

Will Hillary Clinton run for Presidency in 2016, or will health issues discourage her?

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According to Phillippe Reines, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Senior State Department aide, Clinton was hospitalized after suffering a blood clot following an accident in January.

"In the course of a follow-up exam today, Secretary Clinton's doctors discovered a blood clot had formed, stemming from the concussion she sustained several weeks ago," Reines said in a statement on December 30, 2012, for the *Washington Post*. He further explained that "she was being treated with anti-coagulants" while under the care of New York Presbyterian Hospital so that doctors could monitor the medication over a 48-hour period.

She fell ill with a stomach bug that led to her fainting and suffering a concussion. Clinton was off work since the return from her last foreign trip on De-

ember 7 although her staff confirmed that she continued working from home. Presently, she has returned to work.

Clinton's lengthy absence from public life sparked claims from some of her fiercer that she was trying to avoid testifying on December 20 to U.S. lawmakers before lawmakers investigating a deadly assault in which the US Ambassador and three other American officials were killed in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi on September 11. However, the State Department claimed Clinton had contracted a bad stomach virus during her five-day stay in Europe. She also had to cancel a planned trip to North Africa and Abu Dhabi due to the illness.

As First Lady in the White House with her husband, then-President Bill Clinton, she suffered a blood clot in her leg, which she described as "the most significant health scare I've ever had" in 1998. There

was no clarification regarding which part of her body the clot had appeared, nor if it were life-threatening.

"That was scary because you have to treat it immediately—you don't want to take the risk that it will break loose and travel to your brain, or your heart or your lungs," she told the "New York Daily News" in October of 2007.

In her recent case of illness, Clinton's doctors stated that she became severely dehydrated due to the effects of the stomach bug and fainted, suffering the concussion. They recommended she rest at home through mid-January and avoid the high-intensity travel schedule to which she had become accustomed as Secretary of State.

Clinton flew almost a million miles since taking office four years ago. She visited 112 countries and spent about 400 days on planes.

Some Republicans alleged Clinton faked the illness, a

charge her office vigorously denied, while vowing that she would testify in January when capable. Clinton, who will step down from her post in early 2013, also stayed away from the White House. President Barack Obama nominated her replacement, veteran Senator John Kerry. She issued a statement paying tribute to her successor.

Once Clinton finally did testify regarding the Libyan tragedy, Clinton insisted on Wednesday, January 23, that the department is moving swiftly and aggressively to strengthen security at U.S. installations missions worldwide after the deadly Sept. 11 raid on the consulate in Libya. Clinton once again took full responsibility for the department's missteps leading up to the assault at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. She said the Obama administration clearly chemistry be-

tween the two," says The Moderate Voice's Joe Gandelman.

The "flawlessly effortless" interaction between Clinton and Obama clearly demonstrated a "fierce bond" between the two that "cameras cannot lie about," says Taylor Marsh in regard to the television interview in an article posted on January 28 on her "View from a Recovering Partisan" website.

Clinton is wearing glasses for the first time, instead of contact lenses, because of the "lingering effects from the concussion that are decreasing and will disappear," she told Kroft when he asked about her recent head injury and cranial blood clot.

Clinton claimed that there is no history of blood clots in her family, yet the subject remains close to her heart.

"I have a lot of sympathy now when I pick up the paper and read about an athlete or one of our soldiers whose had traumatic brain injury," said Clinton.

Second Inauguration sets trend for next four years in Oval Office

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President Barack Obama took the presidential oath of office on Monday January 21st, 2013. This was another landmark for the first African American president. Although the ceremony and celebration was smaller than in 2009, hundreds of thousands still came out in the bitter cold to watch the president and vice president take their oaths.

Even though President Obama and Vice President Biden had already taken the oath of office the day before, as required by the constitution, they held the public oath on Martin Luther King Day. After all the dignitaries filed into the presidential box in front of the capital building, the president walked out and the celebration began. Senator Chuck Schumer started the inaugurations off with the call to order, basically announcing that's what everyone was gathered for. Next the invocation was given by Myrlie

Evers-Williams, who was married to famous civil rights activist Medgar Evers. This seemed very fitting, considering it was the day honoring our nation's greatest civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. After the invocation Joe Biden took his public oath of office administered by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Next came a performance from the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir though everyone was just waiting for the president turns to come.

After the choir sang a beautiful version of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" it was finally the Presidents big moment. Chief Justice John Roberts delivered the oath to now second term President Barack Obama. After the oath, President Obama delivered the final inauguration speech of his life. In this important speech Pres. Obama outlined what the next four years will be about, the main theme being equality and gun control.

He says "We, the people, still believe that our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves, but to all posterity." This is an obvious remark on his belief in wealthier paying there fair share in taxes, but also his belief that women should be allowed to serve on the front lines in the military which became a hot topic towards the end of January.

"But we have always understood that when times change, so must we; that fidelity to our founding principles requires new responses to new challenges; that preserving our individual freedoms ultimately requires collective action," said the President. This is a reference to the belief that gay marriage should be legalized, which he came out in support of last May.

"Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet



President Barack Obama takes the oath of office while swearing on the bibles of both the Lincoln family and the Martin Luther King, Jr. family. Following the ceremony, he signed both bibles as keepsakes for the two families. Such was the beginning of a day filled with celebration for the President and his family. *Internet Photo*

lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm." This is a clear statement from the president in support of gun control.

Statements like these caused much of controversy from the right side

of the political spectrum. Conservative pundits like Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh criticized the President for everything from making the speech too political to being an outright socialist.

Overall, the speech was seen as a step in the right direction for the country. He outlined moderate ideas to not only help the country develop, but also to keep the country safe. Time will only tell whether these ideas get put into action.