



NYT Columnist Maureen Dowd Pens Stinging Open Letter to ‘The Clinton Republic of Chappaqua’ Over Email Scandal

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In a Sunday op-ed titled “An Open Letter to hdr@clintonemail.com,” columnist Maureen Dowd wrote to Hillary Clinton in response to the former Secretary of State’s burgeoning email scandal.

Dowd addressed the letter to “The Leaders of the Clinton Republic of Chappaqua.” Excerpts:

It has come to our attention while observing your machinations during your attempted restoration that you may not fully understand our constitutional system. Thus, we are writing to bring to your attention two features of our democracy:

The importance of preserving historical records and the ill-advised gluttony of an American feminist icon wallowing in regressive Middle Eastern states’ payola.

The allusion to “Middle Eastern state’s payola” is in reference to [foreign contributions](#) to the Clinton Foundation. One of those contributors, Saudi Arabia, has been branded by the [Cato Institute](#) as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Dowd called out Hillary for citing her mother’s funeral as an example of why she chose to delete emails from a server on which stored official State Department correspondence:

If you, Hillary Rodham Clinton, are willing to cite your mother’s funeral to get sympathy for ill-advisedly deleting 30,000 emails, it just makes us want to sigh: O.K., just take it.

If you want it that bad, go ahead and be president and leave us in peace.

In response to Hillary’s “I wanted to carry one device for the sake of convenience” defense during her press conference last week, Dowd wrote:

None of what you said made any sense. Keeping a single account mingling business and personal with your own server wasn't about "convenience." It was about expedience.

You became judge and jury on what's relevant because you didn't want to leave digital fingerprints for others to retrace. You could have had Huma carry two devices if you really couldn't hoist an extra few ounces.

Incidentally, within hours of Hillary's "convenience" excuse, video emerged of her admitting in an interview just two weeks earlier that she carries an [iPhone and a Blackberry](#).

Finally, Dowd addressed the [oft-repeated accusation](#) that the Clintons believe the rules don't apply to them:

[Y]ou assume that if it's good for the Clintons, it's good for the world, you're always tangling up government policy with your own needs, desires, deceptions, marital bargains and gremlins.

We hope this letter enriches your knowledge of our constitutional system and promotes mutual understanding and clarity as the campaign progresses.

Sincerely,

America

Whether Hillary broke one or more laws by using both a personal email account and home-based server for sending, receiving and storing all her official State Department correspondence during her entire tenure there, one thing is clear: this is a scandal that will not soon fade from the headlines.

Moreover, with the blockbuster accusation this weekend that senior Obama adviser [Valerie Jarrett](#) was behind the timed leak of details to the press that fueled the scandal, it is getting a lot more interesting, as well.

You can read the entire open letter [here](#).