clinton Claims She Will Support Women's Rights, Ask Her Why She Accepted Millions Of Dollars” From The Saudis.** “Sen. Rand Paul, who's long been a fierce critic of Hillary Clinton, will call on the former secretary of state to return contributions made from Saudi Arabia to her family's foundation. In a Friday night speech in New Hampshire, the Kentucky Republican will say there's been a ‘war on women...in Saudi Arabia’ and will urge Clinton to denounce contributions from the country to the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation. ‘There has been much talk of a war on women. There is indeed a war on women . . . in Saudi Arabia,’ he will say, according to an excerpt of his prepared remarks. ‘When Hillary Clinton claims she will support women's rights, ask her why she accepted millions of dollars from (Saudi Arabia).’” [CNN, [3/20/15](http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/20/politics/rand-paul-hillary-clinton/)]

**FIORINA ATTACKED CLINTON FOR PUSHING EQUAL PAY LAWS DESPITE AN APPARENTLY POOR RECORD ON EQUAL PAY IN CLINTON’S SENATE OFFICE**

**Carly Fiorina On Secretary Clinton: “She Tweets About Equal Pay For Women But Won’t Answer Basic Questions About Her Own Offices’ Pay Standards.”** [Politico, [2/26/15](http://www.politico.com/story/2015/02/carly-fiorina-hillary-clinton-womens-rights-115543.html)]

## CLINTON DEFENSE

**THEN-FIRST LADY CLINTON ADVOCATED FOR WOMEN ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE**

**New York Times: In A 1995 Speech To The Fourth World Conference On Women In Beijing, Hillary Clinton “Gave A Devastating Litany Of Abuse Afflicting Women Around The World And Declared: ‘Human Rights Are Women’s Rights, And Women’s Rights Are Human Rights.’”** “Both events explicitly invoke Mrs. Clinton’s forceful speech in Beijing as first lady in 1995, at the Fourth World Conference on Women, when she gave a devastating litany of abuse afflicting women around the world and declared: ‘Human rights are women’s rights, and women’s rights are human rights.’ The Beijing speech has been a touchstone for Mrs. Clinton since she stepped down as secretary of state in early 2013.” [New York Times, [3/8/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/09/us/politics/hillary-clinton-faces-test-of-record-aiding-women.html)]

**SECRETARY CLINTON CHAMPIONED WOMEN’S RIGHTS DURING HER TENURE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY ELEVATING THE ROLE OF WOMEN’S ISSUES IN DIPLOMACY AND OVERSEEING PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ASSISTED WOMEN ACROSS THE WORLD**

**New York Times: Secretary Clinton “Appointed A Close Aide, Melanne Verveer, As The First United States Ambassador At Large For Global Women’s Issues.”** “At the State Department, Mrs. Clinton emphasized how empowering women and girls could also enhance economies, national security and the overall progress of a country. She appointed a close aide, Melanne Verveer, as the first United States ambassador at large for global women’s issues.” [New York Times, [3/8/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/09/us/politics/hillary-clinton-faces-test-of-record-aiding-women.html)]

**Politico: Clinton Is “The Secretary Of State Who Elevated The Office Of Global Women’s Issues To The Seventh Floor Of The State Department With A Special ‘Ambassador At Large’ [And]…Mandated Gender Training For All New Foreign-Service Officers.”** “The idea that Hillary Clinton simply doesn’t sincerely believe in her own doctrine just doesn’t tally with her rhetorical and substantive support for women and women’s rights across decades of public service. After all, this is the secretary of state who elevated the Office of Global Women’s Issues to the seventh floor of the State Department with a special ‘ambassador at large,’ who mandated gender training for all new foreign-service officers and under whom USAID programming for women mushroomed.” [Politico, [3/17/15](http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/03/hillary-clinton-womens-rights-record-saudi-arabia-116160_Page2.html#.VRrDWPnF-ZM)]

**National Journal: “The Office Of Global Women’s Issues Runs Some 70 Public-Private Partnership Programs In 40 Countries” That Benefit African Textile Workers, Victims Of Sexual Violence In Congo, And Rural Workers Seeking Microloans.** “The result has been high-level international advocacy for women and a department-wide proliferation of programs addressing the problems of women and girls. The department’s Middle East Partnership Initiative, for instance, has trained Egyptian women to be online activists and has tried to reduce child marriages in Yemen. The Office of Global Women’s Issues runs some 70 public-private partnership programs in 40 countries, ranging from teaching African women how to export their textiles and agricultural products, to training rural health providers in Congo in how to assist female victims of sexual violence, and offering micro-finance loans (in the form of pigs) to improve rural women’s economic stability.” [National Journal, [3/21/13](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/hillary-clinton-s-global-feminist-legacy-20130321)]

**New York Times: Secretary Clinton’s Behind The Scenes Work On Behalf Of Women Included Her Successful Intervention “When Saudi Arabian Courts Refused A Mother’s Pleas To Block The Marriage Of Her 8-Year-Old Daughter To A 50-Year-Old Man.”** “At the State Department, Mrs. Clinton emphasized how empowering women and girls could also enhance economies, national security and the overall progress of a country… Some of that work was behind the scenes, however. In her memoir, ‘Hard Choices,’ Mrs. Clinton tells of quietly intervening when Saudi Arabian courts refused a mother’s pleas to block the marriage of her 8-year-old daughter to a 50-year-old man. ‘Fix this on your own, and I won’t say a word,’ she recalled telling the Saudis. A new judge, she wrote, quickly approved the divorce.” [New York Times, [3/8/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/09/us/politics/hillary-clinton-faces-test-of-record-aiding-women.html)]

**National Journal: Secretary Clinton “Placed Women’s Rights And Needs On The Agenda At International Conferences, On Trips, And Throughout The State Department Itself.”** “Clinton and her handpicked ambassador-at-large for global women’s issues, Melanne Verveer, placed women’s rights and needs on the agenda at international conferences, on trips, and throughout the State Department itself. Clinton institutionalized this way of conducting foreign policy in 2010 in a first-time ‘quadrennial review’ that mentioned women more than 100 times, followed by a March 2012 directive billed as the department’s first-ever guidance to embassies and bureaus on how to advance the ‘strategic imperative’ of gender equality. ‘The department is focusing across all of our work to reduce disparities and proactively promote gender equality,’ the directive said.” [National Journal, [3/21/13](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/hillary-clinton-s-global-feminist-legacy-20130321)]

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**National Journal: Secretary Clinton And Ambassador-At-Large Verveer “Were Insistent Advocates For Afghan Women, Making Sure They Had A Presence At Peace Talks And International Conferences About The Future Of Afghanistan.”** “Clinton and her handpicked ambassador-at-large for global women’s issues, Melanne Verveer, placed women’s rights and needs on the agenda at international conferences, on trips, and throughout the State Department itself…Both Clinton and Verveer were insistent advocates for Afghan women, making sure they had a presence at peace talks and international conferences about the future of Afghanistan.” [National Journal, [3/21/13](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/hillary-clinton-s-global-feminist-legacy-20130321)]

**THE CLINTON FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS TO HELP MILLIONS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ACROSS THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE NO CEILINGS INITIATIVE LED BY SECRETARY CLINTON**

**Clinton Spokesman Merrill Highlighted The Work Of The Clinton Foundation In The Areas Of “Haiti, Global Health, Women And Girls & No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project, Childhood Obesity, Economic Development, Climate Change, Clinton Global Initiative, Too Small To Fail, Job One.”** [Nick Merrill, 3/2/15]

**Clinton Foundation: “CGI Members Have Formed Partnerships That Have Made Tremendous…Improving Educational Opportunities For 36.5 Million People; Expanding Access To Capital For 3.1 Million People; And Increasing Opportunities Of Various Kinds For 2.8 Million Women And Girls.”** [Clinton Foundation, [2/19/15](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/blog/2015/02/19/bringing-people-together-find-solutions?utm_source=sf-tw&utm_medium=social)]

**Clinton Foundation: As Part Of A CGI Commitment, “The Inter-American Development Bank…Is Projected To Help 500,000 Disadvantaged Youth Enter The Workforce Over The Next Five Years…More Than Half Of These Will Be Women And Girls.” “**The Inter-American Development Bank is working with corporate partners, including Microsoft, Caterpillar, and Walmart to implement an employment program across ten Latin American countries. This work began a year ago and is projected to help 500,000 disadvantaged youth enter the workforce over the next five years. More than half of these will be women and girls.” [Clinton Foundation, [2/19/15](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/blog/2015/02/19/bringing-people-together-find-solutions?utm_source=sf-tw&utm_medium=social)]

**HEADLINE: “Hillary Clinton Announces ‘No Ceilings’ Initiative To Empower Women”** [Washington Post, [11/1/13](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/she-the-people/wp/2013/11/01/hillary-clinton-announces-no-ceilings-initiative-to-empower-women/)]

**Clinton Foundation: “No Ceilings Brings Together Global Partners To Build An Evidence-Based Case For Full Participation And Accelerate Progress For Women And Girls.”** “No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project is an initiative led by Secretary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton to advance the full participation of women and girls around the world. Access to equal rights and opportunities for women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century and is essential for achieving prosperity, stability, and security across the globe. No Ceilings brings together global partners to build an evidence-based case for full participation and accelerate progress for women and girls.” [Annual Report, Clinton Foundation, [2014](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/sites/default/files/clintonfoundation2013-2014annualreport.pdf)]

**AS A SENATOR, CLINTON INTRODUCED AND CO-SPONSORED PAYCHECK FAIRNESS LEGISLATION**

**Then-Senator Clinton Introduced The Paycheck Fairness Act In 2005 And 2007.** [S.841, 109th Congress, introduced [4/19/05](https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/841?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Paycheck+Fairness+Act%22%5D%7D); S.766, 110th Congress, introduced [3/6/07](https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/766?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Paycheck+Fairness+Act%22%5D%7D)]

**Then-Senator Clinton Co-Sponsored The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act Of 2009.** [S.181, 111th Congress, co-sponsored [1/8/09](https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/181/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Lilly+Ledbetter+Fair+Pay+Act%22%5D%7D)]

## 2016ER VULNERABILITIES

**TED CRUZ PORTRAYED BILL CLINTON AS AN ASSET TO HILLARY CLINTON’S POTENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN**

**Ted Cruz: “Hillary’s Greatest Strength Is Bill Clinton.”** “The comment came as the culmination of a discussion about how a conservative who ran for president with a populist campaign message could beat Hillary Clinton in 2016. Cruz said that ‘Hillary’s greatest strength is Bill Clinton,’ insofar as she can evoke the 1990s and portray herself as a moderate in the mold of her husband. The association with Bill Clinton is a double-edged sword, though, he suggested.” [National Review, [2/26/15](http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/414489/ted-cruz-hillary-clinton-payroll-foreign-nations-joel-gehrke)]