

The FBI Criminal Investigation into Clinton's Email Server: It's Time for Hillary to Concede to Bernie Sanders.

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Since the beginning of the Democratic primary campaign, Bernie Sanders' supporters have been complaining about national establishment media skewing their coverage in favor of Hillary Clinton, noting the connections between ownership of those major media outlets to Clinton campaign donations. Now, one writer for a national news site has not only acknowledged Sanders as a viable candidate, but has gone as far as to call for Hillary Clinton to concede the Democratic nomination to Bernie Sanders.

In a *HuffPost Politics* opinion piece, H. A. Goodman calls for Clinton to drop out of the race, citing the criminal investigation by the FBI into Clinton's email server as well as national polls showing that despite being behind in pledged delegates, Sanders has taken the lead in national polls for not only the Democratic party nomination, but fares far better against Donald Trump and Ted Cruz in a national campaign.

"With Bernie Sanders now slightly ahead of Clinton nationally in the latest Bloomberg poll, it's time to reevaluate the meaning of pragmatism. Hillary Clinton might be ahead of Bernie Sanders in delegates, but Vermont's Senator has a monopoly on political momentum. Sadly, his opponent has a monopoly on controversy, and will face FBI interviews in the near future."

Goodman also cited a *Los Angeles Times* article about how formal interviews are being arranged with Clinton's closest advisers as well as Clinton herself, indicating the investigation is reaching its final stages. By final stages, they mean that a possible indictment for criminal charges may drop any time, and they want to make sure that readers understand that this is a *criminal* investigation, which Goodman repeated multiple times throughout the opinion piece.

"The Christian Science Monitor clearly states the nature of the FBI's investigation, stating 'The FBI is indeed conducting a criminal investigation into the possible mishandling of classified information on the private email server Clinton used for State Department communications.' Yes, Hillary supporters, 'The FBI is indeed conducting a criminal investigation.'"

House Select Committee on Benghazi October 22, 2015 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. [Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images]

Other publications making it clear that this investigation is not just about possible misconduct but about criminal charges, include <u>The Washington Post</u>. And, it isn't just media outlets jumping on the bandwagon to let the public know the gravity of the charges pending against Clinton and that this is not just another far-fetched scandal courtesy of the Republican Party, like so many attacks on the Clintons in the past.

Former U.S. attorney general Michael Mukasey wrote an article for the *Wall Street Journal* back in January, claiming the charges were justified. Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, the retired chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told *CNN*'s Jake Tapper that it was time for Clinton to drop out of the race back in February, long before the current surge in support for Sanders.

"If it were me, I would have been out the door and probably in jail... This overclassification excuse is not an excuse. If it's classified, it's classified."

Goodman didn't mince words on what many Sanders' supporters have claimed was the DNC's decision to anoint Hillary Clinton the Democratic Party nominee long before the primaries even began, regardless of who ran against her or what skeletons might lurk in her proverbial closet. He also cited her extreme negative favorability rating and how she fares far worse head-to-head with Trump in polls than her rival Sanders.

"It's time for Democrats to deal with reality, not just allegiance to a political icon, and rally around the only candidate not linked to an FBI investigation, and other <u>controversies</u>. With recent victories and future wins ahead, Bernie Sanders has all the political momentum heading towards Election Day. Most importantly, Bernie Sanders is the only leading candidate with <u>positive favorability ratings</u> in 2016... Democrats can't run a winning presidential campaign with the slogan, 'We'll save you from Trump with a person who's less despised.'"

Real Clear Politics polls show Bernie Sanders consistently maintains a double digit lead over Donald Trump, while Hillary Clinton hovers around single digits — and has even dropped to below Trump's ratings back in February — yet publications like Rolling Stone continue to claim Clinton as the stronger candidate against Trump when all polls indicate the exact opposite. All of this is taking place before the GOP goes on the attack against Clinton should she win the nomination for the general election.

It's fair to say neither Donald Trump nor Ted Cruz will say "enough about your d*** emails." Or that they will give Clinton a pass on the <u>many other reasons Hillary needs to step aside</u>.

Goodman also recorded a video on YouTube, spelling out why Clinton will likely be indicted and how the email scandal in itself disqualifies her from being president, citing the fact that there are 22 emails that still can't be shown to the American public, which indicates that they are indeed classified, despite arguments from Clinton to the contrary. Goodman says Clinton's claims that the emails weren't classified while they were on her private server are

false, and that whole issue is irrelevant "spin" that doesn't change the fact that the email issue alone makes Clinton unfit to be the Democratic party nominee or president.

"So you either have overt criminal activity, or someone who's just not smart enough to keep state secrets safe. Either way, you're not fit to be president."

The *HuffPost Politics* article says that the subsequent cover-up has been as damaging, if not more so, than the scandal itself, much like Watergate derailed Richard Nixon. Goodman asks when the Democratic Party establishment will finally "admit this fiasco is horrible for a general election?" and notes that if "federal prosecutors are interviewing your candidate for president, even Donald Trump has a good chance at the White House."

Just in case you didn't draw the conclusion that Clinton's email scandal will be her downfall and it's time for her to drop out, this sums up the political point that only Goodman seems willing to make among the establishment media.



Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) campaigns at Chicago State University. [Photo by John Gress/Getty Images]

"Bernie is by far the superior candidate, and already matches up better against GOP rivals; without the myriad of issues faced by Clinton. For the country, and especially the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton should concede the nomination to Bernie Sanders."

And Goodman did mention this is a criminal investigation. Just in case you didn't catch it the seven times it's pointed out in the article.

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