

Hillary Clinton: The Bride of Frankenfood

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Although during her tenure in the White House as first lady Hillary enjoyed the benefit of 8 years of organic non-GMO food by virtue of her residency in the White House, 2016 candidate Clinton has been perhaps the most vocal proponent of GM food to yet enter the race.

[According to Global Research writer Stephen Lendman](#), nearly all the food produced for the Clinton White House was obtained from local growers and suppliers, GMO-free, pesticide-free, and with a preference for organic.[1] That, preference, however, is not to be afforded the American people and the people of the Third World for whom Hillary is pushing every toxic GM variety known to man.

Hillary's Big-Agra ties go back quite a long ways. As far back as the 1980s, Hillary was working at high levels within the Rose Law Firm, a law firm that itself was tied to a number of scandals. Although not a scandal at the time, it is now important to note that the Rose Law Firm, at which Clinton was a partner, maintained [Monsanto and Tyson Foods as clients](#).[2]

Yet a mere association between law firms and such food giants was by no means the depths of Clinton's connection to these institutions and the industry of Genetically Modified Organisms and "biotechnology."

It has been speculated by many that Hillary's ties to Monsanto and Tyson as a result of her career with Rose was yet another link in the chain pulling biotech giants together with the Bill Clinton administration in the 1990s. Indeed, Clinton's disastrous presidency resulted in seeing a number of former-biotech giant employees being hired and appointed to the FDA, USDA, and other relevant regulatory posts within the US government. While being careful not to ascribe the blame of Bill Clinton's either years of treachery to Hillary, it is nevertheless worthwhile to ask whether or not Hillary served as a middleman of sorts for major government-corporate collusion of this type.

After all, when Clinton became US Secretary of State, she acted as Monsanto's promoter both domestically and across the world, continuing a policy of GMO promotion that preceded and, apparently, continued even after she left the office.

[In December, 2010](#), WikiLeaks released sizable number of cables, about ten percent of which revealed that the US State Department was essentially acting as the marketing wing for biotech companies and "biotech" products across the world. The thousands of cables that were released spanned over 100 embassies and were, unfortunately, released just before Christmas. As a result, the story faded into the holiday madness.[3]

Thankfully, in 2013, the watchdog organization Food and Water Watch delved into the cables and released a report entitled "[Biotech Ambassadors: How The U.S. State Department Promotes The Seed Industry's Global Agenda](#)." According to Food and Water Watch, their study "reveals a concerted strategy to promote agricultural biotechnology overseas, compel countries to import biotech crops and foods they do not want, and lobby foreign governments — especially in the developing world — to adopt policies to pave the way to cultivate biotech crops." [4]

Food and Water Watch wrote,

Food and Water Watch closely examined five years of State Department diplomatic cables from 2005 to 2009 to provide the first comprehensive analysis of the strategy, tactics and U.S. foreign policy objectives to foist pro-agricultural biotechnology policies worldwide. Food & Water Watch's illuminating findings include:

The U.S. State Department's multifaceted efforts to promote the biotechnology industry overseas: The State Department targeted foreign reporters, hosted and coordinated pro-biotech conferences and public events and brought foreign opinion-makers to the United States on high-profile junkets to improve the image of agricultural biotechnology overseas and overcome widespread public opposition to GE crops and foods.

The State Department's coordinated campaign to promote biotech business interests: The State Department promoted not only pro-biotechnology policies but also the products of biotech companies. The strategy cables explicitly "protect the interests" of biotech exporters, "facilitate trade in agri-biotech products" and encourage the cultivation of GE crops in more countries, especially in the developing world. [5]

The State Department's determined advocacy to press the developing world to adopt biotech crops: The diplomatic cables document a coordinated effort to lobby countries in the developing world to pass legislation and implement regulations favored by the biotech seed industry. This study examines the State Department lobbying campaigns in Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria to pass pro-biotech laws.

The State Department's efforts to force other nations to accept biotech crop and food imports: The State Department works with the U.S. Trade Representative to promote the export of biotech crops and to force nations that do not want these imports to accept U.S. biotech foods and crops. [6]

FWW also provides a few Hillary quotes demonstrating the State Department's push for GM crops worldwide such as her statements linking GMOs to solving "climate change" and world hunger. [7]

"We believe that biotechnology has a critical role to play in increasing agricultural productivity, particularly in light of climate change," Clinton is quoted as stating. [8]

"[W]e want to shift our focus to agricultural sustainability, focusing on the small producers, helping them understand the value of GMOs — genetically modified organisms," she also said while serving as Secretary of State. [9]

Clinton also extolled the virtues of GE technology upon her visit to Kenya when she stated that "With Kenya's leadership in biotechnology and biosafety, we cannot only improve

agriculture in Kenya, but Kenya can be leader for the rest of Africa.”[10]

While the FWW report can scarcely be dealt with in any reasonable detail within the scope of this article, it is recommended that the reader take advantage of the fact that it is freely available online at this link: http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/doc/Biotech_Report_US.pdf

It should be mentioned that, as Secretary of State, Hillary also helped promote the USAID -funded program “Feed the Future,” an initiative that promotes and introduces Round-up Ready® products all over the world.[11]

Yet, even as Hillary was acting as Monsanto and Big-Agra’s PR woman as Secretary of State, the Clinton Global Initiative was receiving sizable donations from Monsanto and Dow Chemical. As Judy Frankel of the *Huffington Post* writes in her article “[Hillary vs. Bernie On Frankenfood.](#)”

How is Hillary personally involved in supporting big agriculture? The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), which gathers leaders to solve the world’s problems, promotes Monsanto, the maker of RoundUp® and RoundUp Ready® seeds. Hugh Grant, Monsanto’s Chairman and CEO spoke at the Clinton Global Initiative conference in September, 2014. Ms. Clinton’s top campaign advisor, Jerry Crawford, was a lobbyist for Monsanto for years and is now the political pro for her Super PAC, “Ready for Hillary.”[12] Clinton spoke in favor of the government’s Feed the Future (FtF) program, a USAID funded, corporate-partnered program that brings RoundUp Ready® technology to the most vulnerable populations of the world.[13] Monsanto and Dow Chemical support Hillary and Bill’s ‘Clinton Foundation’ with generous donations.

Last year, at a San Diego biotech conference, Hillary coached her audience in messaging. “Genetically modified sounds Frankensteinish. Drought-resistant sounds like something you’d want. Be more careful so you don’t raise that red flag immediately.”

It’s also highly unlikely for Hillary Clinton to stand up against her benefactors, saying she favors a review of RoundUp, 2,4-D, and the even more toxic poisons used by farmers worldwide when she has friends in the industry telling her that they will “feed the world” someday with their agricultural methods.[14]

[According to Stephen Lendman,](#)

Monsanto gave the Clinton Foundation from half a million to one million dollars – Ag giant Dow Chemical from one to five million dollars, according to Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation disclosures.

Numerous other corporate giants contributed large sums. Expect them donating handsomely to Hillary’s presidential campaign.[15]

[The Washington Times](#) echoes Lendman’s claims by stating that “Monsanto gave the foundation between \$501,250 and \$1 million. Dow Chemical Company, which is among the top GMO players, gave between \$1 million and \$5 million, according to financial disclosures by the Clinton Foundation.”[16]

Candidate Clinton is no better than Secretary, Senator, or First Lady Clinton. In fact, she may

even be worse considering that, even when faced with election woes stemming from her support of GM foods, she is still stalwart and vocal in her support of them, going so far as to openly raise funds from Big-Agra donors and attend Big-Agra lobbying initiatives.[17]

Candidate Clinton in 2008 was bad enough. Back then, Clinton was supported by a group called Rural Americans For Hillary, an organization [closely connected to the lobbying firm of Monsanto](#). [18]

Clinton's "adviser" for her [campaign for Secretary of State, 2008 Presidency, and both Senate runs](#) was Mark Penn, a close adviser to Clinton as well as [PR rep for Monsanto via his PR firm Burson-Marsteller](#). [19] [20] [21]

[Linn Cohen-Cole suggests](#) that it was Hillary Clinton who was the brainchild (at Penn's instruction) to appoint notorious Monsanto henchman Michael Taylor to the position of head of the FDA, a man whom Bill Clinton had once appointed to the FDA and USDA.[22]

In 2015, when Hillary began assembling her 2016 campaign team, she tapped Monsanto lobbyist Jerry Crawford to act as an "adviser" to the Ready For Hillary Super PAC. Crawford [was also co-chair](#) of her 2008 campaign.[23]

[As Zaid Jilani wrote for Alternet](#),

Before joining Clinton's campaign in 2008, Crawford served in a variety of high-profile political roles. In addition to a variety of local positions, he served as the Iowa chair for the presidential campaigns of Mike Dukakis, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry—each one the more conservative candidates in their Democratic presidential primaries.

So it was a natural fit for Crawford to sign up for the Hillary campaign. But after Clinton's 2008 loss, Crawford [spent his days](#) at Crawford Muaro, his law and lobbying firm.[24] While there, he represented a variety of corporate clients, including Kraft and Altria (the parent company of Philip Morris USA). He also served as a lawyer for Jack DeCoster, a factory farm tycoon who infamously supplied eggs that led to a salmonella outbreak. His most prominent client, however, was Monsanto.[25]

[Stephen Lendman also points out](#) that Crawford was involved in fighting small farmers through the court system on behalf of Big-Agra.[26]

Hillary's long history with Big Agra should have foretold the glowing praise she would leap upon GM crops and big Biotech companies at the [world's largest trade organization](#) of biotechnology firms in San Diego in late June 2014.[27]

"I stand in favor of using seeds and products that have a proven track record," [Hillary said](#). She also added that pro-GMO advocates need to continue to hammer at those more skeptical of Frankenfoods. "There is a big gap between what the facts are, and what the perceptions are," she said, echoing a typical Big Agra talking point designed to be appealing to trendies and hipsters.[28]

Clinton also gave some marketing advice to the participants regarding how they present GM food to the public. "'Genetically modified' sounds Frankensteinish. 'Drought resistance' sounds really - something you want. So how do you create a different vocabulary to talk

about what it is you're trying to help people do," she said.[29]

She also stated

We talk about drought-resistant seeds, and I've promoted them all over Africa. By definition, they have been engineered to be drought-resistant, I mean that's the beauty of them. Maybe somebody can get their harvest done and not starve, and maybe there's some left over to sell. And yet I've been involved in a lot of the political debates in other countries about whether or not to accept certain kinds of seeds.

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We created a program called Feed the Future, which is trying to help the farmers be educated enough to know that drought-resistant seeds, for example, are not going to hurt them. And this is painstaking work, doesn't get solved overnight. You have to be working at the top with the departments of agriculture, with finance ministries, with prime ministers and presidents' offices, and you have to be working from the bottom up. I don't see the short cut for it.

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I don't want to see biotech companies or pharma companies moving out of our country simply because of some perceived tax disadvantage and potential tax advantage somewhere else.[30]

See: https://youtu.be/Hypwb_SYaAc[31]

Clinton's 2016 race has, as mentioned, gotten off to a great start thanks to donations from Monsanto lobbyists in the form of bundlers – fundraisers who are able to skirt election donation laws by convincing their contacts and associates to donate to a political candidate.

Jerry Crawford, the famed Iowa-based Monsanto lobbyist, has already [raised \\$35,000](#) for Clinton.[32]

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