

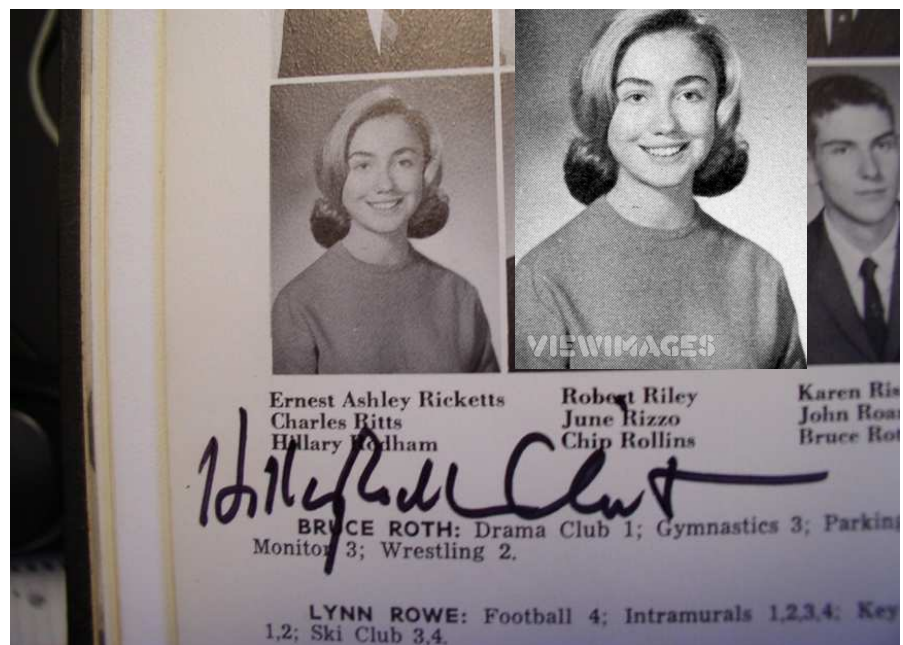
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Hillary Rodham Clinton

I. Background

A. Youth

1. Hillary Clinton was born on, October 26, 1947
2. She was born at Edgewater Hospital in Chicago, Illinois
3. Her Parents were Hugh Ellsworth Rodham (father) and Dorothy Emma Howell Rodham (mother)
4. As a child, Hillary Rodham was involved in many activities at church and at her public school in Park Ridge. She participated in tennis and other sports and earned awards as a Brownie and Girl Scout. She attended Maine East High School, where she participated in student council, the debating team and the National Honor Society. For her senior year she was redistricted to Maine South High School, where she was a National Merit Finalist and graduated in 1965. Her parents encouraged her to pursue the career of her choice.
5. Hillary Clinton's picture, on the other hand, looks like she was ripped out of some black and white commercial for a house cleaning product.



B. Adult

1. She has a husband named Bill Clinton and a daughter named Chelsea Clinton.
2. In 1965, Rodham enrolled in Wellesley College, where she majored in political science. She served as president of the Wellesley Young Republicans organization during her freshman year. However, due to her evolving views regarding the American Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, she stepped down from that position; she characterized her own nature as that of "a mind conservative and a heart liberal." In her junior year, Rodham was affected by the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. and became a supporter of the anti-war presidential nomination campaign of Democrat Eugene McCarthy. Rodham organized a two-day student strike and worked with Wellesley's black students for moderate changes, such as recruiting more black students and faculty.
3. During her post-graduate study, Rodham served as staff attorney for Edelman's newly-founded Children's Defense Fund in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and as a consultant to the Carnegie Council on Children. During 1974 she was a member of the impeachment inquiry staff in Washington, D.C., advising the House Committee on the Judiciary during the Watergate scandal. Under the guidance of Chief Counsel John Doar and senior member Bernard Nussbaum, Rodham helped research procedures of impeachment and the historical grounds and standards for impeachment. The committee's work culminated in the

resignation of President Richard Nixon in August 1974. By then, Rodham was viewed as someone with a bright political future. Rodham came to a key decision.

4. In a concerted effort to deflect attacks on her presidential credentials, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y) and her allies repeatedly say she has 35 years of relevant experience. She has been an elected official only seven years, but the drumbeat of sound bites and statements touting the 35-year figure appears to have paid off. Even her Democratic rivals prefer to assail her electability rather than her experience. Polls show that Democratic voters are comfortable with Clinton's background. A recent Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll of over 600 New Hampshire Democratic primary voters showed that 47 percent believe she has the right experience to be president.

5. Hillary Clinton's Political experience is 35 and 40.

II. Political

A. Advisers to Mrs. Clinton say she has more than \$10 million left in her political bank account, not to mention a priceless reservoir of speeches, issue research, and financial networks nationally for any future use. Her advisers also say that she does not intend to disassemble her campaign apparatus and staff, as many candidates do when an election end, nor does she plan to immediately close her New York City and Washington campaign offices.

B. Clinton called the popular video game Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas a "major threat" to morality. She said, "Children are playing a game that encourages them to have sex with prostitutes and then murder them. This is a silent epidemic of media desensitization that teaches kids it's OK to diss people because they are a woman, they're a different color or they're from a different place."

C. Hillary Clinton's most important Victory was she most has received over a dozen awards and honors during her career, from both American and international

organizations, for her activities concerning health, women, and children. Her biggest mistake was the Health Care, because *Some health care analysts are also likely to fault the Task Force for not being bold enough in its recommendations. "The biggest mistake they can make is not to take advantage of public goodwill to make radical reform," says Dr. Phillip Caper, Professor of Public Policy at Dartmouth Medical School and lecturer on Health Policy and Management at Harvard University. "There's a chance the plan will be too timid," he says. A lack of boldness would be apparent, Dr. Caper tells HCQ, if the Administration proposes new taxes to pay for reform. "If they have to increase taxes, they're missing an opportunity to use resources efficiently. We're already paying too much for health care."*

III. Values/ Principles

- 1 1998: Unforeseen turning point when Moynihan resigned.
- 2 Voted with Democratic Party 96.7% of 304 votes.
- 3 Rove is obsessed with me because I take them on & beat them.
- 4 Owes opportunity for presidency to generations of women.
- 5 Bring your brooms & vacuum cleaners; we got to clean up DC.
- 6 If you want a winner to take on right wing, I'm your girl.
- 7 After 35 years of experience, ready to lead on day one.
- 8 I consider myself a modern American progressive.
- 9 Maybe, finally, break that hardest of all glass ceilings.
- 10 Sought pastoral guidance on doubts about capital punishment.
- 11 Dealt with Bill's infidelity with counseling & Book of Psalms.
- 12 The politics of meaning: individuality is part of society.
- 13 Amalgam politics: make labels irrelevant.
- 14 Strong identification with Eleanor Roosevelt.

IV. Issues

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B. Foreign

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V. Campaign

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