

A black and white close-up portrait of Hillary Clinton, looking slightly to the right with a subtle smile. Her hair is styled in a short, wavy bob. She is wearing a dark jacket and a small, textured earring.

Hillary

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**THE
REAL
STORY**

“We know everything —and nothing—about her.”



IN A QUIET HOSPITAL ROOM IN MASSENA, N.Y., JOANNE Favreau is confiding in Hillary about the painful math of her life. She pays \$700 a month for the prescription drugs she needs to keep her asthma, heart condition and diabetes in line. “I didn’t ask to get sick,” Joanne says. In hospitals and factories, schools and community centers, diners and pizza parlors, New Yorkers have been having a conversation with Hillary Clinton. About the issues closest to their families. While Hillary is new to New York, she isn’t new to the issues she’s

been hearing about. In one way or another, Hillary’s been working on them for thirty years.

Most people don’t know a lot about those thirty years. Hillary may be the most famous woman in the world, but people actually know very little about her.

A 1950’s CHILDHOOD

She started out in the suburbs — Park Ridge, Illinois, just outside Chicago. A few miles from the first McDonald’s in America. It was a classic 1950’s childhood. Hillary was the oldest of three. The streets were safe. Kids played all over the neighborhood. As Dorothy Rodham, Hillary’s mother says, “Everyone really looked out for everyone else.”

Of course, the neighborhood did have its bullies. The whole family remembers the day Hillary came home in tears after being taunted and pushed by some of

the other kids. Her mother told her there was no room for cowards in the house and sent her right back outside. Dorothy says, “Hillary learned to deal with bullies that day.” A skill that may come in handy this year.

Hillary’s father, Hugh, was the owner and sole employee of his drapery business. He’d survived the Great Depression, trained sailors in the Navy during World War II and was frugal to the bone. He didn’t believe in mortgages or credit. Ever.

Hugh Rodham was also a die-hard Republican. The amazing thing is that in those days, Hillary was too. In 1964, she launched her political career as a “Goldwater Girl.” And she even wound up in Washington working in Congress for Gerald Ford

while she was at college.

The Rodhams went to church every Sunday—and Hillary was a regular in the youth group. From her pastor, Reverend Don Jones, Hillary learned about the world beyond comfortable Park Ridge. There were trips to the inner city. Babysitting for the children of



1952: Hillary grew up in the suburbs, in a neighborhood where “Everyone looked out for everyone else.”



The 1950's:
Hillary was a girl scout,
a swimmer and an active
member of her church.

1968:
(left) Hillary was raised
a Republican. In college,
she worked for future
President Gerald Ford.



migrant farm workers. And an extraordinary night one Sunday when Hillary was fourteen and went downtown to hear a lecture and meet the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. She was beginning to learn that she wanted to make a difference in the world.

SPEAKING UP FOR CHILDREN

Hillary brought that interest in making a difference to Wellesley College. In her senior year, in 1969, her classmates chose her to be the student speaker at their commencement ceremony. Hillary called on young people to get involved, urging them to practice politics as the art of making possible what appears to be impossible.

Her words won national attention. Excerpts of Hillary's speech ran in LIFE Magazine along with those of other interesting speakers that year (including a brilliant man who spoke at Notre Dame named Daniel Patrick Moynihan).

For Hillary, law school at Yale came next. She was a very different kind of law student.

Penn Rhodeen, a lawyer and child advocate who was then beginning pioneering work on children's

issues, still remembers the day a young Hillary called to introduce herself and ask for work.

"She was a law student, but at that point she had a deep commitment to children, the importance of treating children right in society, the importance of how children would be handled when matters involving them came before the courts. I was really struck that someone that young was first of all that interested," Rhodeen remembered.

Hillary first represented foster children and parents in Connecticut Family Court while she was at law school—and worked on some of the earliest studies creating legal standards for identifying and protecting abused children. After graduating Yale Law School, she joined the Children's Defense Fund as a staff attorney.

1969: At Wellesley Commencement, Hillary urged her classmates to get involved.



A “Trailblazing” Woman

Starting a family, building a career, making a difference for kids.

IN 1974, HILLARY BECAME ONE of just two women lawyers on the staff of the House Judiciary Committee considering the impeachment of Richard Nixon.

“I think Hillary’s role in Watergate was a trailblazing role for women in the legal profession,” says Elaine Weiss, Associate Executive Director of the American Bar Association.

“The fact that she got it certainly speaks volumes for her pioneering ability as a woman lawyer to transcend gender and be seen in her own right as a competent, intelligent lawyer that people turned to at important moments.”

BIG CHOICES

By the time Nixon resigned, Hillary had some big choices to make. She was a rising legal star. America’s top law firms were courting her.

But so was Bill Clinton, a classmate from law school. Hillary followed her heart to Arkansas, married Bill Clinton, and decided to start a family. Their daughter, Chelsea, was born in 1980.

HELPING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Hillary taught criminal law and trial advocacy at the University of Arkansas Law School and set up and ran a legal aid clinic. Once again, she handled a lot of cases of foster care and child abuse. She



organized a group called Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families to deal with many of the problems she was seeing. Their first important victory was to win state funding for child care.

At the age of just thirty, Hillary was appointed to head the Legal Services Corporation, the organization that represents legal aid groups all across the country.

When Bill Clinton was elected Governor, Hillary led a task force to improve education in Arkansas.

The reforms that resulted included some of the earliest standards for schools and testing for teachers in the nation.

One day when Hillary was in Miami, she read a news story about a pilot program borrowed from Israel that helped new parents be better parents by teaching them in their own homes. Hillary tracked down Nan Rich, the head of the National Council of Jewish Women which had imported the program, and told her she wanted to bring it to Arkansas. And so she did. It’s thriving there and around the country today.

“ONE OF AMERICA’S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL LAWYERS”
National Law Journal, 1988 and 1991

For years, Hillary also served on the board of the Arkansas Children’s Hospital, helping them improve and expand their services to the children of the state. People

still remember seeing Hillary Clinton—eight months pregnant with Chelsea—lumbering into a Wall Street conference room to convince a group of bankers to improve the hospital’s bond rating. They didn’t say no.

For over twenty years, Hillary stayed involved in the Children’s Defense Fund—eventually chairing its national board. She also joined the boards of the Child Care Action Campaign and the Children’s Television Workshop—the

Wife, mother **and** lawyer

folks who make Sesame Street.

Through it all, Hillary continued to build a pioneering legal career. She became a partner in a law firm and in 1987 led the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession—a four year study of problems women lawyers were confronting like equal pay, sexual harassment and balancing work and family.

“Hillary really was one of the pioneers in bringing to the public's attention gender bias in the court system, in the legal profession, in the workplace,” says Elaine Weiss of the A.B.A.. Today, law firms across America are still guided by the Commission's reforms.

HER FAMILY

Though her days were full of court appointments, speeches and meetings, Hillary always made time for her daughter. Soccer games, ballet recitals, even just shopping or hanging out together, Hillary made sure she was there for Chelsea. From the day she was born, Chelsea became Hillary's most important priority and greatest joy.

Chelsea was also a magnet for her grandparents. After Chelsea was born, Hugh and Dorothy Rodham moved to Arkansas to be closer to their first grandchild. For Hillary, that meant what so many of us would enjoy—the fun of

having parents nearby and the relief of built in child care!

A NATIONAL CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN

When Bill Clinton was elected President, everyone knows that Hillary took on the challenge of making health care more accessible and affordable. And everyone knows, things didn't work out as she had hoped. Today, Hillary believes we need to approach health care reform step by step.

What people don't know is that Hillary didn't throw in the towel after the health care defeat. Quietly, but effectively, she's accomplished a lot for health care, for families, for women, for children.

One of Hillary's biggest fans is one of America's favorite doctors, T. Berry Brazelton.

“SHE'S ONE OF MY HEROES.”
Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

He's known of her work since her days at Yale and says, “I don't publicly endorse politicians because it might compromise my capacity to play an advocate role for children and families in this country. But I must commend Hillary Clinton for her role of bringing families and children into the mainstream of thinking in this country while she was at the White House... She's one of my heroes.”



1975: Wedding Day, Fayetteville, Arkansas.



1983: From the moment Chelsea was born, she became the center of Hillary's life.



1990: Supporting the Youth Opportunity Unlimited (YOU) program in Arkansas.

As a leader—and New York’s **next** Senator

Getting results

Building on decades of experience to help those who need it most.

IT WAS HILLARY WHO HELPED design and pass three groundbreaking adoption and foster care reform laws that now make it easier to adopt children. In many ways it was the culmination of twenty-five years of work for her.

“Since 1996, foster care adoptions have risen by nearly a third,” says the Hon. Donna Shalala, former President of Hunter College. “Because of the people Hillary pulled together, kids who never thought they would have a family, now know what it’s like to be loved.”

In 1995, Hillary wrote the best selling book, “It Takes A Village” which looks at the responsibility we all have to help children thrive. Since then, she has donated the proceeds of her book, over \$1 million, to children’s causes.

Hillary also took on the pharmaceutical industry to make them start testing medicines for children and to make certain that all kids get the immunizations they need at little or no cost. She brought national attention and increased funding for the growing problem of childhood asthma. And Hillary helped design and led the fight for the Children’s Health Insurance Program [CHIP] which now provides health insurance for millions of children in working families.

For veterans of the Gulf War facing diseases that no one could



The 1990's:

Testifying before Congress (top left).

Visiting with Rev. James Forbes (top right).

With mom Dorothy (above) and Chelsea (right).

Hillary often quotes Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis saying, “If you bungle raising your children, I don’t think what else you do matters very much.”





As First Lady, Hillary championed child care, after-school and early learning at the White House—issues she's been hearing a lot about from New Yorkers.

As First Mom, Hillary and Bill helped Chelsea move into her dorm room at Stanford (Lower left).



explain, Hillary was one of the few who would listen and champion their cause. “She actually sincerely was interested in what was wrong with me and if there was any way that she could help me,” says Col. Herbert K. Smith.

For women around the world, Hillary has become an important voice speaking out against degradation and abuse and standing up for education, health care, economic independence and human rights.

One of the accomplishments that means the most to Hillary is the work she's done to increase funding for breast cancer research and treatment, and to make sure that annual mammograms are covered by Medicare. This issue has struck her own family—Bill Clinton's mother died of breast cancer just a little over a year after

he took office.

Hillary's father had died a few months earlier. Losing a parent is always painful. Facing that loss in public was hard for Hillary. But she has met that loss and other painful times with quiet dignity, believing that the best way to face personal challenges is to work your way through.

A NEW WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS

Today, Hillary has a new set of challenges. Chelsea's in college. All the way in California. There's a new family home in Chappaqua—it's back to the suburbs for Hillary. And the new challenge of the Senate race. A new way to try to make progress for children and families.

Why is she doing it?

The answer is clear from the

story of her life. Hillary's passion has always been to help children and families and she believes that the United States Senate is where many of the decisions get made that affect children and families. She wants to help shape those decisions in the years to come.

Decisions about our children, like setting high standards for our schools, increasing school construction, combating video violence. Decisions about health care, like long term care, prescription drugs and the right to sue your HMO. And decisions about our economy, like raising the minimum wage, cutting taxes, and fighting to make sure everyone benefits from our economic prosperity.

If these concerns are your concerns, put Hillary to work for you.



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