



Clinton's Duck And Dodge Tour Continues

Tonight, Clinton Will Give Yet Another Paid, Closed-Press Speech

TONIGHT, CLINTON WILL SPEND 40 MINUTES TAKING QUESTIONS BUT THE PUBLIC WON'T HEAR HER ANSWERS

Tonight, Hillary Clinton Will Address The Vancouver Board Of Trade's Women's Leadership Circle. "It's difficult to say what's more compelling: Hillary Clinton's storied past, or her oft-speculated political future. The former U.S. First Lady and possible presidential candidate will be speaking in Vancouver on March 5 at an event hosted by the Vancouver Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle. The board is calling Clinton's keynote speech the largest event in its 126-year history." (Glenda Luymes, "Hillary Clinton Lines Up Talk At Vancouver Board Of Trade," [The Province](#), 11/16/13)

- **Clinton Will Make A 20-Minute Speech And Take Questions For 40 Minutes.** "The board will eventually learn the topic of her 20-minute speech to prepare for a 40-minute moderated Q and A session that happens after." (Glenda Luymes, "Hillary Clinton Lines Up Talk At Vancouver Board Of Trade," [The Province](#), 11/16/13)
- **Tickets For The Clinton Event Range From \$129 To \$520.** "Black said the Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle has been working to secure Clinton for about six months after learning she had joined the same exclusive speakers' agency as her husband, former U.S. president Bill Clinton. Black could not reveal the former First Lady's speaking fee, but said ticket prices for the speech at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre would be available to board members on Tuesday for \$129 to \$399, and then to the public on Saturday for \$199 to \$520." (Glenda Luymes, "Hillary Clinton Lines Up Talk At Vancouver Board Of Trade," [The Province](#), 11/16/13)
- **Clinton Will Earn About \$200,000 For Her Speech.** "Ex-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is making her first Northwest appearance in several years next Thursday before the Vancouver Board of Trade, a paying gig in the \$200,000 range. Nice work if you can get it." (Joel Connelly, "Hillary Clinton To NW Media: Go To Hell," [Seattle PI](#), 2/28/14)

Clinton Is "Shutting Out All Media Coverage" Of Tonight's Event. "But the Democrats' 2016 presidential frontrunner is shutting out all media coverage of the B.C. event." (Joel Connelly, "Hillary Clinton To NW Media: Go To Hell," [Seattle PI](#), 2/28/14)

- **Greg Hockstra Of The Vancouver Board Of Trade: "Hillary Clinton's Office Has Advised Us That There Will Be No Media Accreditation Or Special Media Access For This Speech."** "An e-mail Friday from Greg Hockstra of the Board of Trade, addressed to Vancouver journalist Craig McCulloch, said: 'Hillary Clinton's office has advised us that there will be no media accreditation or special media access for this speech. As part of our contract with her office, this will be a private

speaking engagement. There will also not be any streaming of the speech. I can add you to our distribution list for upcoming media advisories.” (Joel Connelly, “Hillary Clinton To NW Media: Go To Hell,” [Seattle PI](#), 2/28/14)

- **The Clinton Team Demanded That “All Advertising, Media Releases And Tickets” Had Their Approval Before Made Public.** “All advertising, media releases and tickets for the Vancouver event must be approved by her team before they are released, said Black.” (Glenda Luymes, “Hillary Clinton Lines Up Talk At Vancouver Board Of Trade,” [The Province](#), 11/16/13)

SINCE LEAVING HER POST AS SECRETARY OF STATE, CLINTON HAS EMBARKED ON A “LUCRATIVE SPEAKING TOUR”

Clinton Has Engaged In A “Lucrative Nationwide Speaking Tour That Has Kept Her In The Spotlight.” “Clinton's speech represented the public face of a lucrative nationwide speaking tour that has kept her in the spotlight as the widely presumed, albeit undeclared, front-runner for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination.” (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

- **“But Because Of The Possibility That Hillary Clinton Still May Seek The Nation's Highest Office, Her Collecting Huge Speaking Fees Is Seen A Bit Differently By Some In Washington.”** (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)
- **“Clinton's Staff And Her Representatives Will Not Comment On Her Fees, But Several Booking Agents Who Have Worked With Political Figures Estimate That Her Per-Speech Fee For Private Groups Could Range Up To \$250,000.”** (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

For Speeches Given To “Voting Groups That Are Democrats’ Target In Get-Out-The-Vote Campaigns” Clinton Charges A “Modest Fee, Or No Fee.” “The Miami speech was typical of those Hillary Clinton has given to voting groups that are Democrats' target in get-out-the-vote campaigns - young voters, African Americans and women. It appears that Clinton typically charges a modest fee, or no fee, for such speeches.” (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

- **“But Most Of The Speeches Clinton Has Given Lately Have Been More Private Affairs, In Which Ticket-Buyers Pay A Considerable Price To See Her.”** (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

Clinton's Speeches Often Leave The Press Empty-Handed

“But As Far As Longer Dialogues, Clinton Has Given Exactly Three Interviews In The Past Year—To New York Magazine For A Cover Story About Her Post-State Department Life, To ABC's Barbara Walters As ‘The Most Fascinating Person Of 2013,’ And To The New Yorker For A Profile Of Her Successor, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.” (Beth Reinhard, “What Hillary's Not Telling Us,” [National Journal](#), 2/3/14)

- **“Clinton Has Fielded More Questions Behind Closed Doors As Part Of Corporate-Sponsored Speeches That Reportedly Pay At Least \$200,000.”** (Beth Reinhard, “What Hillary's Not Telling Us,” [National Journal](#), 2/3/14)

“Clinton's Staff Often Demands That Her Speeches Be Closed To Media Or Be ‘Off The Record’- Even When The Speeches Take Place At Conferences Where Other Events Are Open To Reporters.” (Gabriel Debenedetti, “As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour,” [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

EVEN DEMOCRATS ARE RAISING THEIR EYEBROWS AT CLINTON'S HIGH-DOLLAR SPEECHES

"But The Tour Also Is Raising Concerns Among Democrats And Others Over A Range Of Issues, From The Political Implications Of Democrats Rallying Around Clinton So Long Before The 2016 Election To The Way Her Team Has Stage-Managed What Some See As A Nationwide Dash For Cash In Speaking Fees." (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

Democrats Are Frustrated With The Air Of "Inevitably" Surrounding 2016

"In Recent Weeks There Have Been Signs Of Frustration Within The Party Over What Some Call The 'Inevitability' Of Her Nomination." "Early polls indicate that Clinton easily would be the favorite to win the 2016 nomination if she chose to run. But in recent weeks there have been signs of frustration within the party over what some call the 'inevitability' of her nomination." (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

- **Some Democrats "Privately Worry" That The Appearance Of Clinton As An "Entitled Prospect" Could Damage Her 2016 Prospects.** "Some Democrats are wary of criticizing Clinton publicly, but privately worry that scenes such as the one in Coral Gables could wind up hurting the party in 2016 if they portray Clinton as an entitled prospect who does not have to fight for the party's nomination. Such a sentiment is widely believed to have damaged Clinton in 2008, when she lost the party's nomination to Obama despite entering the race as the favorite." (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

Top Aides To Obama Claim "Hillary Clinton Is Repeating The Mistakes She Made In 2008" By Stressing Inevitability And "Building A Machine In Lieu Of A Message." "Top advisers and former aides to Barack Obama say Hillary Clinton is repeating the mistakes she made in 2008, building a machine in lieu of a message and lumbering toward the Democratic nomination with the same deep vulnerabilities that cost her the nomination eight years earlier." (Ben Smith and Ruby Cramer, "Obama Aides Doubt Clinton Strategy," [BuzzFeed](#), 2/4/14)

- **Clinton Early Political Moves Have Helped Foster "The Sense Of Inevitability That Was Central To Her 2008 Campaign — A Perception That Also Backfired Badly."** "The former secretary of state has offered her tacit blessing to a series of Democratic organizations, including a draft group, Ready for Hillary, which was recently taken over by a former Clinton aide; and Priorities USA Action, the Obama super PAC repositioning itself to raise huge sums for Clinton. The moves have been effective in telegraphing to other would-be candidates that they may have a hard time raising money and building an organization, and in establishing the sense of inevitability that was central to her 2008 campaign — a perception that also backfired badly." (Ben Smith and Ruby Cramer, "Obama Aides Doubt Clinton Strategy," [BuzzFeed](#), 2/4/14)

Former Top Obama Aide: Clinton "Doesn't Have A Compelling Rationale For Her Candidacy." "Officials were also willing to speak on the record about what they see as those mistakes, in part to send a message to the former secretary of state. 'People are really getting worried about it,' said another former top Obama aide, who said she would like to see a woman elected but worried that Clinton 'doesn't have a compelling rationale for her candidacy.'" (Ben Smith and Ruby Cramer, "Obama Aides Doubt Clinton Strategy," [BuzzFeed](#), 2/4/14)

Liberals See Her Closed-Door Speeches As A Warning Sign

"There Also Are Complaints About Private Speeches Clinton Has Given To Various Groups." (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)

- **Clinton's Paid Appearances Have Included Goldman Sachs And Carlyle Group, Leading Some Liberal Groups To "Wonder Whether Clinton Might Be Too Cozy With Wall Street For Their Taste."** "Her paid appearances have included talks with investors at high-profile Wall Street firms such as Goldman Sachs and Carlyle Group, leading some liberal groups that typically support Democrats to wonder whether Clinton might be too cozy with Wall Street for their taste." (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)
- **"'It's A Big Red Flag,' Said Adam Green, Co-Founder Of The Progressive Change Campaign Committee, Which Advocates Tighter Financial Regulation."** (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)
- **"'If She Outwardly Campaigns As A Corporate Democrat, It Wouldn't Be A Conflict Of Interest - It Would Just Be A Conflict With Where The Center Of Gravity In America Is,' Green Said."** (Gabriel Debenedetti, "As Hillary Clinton Soars, Questions Shadow Lucrative Speaking Tour," [Reuters](#), 2/28/13)