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Hillary Clinton Cannot Win

On Sunday, September 4, the *Star Democrat* published an article by Richard Calkins of the Talbot Democratic Forum entitled "*Hillary Clinton will be next President of the U.S.*" In reality, he describes a candidate whose positions are exactly what this country does not need.

Contrary to what the article says, Trump supporters always mention his name, and Republicans and Independents are becoming very comfortable with using his name. Clearly, this week's CNN poll now shows this is a real competitive race. The decision that Americans have to make is whether or not they want more of the same or are fed up and want a major shuffling of all the chairs in Washington.

After a diatribe about rearranging chairs on the Titanic, and personal attacks on the people working for Mr. Trump, the article lays out a long defense of the Obama-Hillary program for saving the country. It sounds very familiar because it is the same program that has been seen for the last eight years. The article uses the *Washington Post*, recognized as a pro-Democrat paper, whose opinions are cited as the references to support all Democrat positions.

The article admits that every person in the country should remember the next President may appoint four members of the Supreme Court. He brags that a liberal court would defend *Roe v Wade* but admits that the real Liberal challenge will be to the first and the second amendments. The result will be more gun legislation that has not worked in cities like Chicago and Baltimore, where Democrat mayors have continued with failed programs.

The article shows Mrs. Clinton favors expanding Obamacare, which, in order to make the program viable, requires young people to join. However, young people are paying fines rather than joining the program. United Healthcare insurance company has dropped the program, and Aetna pulled out of ten of the thirteen programs they were in because they lost \$300 million in 2015. As a result, the cost will triple on November 1 of this year, and the taxpayers will be paying for this debacle.

On the economy, Mrs. Clinton defends the minimum wage increase which has been proven to cost jobs. She and the article brag about the many months of job

growth. Millions of Americans are no longer in the market for jobs. Ask any one that has had their wages reduced by more than five percent over the last eight years if they think they have experienced job growth. Our gross national product is at 1.2 % while other major countries are ten times that.

The article suggests Hillary has a jobs program based on repairing our infrastructure. Good idea! Remember the \$859 billion stimulus program that was going to build construction-ready projects? Instead, the money went to liberal programs and did not build anything. It expanded the budget so much that cuts were necessary to maintain funding. The Obama administration used this as an example of tax-cutting, without mentioning they had increased the budget prior to this.

The statements of how successful she was as Secretary of State are laughable. When she became Secretary, the Middle East was calm. The war in Iraq was won until President Obama pulled all the troops out after announcing the day they would be leaving. Egypt was friendly, Libya was changing for the better, our attacks in Afghanistan were succeeding. Today, Iraq and Egypt are divided nations, Libya's government has been destroyed, and the United States continues to fight in Afghanistan. Isis has taken over many parts of the Middle East and other countries as a result of the failed policies of Obama and Clinton.

The article cites the sanctions on Iran that led to the recent Iran Agreement. These were instituted after 9/11 by President George W. Bush to attack the largest terrorist state in the Middle East, and they worked well. Because they were effective, Iran's economy was on the verge of collapse, and they needed to negotiate. As a result of the Obama-Clinton-Kerry negotiations, today our country has paid Iran \$150 billion in the agreement which is equal to 1/3 of Iran's gross national product. An additional \$400 million in cash and another additional \$1.7 billion in interest were paid to ransom American hostages making it the first time ever that the United States has paid ransom.

Today, the effectiveness of Mrs. Clinton in leading our foreign relations is shown when President Obama is rebuffed by Russian President Vladimir Putin, disgraced by the Chinese on a visit and called a foul name by the President of the Philippines.

The article says Donald J. Trump has no positions on major issues. In fact, Mr. Trump has given major addresses explaining his positions on the Economy, Taxes, the need to defeat ISIS, National Security, Immigration, Military buildup, Health Insurance, and everything anyone has asked him.

The rest of the nearly 1,400 word article is nothing but vile attacks on Republicans, Trump supporters and Mr. Trump. He talks about Mr. Trump attacking others. The bottom line is that in active campaigning Trump has said some things that he regrets and has said so. While Trump has said some mean things, Hillary has lied under oath, endangered National Security, participated in pay-for-play schemes, failed to defend our Ambassador and others, deleted thousands of e-mails. She and her staff used the excuse that they did not recall items under oath. Mean things may hurt, but they are not dangerous. Richard Nixon was driven out of office for deleting 18 minutes of a tape. Mrs. Clinton has deleted between 30,000 and 50,000 e-mails.

Mr. Trump will win because the people are fed up with the actions of a lying, corrupt, flawed candidate. People are fed up with those in power for the last eight years, and there is a powerful movement to throw them out. That is going to happen on November 8th, and our country will have a chance to prosper and succeed. We will make American great again.