

# Point

## Why One Should Vote For Hillary Clinton (Bala Prasad)

There is nothing harder than deciding between two candidates who'd be the President of The United States.

Personal characters change. And even without so, what will consider good characteristics in a presidential candidate? The most glaring difference between two candidates will be between Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. Even with the facts and fictions we know about the two, no doubt most people will prefer President Carter over President Nixon to be there neighbor, but certainly not as President.

International situation- only God knows what is going on. Leaders all over the world will not tell us the truth and perhaps will do whatever is the best for their nation, which will conflict with what is good for their neighbor or the world. So elect a president who you think is best suited for the job, temperamentally, by experience or any other parameter desirable.

So it brings us to the national issues. Some of them are very clear and others are not so. So let us focus on the clear ones. Here also people will disagree, sometimes based on issues, and others for no valid reasons.

So, in the opinion of this writer, five factors are of the utmost importance and should be focused on more than others. We are the most prosperous nation in the world – all of our inhabitants must have food and shelter. It should not depend on who they are, where they came from, and where they eventually go.

Above is also true of healthcare. I personally support Obama Care not because it is great in every respect, but because it is first solid step towards national health care system, which I support.

Basic education should be available to all who want it. Of course it should be geared to the need of the individual, their talent, and need of society. Everybody cannot or need not have a PhD in nuclear physics.

If you work fulltime, you should not be below poverty level. Then what is the incentive for working fulltime? And what is the need for working fulltime if one is still below poverty level with the wide safety net that the government provides for less fortunate people.

And finally the society can only survive if the support comes from everybody according to his or her ability and goes to everybody based on his or her necessity. One of the nicest glaring examples is social security benefit that goes to the rich. The social security law was passed in 1935 for the poor. So in this writer's opinion, those who have an income of \$250,000 or more annually, should be denied social security benefits. Somehow, eventually we'll have to share the burden of helping the have not's, especially when the number of poor – young and old – goes up. Do not forget the number of rich is going up too.

Mrs. Clinton through her press releases and press conferences had taken a positive position on all of them. She supports help for everybody for food, shelter, healthcare, and education. She is for working people not below poverty level and she is for social security benefit reduction for rich.

So in my view with these positions, together with her temperament and experience, Hillary Clinton is an ideal candidate to be President of these United States.

# Counterpoint

## Why I'll Not Vote for Hillary Clinton (Anil Shrivastava)

I will not vote for Hillary Clinton because I don't believe in oligarchy. Mrs. Clinton considers herself above law and the Democratic Party plays to her tune which includes the Obama Administration. She lied under oath to the Congress about her private e-mail server which transmitted top secret information. Still the FBI declined to recommend criminal charges against her. This proves my point. She lied about number of servers and when asked to submit them, she simply answered that they were lost in mail.

She is dishonest to the core. She doesn't seem to be concerned about the deaths of four Americans including our ambassador to Libya in Benghazi. Her standard answer on this topic is, "How does this matter now?" Mind you she asked this question after publicly blaming an internet video for the attack on the consulate, an attack that just happened to occur on the 11th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Of course, her e-mail correspondence with daughter Chelsea on the attack indicated that the attack was carried out by al Qaeda.

She used Clinton Foundation as a ploy to favor foreign governments to obtain millions from them. She turned the State Department into her family's personal hedge fund by using the Clinton Foundation to sell access to foreign governments, many of which have dubious human rights records. At the very minimum, there is the

appearance of impropriety. At worst, there's enough corruption to put anyone to shame.

The list of her corrupt practices go on and on. How can anybody hand the affairs of our nation to such an unworthy person? I will not.