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HILLARY CLINTON
FEMALE LEADERS

Recently, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democrat from New York, and declared candidate for President, sent out a call to all women. She asked that those of her gender help her break the nation's highest glass ceiling by electing her the first female President of the United States.

Clinton went on to say:

“Today, women are a majority of the voters, a majority of students in college, and we are a growing pretense in the Congress. But there are still far too few women in leadership positions.”

Those remarks were made at a luncheon held for the organization EMILY'S LIST, a national political committee that raises money for democratic female candidates who favor abortion rights.

Sounds chauvinistic to me. One could easily say those remarks are sexist. That as you know is a bad thing in today's politically correct environment. That women should be elected or hold high positions because they are women is indeed sexist and chauvinistic. Consider the opposite. Suppose someone said that there should be more men in political offices, high office, and there should be more men and less women in leadership roles and positions. You could be sure that the wrath of the liberal media would come pouncing on such remarks, especially if they came from Conservatives or Republicans. But Clinton, Democrat and female, can get away with those remarks, and virtually anything else she chooses to say.

But we really don't need more men in positions of authority. And, likewise, we really don't need more women in positions of authority or responsibility. Not at all. What we the people need are far more qualified people no matter the gender in office who will be true leaders, and represent our interests in a fair and objective way. We don't need more women in office, or in high positions unless they are fully qualified, and the very same with men. Both Democrat and Republican, and in fact all in politics must admit that there are many, so very many who are in office or positions of authority who simply do not deserve to be there. They are simply not qualified, but find some way to be elected, in some cases, any way to be elected. For them, power and prestige are the name of the game. True statesmanship, experience, understanding and wisdom are secondary if they exist at all.

Just because Senator Clinton is qualified to be Senator of the great State of New York, and there are of course some, perhaps many, who do not believe she is, does not necessarily mean she would be qualified to be President of the United States. We must test those

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qualities as citizens in an aggressive way, and challenge her ability to be President, even as we should do the very same thing for John McCain or Rudy Giuliani. The fact that Clinton is a female is totally irrelevant. There are many who would not vote for Hillary Clinton because she is a female. Conversely, there are many who would vote for Clinton because she is a female. Both are wrong, dead wrong, for America. The years 2009-2012 will be the most critical years in the future of our great country. Our leader, our President, must be the right one, must truly and in fact be an experienced, qualified, intelligent, worldly-wise, honest, fair and objective President, perhaps moreso than any other in history. We must demand that or we will see the demonation, the depreciation of our American way of life and in some cases its very end through fundamental change. If Clinton is the one, the right one to lead us, then America will respond accordingly. If she is not, no matter the fact that she is female, and no matter the fact that she would be the first female President, we should aggressively find another to lead us. NO MATTER THE GENDER!

The stereotypes could go on. We could say we need more young people in positions of authority. We could say we need older statesmen because of their wisdom and experience. We could say we need more black politicians than white and surely Senator Obama would agree. We could say we need more ethnic (Hispanic) leaders, or Oriental, or Native-American, and on and on, with all the prejudices and preferences one can imagine. We could do so DIVERSITY RUN AMUCK! None of that matters and all is irrelevant. All we need are qualified, competent, honest, hardworking, experienced leaders and nothing but nothing else matters.

It is absolutely not a matter of a glass ceiling prohibiting women from holding office as Clinton suggests or a lack of females in leadership roles. She is wrong, and anybody who thinks that way is wrong in my opinion. You and I, the heart and soul of America should vote for the best person, no matter age, sex, race or ethnicity. We owe it to our children, ourselves and our great country.

You and I should never, ever vote for Hillary Clinton for President of the United States because she is a FEMALE! That's what I think. What do you think?

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