

Is Hillary Clinton the Democrats' Richard Nixon?

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Richard Nixon's similarities to Hillary Clinton are remarkable:

1: Both were highly successful politicians who had [exceptionally negative net-approval ratings from the U.S. public](#), but were viewed highly favorably by the voters *within their own Party*.

2: Both were unsuccessful in their first run for the Presidency, but managed to come back and ran considerably more successful campaigns the second time around.

3: Both were [highly distrusted](#), except by the voters within their own Party.



4: Both went into their Presidential campaign years (especially the second time around) as being ["the candidate with experience."](#)

5: Both were war-hawks and proponents of a big military, but were also liberals on social policies and regulatory policies (for example, [Nixon signed into law](#) the National Environmental Policy Act, several environmental initiatives including the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, the Mammal Marine Protection Act, and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency; and, he started the Earned-Income Tax Credit, which ["now lifts more children out of poverty than any other government program"](#)).

6: Whereas Nixon, running during the Cold War against the sitting Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1968, [lied that he had 'a secret plan to end the Vietnam war'](#) (he actually had — and applied — [a secret plan to extend the Vietnam war](#)), and he won the Presidency on the basis of that lie; Hillary Clinton, running against the anti-restoration-of-the-Cold-War progressive Bernie Sanders in 2016, lies by saying that she has a plan to end the war in Russia-allied Syria. Sanders says:

"Of course Assad is a terrible dictator. But I think we have got to get our foreign policies and priorities right. The immediate — it is not Assad who is attacking the United States. It is ISIS. And ISIS is attacking France and attacking Russian airliners. [The major priority, right now, in terms of our](#)

[foreign and military policy should be the destruction of ISIS.”](#)

Clinton says an emphatic *no* to that:

[“Assad has killed, by last count, about 250,000 Syrians.](#) The reason we are in the mess we’re in, that ISIS has the territory it has, is because of Assad.”

So, she is promising regime-change in Syria and saying that it’s the *prerequisite to defeating ISIS* — which is an absurd lie, since ISIS, and Al Qaeda, and all the other jihadist groups who have flocked into Syria to overthrow and replace Assad, are certainly *not* the way to defeat ISIS, nor to defeat the other jihadist groups there, all of which are *anti-Assad*, as is Clinton herself. Clearly, then, her ‘plan’ to win the war in Syria is, essentially, to replace Assad with jihadists — [to whom the U.S. is sending thousands of tons of weapons](#). Her Big Lie there is merely stupider than Nixon’s (it’s *transparently* stupid, because both she and ISIS aim, above all, to overthrow Assad), but it’s just as much a lie about war-and-peace as was Nixon’s ‘secret plan to end the Vietnam war’; and, in that sense, it is remarkably similar and (like Nixon’s lie was) can be believed only by liar-trusting fools, including virtually all members of the candidate’s own Party, plus a large percentage of political independents.

6: Both Richard Nixon and Hillary Clinton were/are famous for being secretive, and for distrusting everyone except his/her proven-loyal personal entourage — loyalty is a higher value to them than is any other. They are paranoid — very us-versus-‘them’ — and all-too-willing to use unethical means of defeating ‘them’ (not *really* the American people’s foreign ‘enemy’, but, above all, their *own domestic* “enemies-list”).

7: Both Nixon and Clinton famously [use curse-words profusely in private, and treat their subordinates like trash, and rule them by fear.](#)

8: Both of them had/have established records backing [coups abroad, in order to impose the will of America’s President](#), no matter how bloody (such as the coups that overthrew Mossadegh in Iran in 1953 and Allende in Chile in 1973, and the coups that overthrew [Zelaya in Honduras in 2009](#), and [Yanukovych in Ukraine in 2014](#)).

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