

# 'Sociopath' Hillary scared off better rivals

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## A talentless, venal Clinton deserved to lose, argues the cultural critic Camille Paglia

Any Democrat candidate other than Hillary Clinton would have beaten Donald Trump. Any other Democrat would have won this election because so many people voted for Trump just to stop the utterly sociopathic Hillary from gaining office. The problem is that no other candidate was allowed to run. It was undemocratic. And it was going on for years before the actual primary process as the Clintons crushed any possibility of a primary challenge to Hillary.

All the best candidates in my party, the younger senators and mayors and governors in their early forties and fifties, did not dare to run. The party would not permit them to run. So we were stuck with this woman with a

record of no accomplishments for all her decades in public life.

Bill Clinton was a skilled politician — I voted for him twice — who knew how to negotiate with people and enjoyed public life. But Hillary had none of these qualities. Nor is she the feminist heroine she likes to imagine. She rose to prominence on her husband's coat tails and never accomplished anything on her own.

What has she ever done? As first lady her attempts to reform healthcare were a disaster. She went about it under a cloak of Soviet-like secrecy. She would not even reveal the list of people she was consulting.

She endorses care for women and children. But the emptiness of her résumé is

shocking. What were her qualifications?

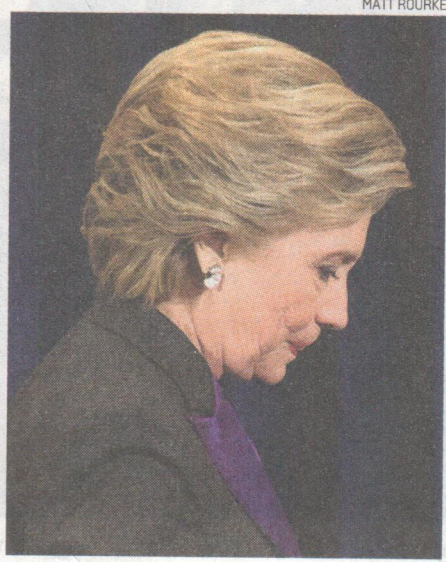
She became a senator for New York through pure nepotism. She promised to bring some economic relief to the state. She did nothing.

She joined other people's organisations and then said "I worked for this, I worked for that" but there is no major bill with her name on it to have emerged from her two terms

as a senator. She has her name only on other people's bills.

As secretary of state, she spent a lot of time on aeroplanes, accumulating hundreds of thousands of miles, moving around the globe and meeting people and shaking hands. But her only legacy was the destabilisation of north Africa.

The woman has no talent for politics of any kind. What



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she has a talent for is backstage manoeuvring and accumulating huge piles of money. And how did the Clintons earn \$200m in just a few years? These are not people who created a new technology or founded a company. What did they do to get all those millions? People paid them money for future access to the president of the United States. They sold influence through the Clinton Foundation. Barack Obama had required her to sever her connection to the foundation while she was secretary of state. But she did not.

I assume that Hillary will escape prosecution for peddling influence and using her private email server for classified information. And although it might seem unjust this may be in the best interest of the country. It will allow us to terminate all connections with the Clintons. They must be consigned to the dustbin of history. Bring the great broom and sweep them away — they have drained far too much of our mental and political energy for 25 years.

Camille Paglia was talking to Matthew Campbell