



# Hillary Rodham Clinton and the University of Oxford

Hillary Clinton is a champion for women, an advocate for women's policy priorities, and a voice for women's vital role in society and in history.

As Secretary of State, a United States Senator, First Lady of the United States, First Lady of Arkansas, and an advocate and attorney she insisted that women's voices be respected. She lent her considerable expertise to the Children's Defense Fund and the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession. She spearheaded the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History and later created the State Department's Office of Global Women's Issues.

In 1995, over the objections of many, she travelled to Beijing where she issued a clarion call to the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women. "For too long, the history of women has been a history of silence," she observed. "Even today there are those who are trying to silence our words." Her declaration that "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights once and for all" reverberated around the globe. Since then, she has travelled the world, supporting women leaders and championing girls' education.

In 2016, the Democratic Party selected Secretary Clinton as its presidential nominee, shattering its male-only nomination tradition. She won the popular vote by a significant margin, but suffered a narrow, stinging loss in the electoral college.



Unbowed, she rallied her supporters, urging them never to stop believing "that fighting for what's right is worth it" and went on to found an organization that supports the next generation of progressive leaders.

In 2018, at the invitation of Oxford's Vice-Chancellor, Secretary Clinton delivered the prestigious Romanes Lecture. Later that year, she provided a keynote address at Oxford's Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. She urged her audiences to combat despair and the rise of illiberalism by re-engaging with politics, crafting bold policies, and building respectful communities. Both audiences responded with standing ovations. Secretary Clinton is also an honorary fellow of Mansfield College, Oxford with strong family ties to the University through her husband and daughter, both of whom are alumni.

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