

Chelsea Clinton Defends Her Mother's 'Deep Faith'

It should come as no surprise that more and more candidates are expressing their faith, or at least trying to, on the presidential campaign trail.

In Iowa, evangelical voters made up more than half of all Republican caucus participants. And in South Carolina, which is next on the path to the parties' respective presidential nominations, Christians make up a sizable chunk of the voters in both of the major parties.

With that in mind, Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton, spoke about her family's faith at a recent fundraiser. The speech was then related to *New York Post* "Page Six" columnist Richard Johnson, who in turn shared it with his readers.

"My mother is very deeply a person of faith," Chelsea reportedly said. "It is deeply authentic and real for my mother, and it guides so much of her moral compass, but also her life's work."

"I find it quite insulting sometimes when people say to my mom, my dad or me—that they question our faith. I was raised in a Methodist church and I left the Baptist church before my dad did, because I didn't know why they were talking to me about abortion when I was 6 in Sunday school—that's a true story."

Johnson's report hasn't been refuted by the Clinton campaign. He also noted that, unlike Baptists, Methodists are "pro-choice" on the issue of abortion. But, he also noted that many liberals attack the Clintons for their professed faith, which Chelsea apparently noted in her speech, as well:

"I recognized that there were many expressions of faith that I don't agree with and feel [are] quite antithetical to how I read the Bible," Chelsea said, "But I find it really challenging when people who are self-professed liberals kind of look askance at my family's history."