

Richard Viguerie: Hillary Clinton Poses a Danger to the Peaceful Lives of Ordinary Americans

The 2016 Presidential Election is now about six weeks away—a bit more than a fortnight—but close enough that it should concentrate the mind of every conservative and right-of-center voter in America on what the actual effects of a Hillary Clinton presidency would be on their lives and the lives of their fellow citizens.

Accordingly, [the booklet *Hail Hillary: Is There A Clinton Progressive Police State In America's Future?*] isn't about why conservatives should support Donald Trump, or Gary Johnson or Jill Stein or any other candidate running for president. Instead, it is a cannonball through the doors of the Ivory Towers of those “conservatives” who continue to obdurately claim that a Hillary Clinton presidency might not be that bad, that the country can recover after four or eight years, and that her policies won't be aimed at marginalizing, if not outlawing, the conservative worldview.

To outline and explain these dangers I asked a group of conservative leaders to share with me their assessment of what a Hillary Clinton presidency would mean to those Americans who hold traditional Judeo-Christian values and who believe in American exceptionalism.

Most of these leaders had not backed Donald Trump during the Republican Primaries, but the response was immediate and overwhelming—far beyond the expected pro forma election year support for the Republican candidate for president.

In fact, each of these respected conservative leaders saw

Hillary Clinton not as merely a wrongheaded political opponent, but as a genuine threat to the future of the conservative movement and to the domestic tranquility of this great country.

The dangers that these leaders saw in a Hillary Clinton presidency represent not obscure Capitol Hill policy differences, but dangers to the peaceful lives of ordinary Americans.

What they told me was that Americans who believe in the right-to-life; Americans who believe that marriage between one man and one woman is Biblically ordained; Americans who own guns; Americans who believe in the rule of law and protecting our borders are all at risk. Perhaps most at risk from a Clinton presidency are those Americans who believe that the Constitution is the law that governs and restrains government.

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