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Ron Fournier lambasts Jennifer Palmieri, Clinton spokesperson for her deflections, deceptions, and untruths. Here his close. The heavy type is Palmieri.

... "Hillary has remained absolutely committed to cooperating."

This line would be laughable if it wasn't so pathetic. From the start, Clinton has been committed to defying—not cooperating.

"The server will remain private," she vowed in March. Her attorney told Congress there was "no basis" to support a third-party examination of the server. Besides, he said, the server had been scrubbed. "There are no hdr22@clintonemail.com emails from Secretary of State Clinton's tenure on the server for any review, even if such a review were appropriate or legally authorized," attorney David Kendall wrote Congress.

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The original sin is her decision to seize control of public documents. Clinton owns every ugly twist and turn, including harsh media coverage and GOP overreach.

"We're committed to getting the real story out there."

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Streetwise Professor

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Jerusalem Post

American Jewry's fateful hour

by Caroline Glick

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On the face of it, there is no reason this fight should have been anything more than a hopeless – but relatively insignificant – ordeal. Given that all Obama needs to do to secure the implementation of his nuclear pact with the mullahs is secure the support of a one-third minority in one house of Congress, he might have been expected to go easy on his opponents since they have so little chance of defeating him.

Instead, Obama has decided to demolish them. He has presented them with two options – capitulate or be destroyed.

Consider Hillary Clinton's behavior.

On Tuesday the Democratic presidential front-runner and former secretary of state ratcheted up her statements of support for Obama's nuclear pact with the ayatollahs. Speaking to supporters in New Hampshire, Clinton said, "I'm hoping that the agreement is finally approved and I'm telling you if it's not, all bets are off."

On its face, Clinton's mounting support for the deal makes little sense. True, her principal rival for the Democratic nomination, socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders, announced his support. But this deal will probably not be an issue by the time Democrats begin voting in their primaries.

On the other hand, the deal is not popular among either the general public or key Democratic donors. According to a poll taken this week by Monmouth University, only 27 percent of the general population and only 43 percent of Democrats want Congress to support the deal.

Then there is the funding issue.

Clinton hopes to raise \$2.5 billion to fund her campaign. Her chance of securing that support – particularly from Jewish Democrats – is harmed, not helped by openly supporting the deal. So why is she speaking out in favor of it? The same day Clinton escalated her support for the deal, the FBI seized Clinton's private email server and her thumb drive amid reports that the inspector-general of the US intelligence community concluded that there were top secret communications on her email server.

Simply storing top secret communications, let alone disseminating them, is a felony offense.

Clinton submitted more than 32,000 emails from her server to the State Department. A random sample of 40 emails showed up four classified documents, two of which were top secret.

If the same ratios hold for the rest of the emails she submitted, then she may have illegally held some 3,200 classified documents, 1,600 of which were top secret. While Clinton is presenting the investigation as a simple security issue, she may very well find herself quickly under criminal investigation. At that point, her dwindling White House prospects will be the least of her worries.

But there is one person who can protect her.

If Obama wishes to close or expand a criminal probe of Clinton's suspected criminal activities, he can. As Roger Simon from Pjmedia.com wrote this week, "Hillary Clinton is in such deep legal trouble over her emails that she needs the backing of Obama to survive. He controls the attorney-general's office and therefore he controls Hillary (and her freedom) as long as he is president."

The prejudicial indictment of Sen. Robert Menendez – the most outspoken critic of Obama's deal with the ayatollahs in the Democratic Party – on dubious corruption charges in April shows that Obama isn't above using his control over the Justice Department to persecute political opponents.

Then there is Obama's treatment of Sen. Charles Schumer. Last Thursday night, the senior senator from New York and the next in line to lead the Democratic minority in the Senate informed Obama that he will oppose his nuclear deal. Schumer asked Obama to keep Schumer's position to himself in order to enable Schumer to announce it on Friday morning.

Rather than respect Schumer's wishes, the White House set its leftist attack dogs on Schumer.

By the time Schumer announced his plan to oppose the deal he had been called a traitor, a warmonger and an Israeli agent by leftist activist groups who pledged to withhold campaign contributions.

Schumer was compared to former Connecticut senator Joseph Lieberman. Lieberman was forced to face a primary challenge in his 2006 reelection bid. His opponent, Ned Lamont, was generously supported by leftist activists led by George Soros.

Lamont's campaign was laced with anti-Semitic overtones, and Lieberman lost. He was forced to run in the general election as an Independent and won by virtue of the support he received from Republican voters and donors.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest threatened that Schumer could expect to be challenged in his bid to replace outgoing Democratic Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid when Reid retires next year.

Responding to the onslaught against him, while maintaining his opposition to the deal, Schumer reportedly told his Democratic Senate colleagues that while he was opposing the deal, he would not lobby them to join him in opposition.

The White House led- and instigated-assault on Schumer is interesting because of what it tells us about how Obama is using anti-Semitism.

In all likelihood, Schumer would have demurred from lobbying his Senate colleagues from joining him in opposing the deal even if Obama hadn't fomented an openly bigoted campaign to discredit him as a Jew. The mere threat of denying him his long-sought goal of heading the Democratic Senate faction, not to mention the possibility of mounting a primary challenge against him, probably would have sufficed to convince him not to take any further steps to oppose the deal.

So what purpose is served by calling a senior Democratic senator with a perfect leftist record on domestic issues a traitor, a warmonger and an agent of Israel? In all likelihood, the decision to attack Schumer as a disloyal Jew does not owe to some uncontrollable anti-Semitic passion on Obama's part.

Even if Obama is in fact an anti-Jewish bigot, he is more than capable of concealing his prejudice.

After all, as we learned over the weekend from Iranian media reports translated by MEMRI, Obama told the Iranians four years ago that they could have the bomb.

According to MEMRI's findings, Iranian negotiators said that Obama sent then-Senate Foreign Affairs Committee chairman John Kerry to Oman in 2011, while Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was still Iran's president, to begin nuclear negotiations. During the course of those early contacts, Obama agreed that Iran could continue enriching uranium in breach of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and a host of binding UN Security Council resolutions. He also agreed that Iran would not be required in the framework of a nuclear deal to reveal all of the possible military dimensions of its past nuclear work. In other words, he told the Iranians that he would not stand in their way to the bomb.

Obama managed to hide his concessions from the American people. He orchestrated a spectacle of "serious" negotiations with the P5+1 and Iran, where he pretended that the concessions he had made four years earlier were made at the very last moment of the nuclear talks in Vienna.

Given his obvious skill, it is clear that he would only play the anti-Semitism card if he believed he had something to gain from it.

So what is he planning to do that anti-Semitism can help him to accomplish? Over the past month, Obama has demonized and criminalized opponents of his nuclear deal.

Last week at American University Obama said that his Republican opponents are the moral equivalent of "Death to America"-chanting jihadists. Obama presented deal opponents in general as warmongers who would force the US into an unnecessary war that his deal would otherwise prevent.

And, since he said that among all the nations of the world, only Israel opposes the deal, it easily follows that the Jews who oppose the deal are traitors who care more about Israel than America.

And then this week his troops let it be known that Schumer is a warmonger and a traitor. And a Jew.

In his meeting with American Jewish leaders last Tuesday, Obama said that if the community dares to criticize him personally, it will weaken the American Jewish community and as a result,

the strength of the US-Israel relationship.

If Jews – like Republicans – are warmongering traitors, obviously they should be made to pay a price.

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To me, racking up misdemeanors should make an immigrant who is here illegally a suitable subject for deportation — but the law has evolved.

Santa Barbara, California, law enforcement first booked Ramirez in 2009 for driving without a license. In May 2014, authorities booked Ramirez on felony sexual assault and drug possession. The charge was changed to misdemeanor battery. It was not reduced, Santa Barbara District Attorney Joyce Dudley told me. "The standard for arrest is probable cause." Last month, authorities charged Ramirez with felony possession of a concealed dirk or dagger and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. On July 20, he pleaded "no contest" to a misdemeanor knife charge; he was supposed to start serving a 30-day sentence in October.

For his part, the Santa Maria police chief is steamed because he has watched state and federal law work together to undermine law enforcement. The voter-approved Proposition 47 downgraded classification for drug possession, shoplifting and theft from felonies to misdemeanors. And a 2013 California law, the TRUST Act, prevents local law enforcement from honoring ICE detainers absent a serious or violent felony conviction. (Ramirez has no prior felony convictions.) "We're a sanctuary state," explained Michael Rushford, president of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation in Sacramento.

There is a cascade effect: Washington relaxes standards for deportations, and Sacramento cranks out bills and ballot measures to reduce the number of crimes classified as felonies. Deportation is not the law enforcement tool it once was. When there are laws against laws, the immigration and criminal justice systems are destined to fail.

National Review

[Hillary and Bill vs. the 'Little People'](#)

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Liberal journalist Glenn Greenwald documented this week just how “wildly overzealous” the crusade has been:

NSA whistleblower Tom Drake, for instance, faced years in prison, and ultimately had his career destroyed, based on the Obama DOJ’s claims that he “mishandled” classified information (it included information that was not formally classified at the time but was retroactively decreed to be such). Less than two weeks ago, “a Naval reservist was convicted and sentenced for mishandling classified military materials” *despite* no “evidence he intended to distribute them.” Last year, a Naval officer was convicted of mishandling classified information also in the absence of any intent to distribute it.

In the light of the new Clinton revelations, the very same people who spent years justifying this obsessive assault are now scampering for reasons why a huge exception should be made for the Democratic party front-runner.

Hillary Clinton herself has supported that “obsessive assault.” In 2011, when Chelsea Manning was convicted and sentenced to 35 years in prison for passing classified material to Wikileaks, Clinton held a news conference to emphasize that classified information “deserves to be protected and we will continue to take necessary steps to do so” because it “affect[s] the security of individuals and relationships.” Not one document involved in the Manning leak was “top secret.” At least some of the material on Clinton’s private server was.

Obviously, Clinton didn’t intend any of the information on her server to be misused. But negligence can be its own form of misuse. Christopher Budd, a specialist in computer security, says Clinton’s use of a private server while in office may “represent one of the most serious breaches in data handling that we’ve ever heard of.” He goes on to explain:

The Secretary of State is a very “high value target” from the standpoint of nation-state threat actors. The President, Secretary of Defense and the head of the CIA would also qualify in this top tier. These individuals handle the most important, most sensitive, most dangerous and therefore most interesting information to foreign intelligence. . . .

The best of the best are gunning for those people to get their information. . . . if the best of the best are after your information, you need the best of your best protecting it. And there is simply no way that a “homebrew” server is EVER going to have the security and resources appropriate to defend it adequately.

But this isn’t the first time a Clinton in high office has been cavalier about America’s national security. The scandal surrounding President Bill Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky — which Hillary Clinton dismissed as part of “a vast right-wing conspiracy” while her allies set out to

smear Lewinsky — had real national-security implications, and left him vulnerable to international blackmail.

President Clinton himself realized the security risk his relationship with Lewinsky represented. Special prosecutor Ken Starr's 1998 report reveals that Clinton told Lewinsky "he suspected that a foreign embassy was tapping his telephones, and he proposed cover stories" for them to use if they were questioned about their relationship. Regarding "phone sex" between them, Clinton told Lewinsky that she should say, if asked, that, "They knew their calls were being monitored all along, and the phone sex was just a put-on." This laughable "explanation" wouldn't have helped much if a hostile regime had intercepted the explicit calls.

The Code of Federal Regulations (Title 32, Chapter 1, Part 147) makes clear that a person may lose a security clearance for "personal conduct or concealment of information that may increase a person's vulnerability to coercion, exploitation, or duress, such as engaging in activities which, if known, may affect the person's personal, professional, or community standing or render the person susceptible to blackmail."

Even in a non-judgmental age, we can't completely ignore personal behavior when it places high officials at risk of blackmail or worse.

Liberals attacked the hypocrisy of politicians who had affairs of their own but pointed fingers at Bill Clinton, even though none of them committed perjury under oath or lost their law license because of it, as Clinton did. Hypocrisy in sexual matters is offensive, but only one politician had the authority in August 1995, just three months before his relationship with Lewinsky began, to sign Executive Order 12968. It stipulated that to be eligible for access to classified information, an individual must have a record of "strength of character, trustworthiness, honesty, reliability, discretion, and sound judgment, as well as freedom from conflicting allegiances and potential for coercion."

Under the guidelines he signed, President Clinton himself was a security risk who shouldn't have had access to classified information. Indeed, several people in government lost their security clearances or their jobs for failing to live up to the executive order in the years after Clinton issued it.

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One of the reasons the American people are so cynical about Washington is that they see a disparity between how the system treats the powerful and how it treats average citizens. The Clintons have railed against this double standard, but in a twist have complained that they are the *victims* of it. "All I'm saying is the idea that there's one set of rules for us and another set for everybody else is true," Bill Clinton complained to NBC News this spring, in the face of allegations that the Clinton Foundation traded political favors for foreign contributions. "There is no doubt in my mind that we have never done anything knowingly inappropriate in terms of taking money to influence any kind of American government policy. That just hasn't happened."

Hmmm. “Never done anything knowingly inappropriate.” That may well be Hillary Clinton’s last line of defense against charges that she compromised national security with her private server — the contention of her aides that she didn’t know anything on her server was classified. Plenty of comparatively powerless government functionaries have paid and will pay a heavy price for similar lapses. But they will be forgotten in the wake of the Clintons’ relentless drive to return to the White House — where they can once again set the rules for “the little people.”

National Journal

[Parsing Clinton: Deflection, Deception, and Untruths](#)

Breaking down the campaign's talking points on her email fiasco.

by Ron Fournier

August 13, 2015 Having [covered Bill and Hillary Clinton since the mid-1980s in Arkansas](#), it's not hard for me to imagine this conversation taking place at her campaign headquarters.

Aide No. 1: "Hillary's numbers are tanking. People don't like her. They don't trust her. What do we do?"

Aide No. 2: "Spin harder."

Aide No. 1: "On it."

And out spews [these talking points](#) from Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri—650 words of deception, deflection, and untruths.

"You might hear some news over the next few days about Hillary Clinton's emails. There's a lot of misinformation, so bear with us; the truth matters on this."

Yes, it does. Go on.

"Like other secretaries of State who served before her, Hillary used a personal email address, and the rules of the State Department permitted it."

Unlike past secretaries of State, Clinton is running for president. When she took office in 2009, the government was still grappling with how to regulate email's growing dominance in public and private communications.

While the State Department allowed the use of home computers in 2009, agency rules required that email be secured. Just nine months into Clinton's term, new regulations required that her emails be captured on department servers.

Her emails were not secured or captured on department servers. Tens of thousands were deleted.

In addition to skirting federal regulations, Clinton set a precedent that threatens the public memory. Archiving email on government servers preserves the actions and decision-making of public officials for release under the Freedom of Information Act, for congressional oversight, and for historical research. Clinton's actions are an assault on the principles of transparency and accountability.

Why is there no explicit prohibition on the exclusive use of a private server? Because, before Clinton, no public servant had the gall to use one. Her motive is unknown. While she said the goal was to avoid carrying multiple devices, Clinton joked this year that she was "two steps short of a hoarder. So I have an iPad, a mini iPad, and a Blackberry."

(In March, a Clinton loyalist and credible source told me the email issue was relevant because of what it might reveal about the [Clinton Foundation](#), where gobs of corporate and foreign money mingle with the Clintons' charitable, personal, and political interests. "Follow the foundation money," [the source said](#).)

"Last year, as part of a review of their records, the State Department asked the last four former secretaries of State to provide any work-related emails they had."

Palmieri makes this sound like a standard review. In fact, it was the result of a congressional investigation into the infamous Benghazi raid. Had it not been for the investigation, Clinton's rogue email operation likely would have remained secret.

"... more than 30,000 emails. In fact, she handed over too many ..."

Whoa, if true. Unfortunately, she didn't hand over enough.

More emails were deleted by Clinton than returned to government archives. Under [political and legal pressure](#), she finally gave the FBI her server this week. Her attorney says it has been wiped clean. How convenient.

"No information in her emails was marked classified at the time she sent or received them."

Not necessarily a lie. Definitely not the truth.

In March, she pledged unequivocally, "There is no classified material." Only after that was discovered to be false did Clinton and her team add the "marked classified at the time" caveat.

In other words, the integrity of "There is no classified material" depends on the meaning of "is." Clinton herself tried to redefine the truth last week ("[Parsing Clinton: What Is She Hiding?](#)").

What Clinton doesn't want you to know:

—Federal rules put the onus on government officials like the secretary of State to protect classified material, even when it's not marked as such.

—Government officials have been [convicted](#) of mishandling unmarked classified material.

—Any chain of events or excuses that led to the disclosure of these documents begins with Clinton's decision to go rogue with government email.

"There is absolutely no criminal inquiry into Hillary's email or email server."

The FBI is not calling it a criminal investigation. Clinton has not been named a target.

And yet: There is an FBI investigation into the existence of classified documents she had stored on her server—outside her department's secure system, in violation of her department's 2009 guidelines, and under her direction.

When your campaign's central argument is "Our candidate is not a target," you're losing.

"Hillary has remained absolutely committed to cooperating."

This line would be laughable if it wasn't so pathetic. From the start, Clinton has been committed to defying—not cooperating.

"The server will remain private," she vowed in March. Her attorney told Congress there was "no basis" to support a third-party examination of the server. Besides, he said, the server had been scrubbed. "There are no hdr22@clintonemail.com emails from Secretary of State Clinton's tenure on the server for any review, even if such a review were appropriate or legally authorized," attorney David Kendall wrote Congress.

"This kind of nonsense comes with the territory of running for president."

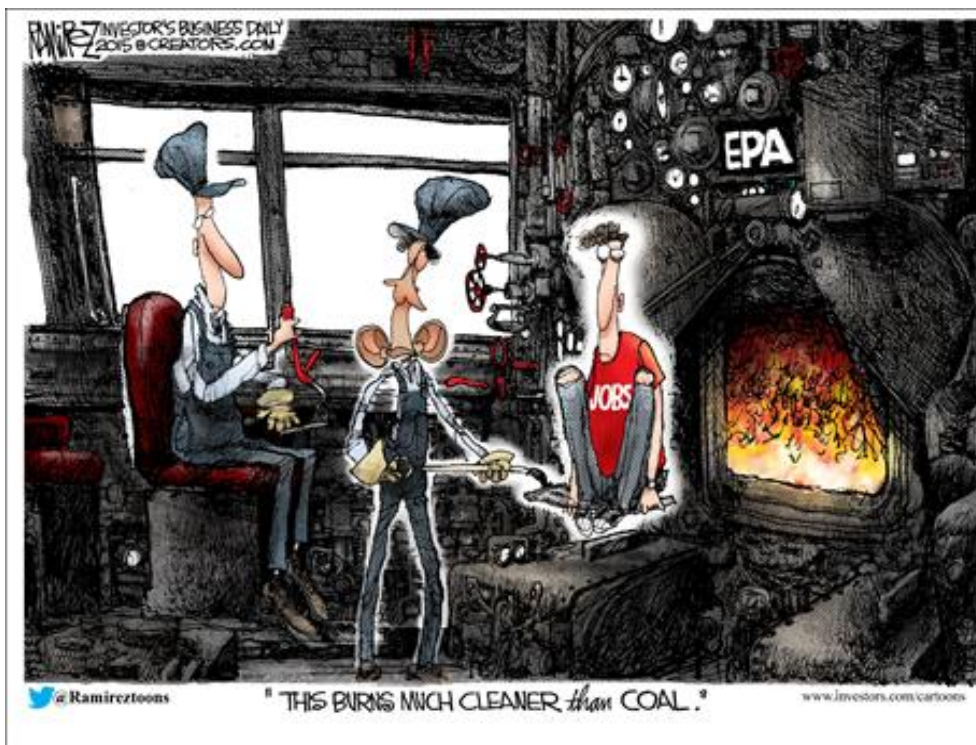
No, it doesn't.

This kind of nonsense come with the territory of a Clinton running for president.

The original sin is her decision to seize control of public documents. Clinton owns every ugly twist and turn, including harsh media coverage and GOP overreach.

"We're committed to getting the real story out there."

No, you're not.



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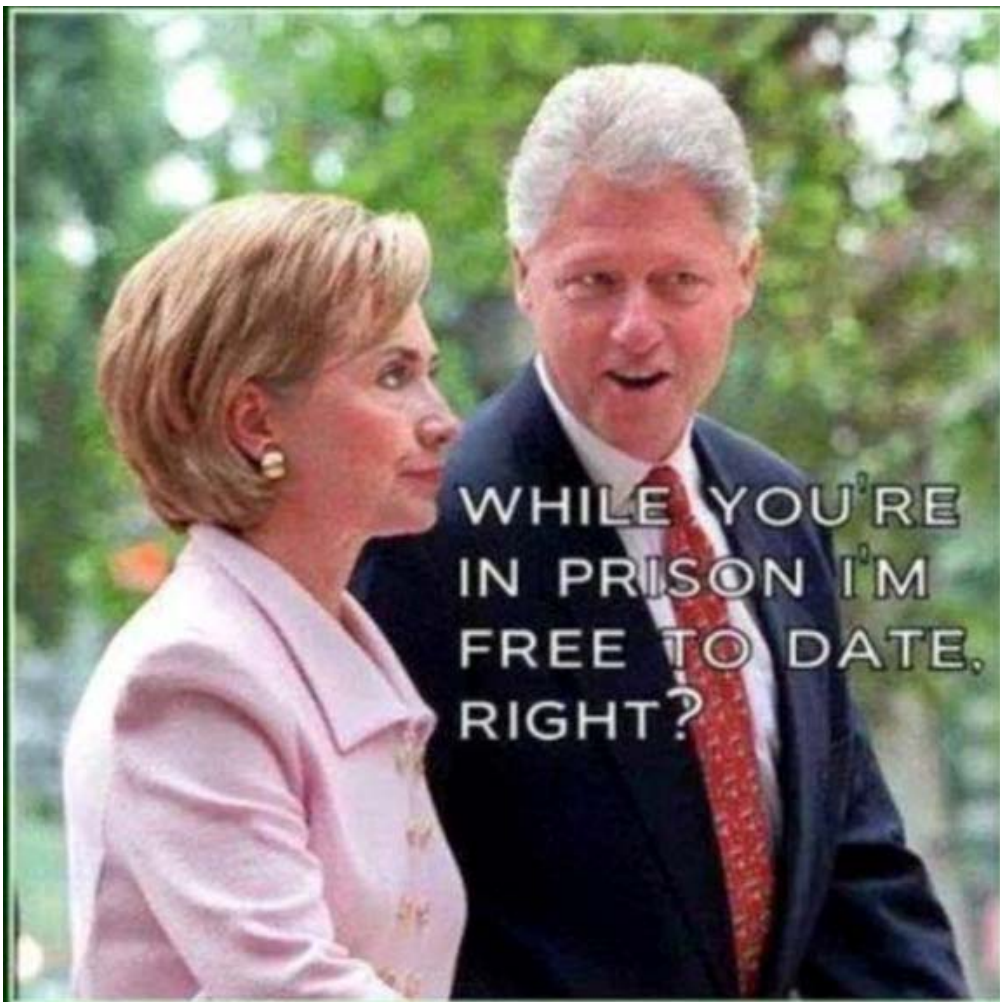
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