



Waiting For Hillary

Another Speech, Another Day Of Waiting For Hillary Clinton's Opinion On The Keystone Pipeline

Today, At Harry Reid's Annual Energy And Climate Conference In Las Vegas, Hillary Clinton Is Set To Give The First Energy And Climate Speech Of Her Current Publicity Tour. "Hillary Clinton is about to give her first energy and climate speech of a publicity tour that many believe is the springboard to a presidential campaign. Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nod if she runs, will be the keynote speaker Thursday at Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's annual energy conference in Las Vegas." (Ben Geman and Jason Plautz, "6 Things To Watch When Hillary Heads To Vegas," [National Journal](#), 9/3/14)

The Crowd Will "Be Hungry For Specifics On Clinton's Energy Plans" Since She Has Said Little In Recent Years About Specific Energy Plans. "The crowd of energy executives, environmentalists, and clean-tech insiders at Reid's summit will be hungry for specifics on Clinton's energy plans." (Ben Geman and Jason Plautz, "6 Things To Watch When Hillary Heads To Vegas," [National Journal](#), 9/3/14)

AS BOTH SECRETARY OF STATE AND LIKELY 2016 CANDIDATE, CLINTON HAS DELAYED AND DUCKED ON KEYSTONE

As Secretary Of State, Clinton's State Department Kicked The Can Down The Road On The Keystone Pipeline

In 2012, The Department Of State Led By Clinton, "Recommended To President Obama That The Presidential Permit For The Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Be Denied." "Today, the Department of State recommended to President Obama that the presidential permit for the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline be denied and, that at this time, the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline be determined not to serve the national interest." (Press Release, "Denial Of The Keystone XL Pipeline Application," [Department of State](#), 1/18/12)

- **The Department Of State Said That It Did Not Have Enough Time To Assess The Keystone XL Pipeline And Left The Project Open For Further Permit Applications.** "The President concurred with the Department's recommendation, which was predicated on the fact that the Department does not have sufficient time to obtain the information necessary to assess whether the project, in its current state, is in the national interest...The Department's denial of the permit application does not preclude any subsequent permit application or applications for similar projects." (Press Release, "Denial Of The Keystone XL Pipeline Application," [Department of State](#), 1/18/12)

After Avoiding Making A Decision On The Keystone Pipeline As Secretary Of State, Clinton Has Stayed Strikingly Silent About The Pipeline

Since Leaving State, Clinton Has “Artfully Dodged” Mentioning Keystone And Is “Sidestepping Direct Questions About It.” “Clinton has so far artfully dodged weighing in on the controversial Alberta-to-Gulf Coast oil-sands pipeline, declining to mention the Keystone XL in her book and sidestepping direct questions about it.” (Ben Geman and Jason Plautz, “6 Things To Watch When Hillary Heads To Vegas,” [National Journal](#), 9/3/14)

“Clinton Has Offered No Public Comments About The Pipeline” In Over Three Years. “Clinton has offered no public comments about the pipeline in 3½ years, and until now people in her circle have declined to address it too.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

In June, Clinton Said She “Can’t Really Comment” On The Keystone Pipeline. CLINTON: “I can’t really comment at great length because I had responsibility for it and it’s been passed on and it wouldn’t be appropriate, but I hope that Canadians appreciate that the United States government – the Obama administration – is trying to get it right.” (Craig Offman, “Q&A With Hillary Clinton: ‘Can’t Respond’ To Whether Keystone Should Be Approved,” [The Globe And Mail](#), 6/15/14)

- **And The Next Day Clinton Dodged Questions About Keystone Again.** Q: “Keystone, yes or no?” CLINTON: “Well I can’t say that because I was there – Q: “I don’t understand that. Why can’t you? You can talk about so many other things, why can’t you talk about that?” CLINTON: “Because that was a decision that rests with the Secretary of State, and my successor is going to have to make that decisions one way or the other and so I have said it’s inappropriate for me to comment on it.” (CBC News, “[The National](#),” 6/16/14)

Despite Being 600 Pages Long, Hillary Clinton’s New Book Completely Ignores Keystone Pipeline. “Fans and opponents waiting to hear Hillary Clinton’s position on the controversial Keystone XL pipeline will have to keep biding their time as her new book, despite stretching some 600 pages, doesn’t mention the project. Chapter 21, titled ‘Climate Change: We’re All in This Together,’ details Clinton’s commitment to addressing global warming...in chapter 22, called ‘Jobs and Energy: A Level Playing Field,’ Clinton writes that the U.S. needs to be a global leader in clean energy. Neither chapter mentions the controversial pipeline.” (Alex Seitz-Wald, “Hillary Clinton Steers Clear Of Keystone Pipeline In New Book,” [National Journal](#), 6/9/14)

CLINTON’S SILENCE IS IN OPPOSITION TO JOBS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HER OWN HUSBAND

According To The State Department, The Keystone Pipeline Would Help Support Thousands Of Jobs. “Construction spending would support a combined total of approximately 42,100 jobs throughout the United States for the up to 2-year construction period. A job consists of one position that is filled for one year. The term support means jobs ranging from new jobs (i.e., not previously existing) to the continuity of existing jobs in current or new locations. The specific number of jobs at any location would result from the individual decisions of employers across the country affected by the proposed Project based on their labor needs, work backlog, and local hiring conditions.” (“Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement For The Keystone XL Project,” [United States Department of State](#), 1/14)

The Washington Post Headline: “Support For Keystone XL Pipeline Is Almost Universal.” (Aaron Blake, “Support For Keystone XL Pipeline Is Almost Universal,” [The Washington Post](#), 6/26/14)

- **Pew Poll: 61 Percent Of Americans Favor The Keystone XL Pipeline, While 27 Percent Oppose It.** (Aaron Blake, “Support For Keystone XL Pipeline Is Almost Universal,” [The Washington Post](#), 6/26/14)
- **“Even Democrats Who Prefer To Develop Alternate Energy Sources Before Expanding The Use Of Fossil Fuels Say They Want The Keystone XL Pipeline Built.”** (Aaron Blake, “Support For Keystone XL Pipeline Is Almost Universal,” [The Washington Post](#), 6/26/14)

“Her Husband, Former President Bill Clinton, Also Indicated He Favors The Pipeline During Remarks In 2012 That Still Appear In Pro-Keystone Television Ads.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

CLINTON’S SILENCE ON KEYSTONE APPEARS TO BE MORE POLITICS THAN POLICY

“The Keystone XL Pipeline Is Becoming Another Potential 2016 Headache For Hillary Clinton.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

If Clinton Supports The Keystone XL Pipeline, She Will Spark Outrage Among The “Increasingly Vocal Environmentalist Base, As Well As Climate-Minded Donors Like Tom Steyer.” “If she supports the pipeline, she’ll run afoul of the Democratic Party’s increasingly vocal environmentalist base, as well as climate-minded donors like billionaire Tom Steyer, who has ties to the Clintons. That could provide an opening for a liberal opponent in the 2016 primaries, similar to the way Barack Obama outflanked her with the anti-war left in 2008.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

“But If She Opposes Keystone, She’ll Go Up Against Labor Unions That Welcome The Project’s Promise Of Thousands Of Jobs — Along With Moderate Democrats And, According To Polls, Most Of The American Public.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

While Clinton Has Refused To Take A Position On The Keystone Pipeline, “Some Of Her Potential Green Supporters Are Clamoring For Her To Take A Stand Now.” “Clinton is keeping her silence for now on the proposed oil pipeline, a project that has split her party, posed difficult choices for Democrats on this year’s ballot and created a huge lobbying industry in D.C. But the Obama administration’s repeated delays in deciding on Keystone are increasing the odds that the issue will still be lingering if she runs for president — and some of her potential green supporters are clamoring for her to take a stand now.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

Clinton Is Likely Concerned With Appeasing Billionaire Environmentalist And Keystone Opponent Tom Steyer, Who Happens To Have Longstanding Ties To The Clintons

Steyer Has Pledged To Spend \$100 Million To Help Democrats In November And His Top Issue Is Stopping Keystone. “But there are at least 100 million reasons why the president has held up the decision. Those reasons live in the bank account of hedge fund manager Tom Steyer who has pledged to spend \$100 million helping Democrats avoid disaster in a 2014 midterm election where their Senate majority is in serious jeopardy. Steyer’s No. 1 issue? Stopping the Keystone pipeline.” (Ben White, “Why Obama’s Keystone Opposition Reeks Of Politics,” [CNBC](#), 4/21/14)

Steyer Has Been “Putting Big Money Into Pro-Democratic Campaigns And Has Long-Standing Ties To The Clintons.” “Another factor could be Steyer, who is putting big money into pro-Democratic campaigns in this year’s elections and has long-standing ties to the Clintons. A source familiar with their relationship said Clinton and Steyer have been in contact on a number of occasions since Clinton’s 2008 presidential bid. Steyer was a strong supporter of Clinton’s 2008 campaign, and she is on the leadership team of the Too Small To Fail initiative, a child advocacy group run through Steyer’s Next Generation foundation and the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation. Ann O’Leary, a former Clinton Senate aide, directs Next Generation’s Children and Families Program, and Chris Lehane, a former Clinton administration aide, is a top Steyer political adviser. Lehane declined to say whether Steyer has directly urged Clinton to publicly oppose the pipeline or be more vocal about the threat of climate change.” (Andrew Restuccia and Maggie Haberman, “Hillary Clinton’s Keystone Headache,” [Politico](#), 5/23/14)

In 2008, Steyer Supported Clinton Until The End Of Her Candidacy. “In 2008, Steyer initially supported Hillary Clinton — to the very end of her candidacy — and then began to bundle for Barack Obama.” (Jaimie Fuller, “Tom Steyer’s Long Road To Becoming The Environment’s Donor-In-Chief,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/27/14)

- **In 2007, Steyer Donated \$4,600 To Clinton’s Campaign.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 5/5/14)
- **In 2005, Steyer Donated \$4,200 To Clinton’s Campaign.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 5/5/14)
- **In 1992, Steyer Donated \$500 To Bill Clinton’s Presidential Campaign.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 5/5/14)

In 2008, Tom Steyer, An Early Hillary Clinton Devotee And “Protégé” Of Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Was Rumored To Be On Clinton’s Short List To Replace Hank Paulson At Treasury. “As a protégé of former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and an early Hillary Clinton supporter who stayed with her until the end, Steyer certainly would have been on the short list to succeed Hank Paulson at Treasury if Clinton had gone all the way. In an Obama administration, he’d be a long shot for the top fiscal policy job, but could still find a significant role.” (Adam Lashinsky, “California’s Hedge Fund King,” [CNN Money](#), 9/22/08)

“Steyer And His Brother, Jim, Are Currently Partnered With The Bill, Hillary And Chelsea Clinton Foundation On An Early Childhood Education Initiative Called ‘Too Small To Fail’ -- The First Project That Hillary Clinton Undertook After Leaving The State Department.” (Jonathan Allen, “Clinton Keystone Dodge Prompts Donors To Rethink Support,” [Bloomberg](#), 3/11/14)

Jim Steyer Has “Close Ties To Hillary Clinton.” “California activist Jim Steyer is following his billionaire little brother into national politics — he’s launching a political advocacy group, and a super PAC may follow. Steyer, 57, a children’s advocate with close ties to Hillary Clinton, hasn’t quite figured out how to stage his debut as a major player. But he promises it will be memorable.” (Stephanie Simon and Caitlin Emma, “The Steyer Brothers: ‘We’re Fearless,’” [Politico](#), 2/24/14)

- **Jim Steyer Had Chelsea Clinton As A Student And Hired Her As A Research Aide.** “Jim Steyer made many of those connections while teaching political science classes at Stanford over the past 25 years. His former students include New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and National Security Adviser Susan Rice. Steyer also taught Chelsea Clinton and can’t stop raving about her. She was a ‘star student’ he said, impressing him so much that he hired her as a teaching assistant and research aide.” (Stephanie Simon and Caitlin Emma, “The Steyer Brothers: ‘We’re Fearless,’” [Politico](#), 2/24/14)
- **“Steyer Was Close With The Clintons Long Before Chelsea Arrived On Campus. He Met Hillary Clinton 25 Years Ago, He Said, Through Her Work For The Children’s Defense Fund. He Raves About Her, Too.”** (Stephanie Simon and Caitlin Emma, “The Steyer Brothers: ‘We’re Fearless,’” [Politico](#), 2/24/14)