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Clinton Foundation to keep taking controversial foreign government donations during campaign but only from 6 countries

- Future donations will only be allowed from the governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom
- The change in policy comes as former board member Hillary Clinton hits the presidential campaign trail
- Hillary Clinton resigned from the foundation's board last week
- The foundation's reliance on funding from several governments that suppress dissent and women's rights sparked criticism

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The Clinton Foundation will continue to accept donations from foreign governments despite the risk of a conflict of interest now that its founder is running for the White House.

The charity announced on Wednesday that it has decided to continue to look abroad for millions of dollars while limiting donor nations to a select group of six.

The change in policy comes as former board member Hillary Clinton undertakes her presidential campaign.

The foundation's reliance on funding from several Middle East governments that suppress dissent and women's rights — concerns that the State Department focused on during her stint as secretary of state — sparked criticism and gave Republicans a new offensive against the leading Democrat. Clinton resigned from the foundation's board last week.

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, pictured on Tuesday, meets with local residents at the Jones St. Java House in LeClaire, Iowa. She resigned from the board of the Clinton foundation last week

The Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation's board said on Wednesday night that future donations will only be allowed from the governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom — all nations that previously supported the charity's health, poverty and climate change programs.

Longtime U.S. allies, the six maintain relatively uncontroversial ties to the U.S.

While direct contributions from other governments would be halted, those nations could continue participating in the Clinton Global Initiative, a subsidiary program that encourages donors to match contributions from others to tackle international problems without direct donations to the charity.

A WHO'S WHO OF THE CLINTON FOUNDATION'S BIGGEST DONORS

Donations greater that \$25million

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership (Canada)

Fred Eychaner

Frank Giustra, The Radcliffe Foundation

Nationale Postcode Loterij

The Children's Investment Fund Foundation

UNITAID

Donations \$10-\$25million

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The Victor Pinchuk Foundation

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Theodore W. Waitt

However, the foundation will stop holding CGI meetings abroad — a final session is scheduled for Morocco in May — and most foreign governments will no longer be allowed to sponsor programs.

Clinton Foundation donations between 2001 and 2015 showed governments and agencies from 16 nations previously gave direct grants of between \$55 million and \$130 million.

In addition to the six nations that will be allowed to continue donating, the others were Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Kuwait, Italy, Brunei, Taiwan and the Dominican Republic.

The foundation also will begin disclosing its donors every quarter instead of annually — an answer to long-standing criticism that the foundation's once-a-year lists made it difficult to view shifts and trends in the charity's funding.

Former President Bill Clinton and other foundation officials have long defended the charity's transparency, but the new move signaled sensitivity to those concerns, particularly as his wife begins her race for the White House.

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Hillary Clinton's campaign referred questions about the board's action to the foundation.

Last month, while she was still a board member, Clinton defended the family charity to questions about its reliance on donations from foreign governments, saying the foundation had 'hundreds of thousands of donors.'

Foundation spokesman Craig Minassian said that under the new disclosure policy, 'the Clinton Foundation is reinforcing its commitment to accountability while protecting programs that are improving the lives of millions of people around the world'.

But he also insisted that the old annual disclosure policy went 'above and beyond what's required by voluntarily disclosing our more than 300,000 donors on our website for anyone to see'.

Hillary Clinton had previously agreed with the Obama administration to limit new foreign donations to the foundation while she served as secretary of state, but at least six nations that previously contributed still donated to the charity during her four-year stint.



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Bill and Hillary Clinton address the audience during a Clinton Global Initiative event last September in New York. Donations to their foundation between 2001 and 2015 showed governments and agencies from 16 nations previously gave direct grants of between \$55 million and \$130 million



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Bill Clinton in Saudi Arabia for the Global Competitiveness Forum in 2011. Saudi Arabia has been a generous donor to the Clinton Foundation - but will not be allowed to donate while Hillary makes her bid for the White House due to criticism over Middle East governments which suppress dissent and women's rights

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In one case, the foundation failed to notify the State Department about a donation from the government of Algeria.

Clinton Foundation officials had hinted in recent weeks that the organization was considering new limits on foreign government donations after several media accounts this year raised questions about the foundation's reliance on those practices.

The foundation's board began discussions over the past two days about altering some of the charity's procedures in an effort that officials said was aimed at improving transparency without harming fundraising for critical programs.

Potential problems may exist among some of the six governments that will be allowed to continue providing direct donations to the foundation.

For examples, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, which has already given the foundation between \$250,000 and \$500,000, has pushed for the approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

The project is a domestic flashpoint in the climate change debate as well as a contentious issue regarding its impact on jobs and oil supplies. President Obama has yet to decide whether to approve the pipeline, which would span several U.S. states, but he has already vetoed one bill aimed at swiftly approving the plan.

Foundation officials said the charity is not involved in the Keystone XL issue and has a 'strong program' aimed at curbing reducing carbon emissions.



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[tely Average](#), Somewhere, United States, 38 minutes ago

good look at the list of top donors. AUSAID involved in multiple scandals including a \$290 million bribery case, Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership and Frank Giustra were involved in the Colombian oil worker union scandal, Fred Eychaner violated donation laws, Nationale Postcode Loterij is owned by a company founded by an IRA gun runner, the president of UNITAID used \$22 million that was for immunization programs and gave it to a private charity which he immediately became president of. ... And on and on and on. Almost every major donor has been involved in illegal activities or gross misappropriations of charity funds.

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[Miami](#), United States, 43 minutes ago

Day I heard Monica made a statement to the press she told Hillary don't blow it.

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[Rome](#), Roseville, United States, about an hour ago

people! You have to parse EVERYTHING the Clinton's say..... sure the Clinton Foundation is only going to take contributions from the six listed countries..... but the Clinton Global Initiative will continue to take contributions from anybody.

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[Dogbutt NJ](#), United States, about an hour ago

Why me or is anyone else creeped out about the fact the she is taking money for people who are not citizens of the United States to influence the selection of OUR government? What is the agenda? It may have been going on for decades under the table but to be so boldly open about it-----US citizens should choose their leaders, I don't have a few million like some country to give.

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[Stes](#), Huntingdon, United Kingdom, about an hour ago

Beloved, let us not forget that despite all the money backing her it was only because Hillary Clinton stood for Democratic candidate two campaigns ago that Barack Obama got elected i.e. the US of A Democrats would rather have a half-white running the place than a 100% white woman. This time the Democrats have taken the precaution of discouraging anyone from challenging HC but it's a golden opportunity for another Obama to step forward, especially if the Republicans keep up the good work of putting forward joke cartoon-like stereotypes.

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[/allon](#), Midwest, United States, about an hour ago

"i.e. the US of A Democrats would rather have a half-white running the place than a 100% white woman."...WHAT???

Can't believe your from England. That sounds like something straight out of the mouth of a southern American.

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[Mike](#), Genoshia, United States, about 2 hours ago

I think anyone in government has declined to take as much money as they could, no matter the source. Hillary would accept a donation from Satan himself.

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[/allon](#), Midwest, United States, about 2 hours ago

Except the article says that she wouldn't do any such thing. Only six countries are allowed to donate... al very staunch allies. Not only is your invisible evil monster not allowed to donate... but even France is not. Try reading the article Einstein. Your comments might make more sense.

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[k of the Lies](#), Columbus, United States, about an hour ago

Yes, We know that by who she admires: Saul Alinsky. Alinsky dedicated his book "Rules for Radicals" after the devil (Lucifer) The dedication in the front of the book reads: "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins- or which is which), the first redical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own Kingdom - Lucifer - Saul Alinsky. That's who HILLDOG admires & wrote a thesis paper about. Yes, I read this book to understand who these people are that admire this kind of crap. They also believe in using Ridicule and Name Calling. So I am just throwing a little back in HILLDOG'S Face. Because she is Nothing but a Liar & Schemer & would do anything to become President of the US. Even put up with years of sex scandals with Bill. She does NOT represent me!

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[Janiel](#), Reading Wyomissing, United States, about 2 hours ago

what happens the Clintons spend too much time with Saudi oil barons!

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[/allon](#), Midwest, United States, about 2 hours ago

Except the Saudis aren't one of the 6 governments allowed to donate. I don't think a single right winger on here has ever read a single article they comment on. It doesn't show if they do... Did you want to comment on letting the evil Norwegians donate, Gomer?

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[g](#), San Francisco, United States, about 2 hours ago

g to see here, move along! No Pay-to-Play, Quid Pro Quo or other favors being purchased in advance here!

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[rowne](#), Newport, United States, about 2 hours ago

Clinton is not in good health according to Ed Klein's book! This will be her downfall! She will not be the nominee! watch!

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[the Lies](#), Columbus, United States, about 2 hours ago

You so much for reporting of "HILLDOG" Clinton's Hypocrisy! We Americans Never see unbiased reporting; the U.S. media is practically all Democrat Activists! The situation was staged, set-up, fake "reality" TV. HILLDOG doesn't think she has to leave a tip because she is an "elite" and just her presence should be payment enough for the employees of Chipotle. HILLDOG gets paid over \$200,000 per speech, she gets donations from U.S. enemies all over the world, she stole Furniture from the White House and then she has the audacity to not leave ANY Tip. What a piece of work! I always leave a tip when I can dine out OR I wouldn't dine out. I do not think the servers are there to just serve me they are there to make a living. That's where HILLDOG doesn't get it! NO WAY HILLDOG & HER HYPOCRISY!

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[/allon](#), Midwest, United States, about 2 hours ago

YES... It's just outrageous that the New York Times hasn't reported that the dispicable Norwegians or those devious Canadians are donating to her charity. Talk about a major scandal. It's a wonder they can keep such an outrage quiet.

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[ll](#), Virginia Beach, about 2 hours ago

the New Champion of the Middle class? A) she doesn't know anyone in the middle class, she hasn't driven a car in years and B) as wit Obama, she's been caught in so many out right lies, you can't believe anything she says.... Really America, Is this the best that we can do?.....

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