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Hillary Clinton Lauds Elizabeth Warren's Efforts at 'Taming' Wall Street

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Hillary Clinton put to rest any doubt that she'll co-opt Senator Elizabeth Warren's populist message in her presidential campaign by praising the Massachusetts Democrat's "taming" of Wall Street in Time magazine.

Clinton hailed Warren, who some on the left have urged to launch a presidential bid of her own, as a "progressive champion" in an entry for Time's "100 Most Influential People" issue Thursday.

"Elizabeth Warren never lets us forget that the work of taming Wall Street's irresponsible risk taking and reforming our financial system is far from finished," Clinton wrote. "And she never hesitates to hold powerful people's feet to the fire: bankers, lobbyists, senior government officials and, yes, even presidential aspirants."

Warren has said repeatedly she does not intend to run for president. Still, echoes of her progressive politics have permeated the early days of Clinton's campaign. In her rollout video Sunday, Clinton lamented that "the deck is stacked in favor of those at the top."

"Everyday Americans need a champion and I want to be that champion," Clinton said.

Clinton wasn't the only political figure -- or presidential candidate -- to write an entry for the Time list. Senator Rand Paul, the Kentucky Republican, touted the "passion for freedom" and "commitment to ideas" in writing about Charles and David Koch, the billionaire brothers who have spent aggressively on behalf of conservative candidates and political causes.

Koch Contributions

Paul wrote that the Koch brothers' political and philanthropic donations are "important contributions to society," noting their advocacy for criminal-justice reform -- a pet cause of Paul's -- and crediting their backing of think tanks like the Cato Institute and Mercatus Center.

"Unlike many crony capitalists who troll the halls of Congress looking for favors, the Kochs have consistently lobbied against special-interest politics," Paul said.

The man currently occupying the Oval Office also wrote an entry for the magazine's feature. President Barack Obama said Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is his country's "reformer-in-chief."

Obama and Modi struck a friendship during the Indian leader's visit to Washington last year, and the president traveled to India earlier this year after a personal appeal from Modi.

"Determined to help more Indians follow in his path, he's laid out an ambitious vision to reduce extreme poverty, improve education, empower women and girls and unleash India's true economic potential while confronting climate change," Obama wrote.