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Hillary Clinton and the Elimination of Violence Against Women

NOW has been a leader in the elimination of violence against women in the United States and so has Hillary. True to her word that we must “*do everything in our power to fight violence against women,*” she used her global platform as Secretary of State to raise international awareness of the “*violation of human rights*” that is gender violence and developed programs to address it. She is driving the fight against domestic violence and military and campus sexual assault; and NOW PAC believes she is the feminist champion we need.

“I want to send a message to every survivor of sexual assault: Don’t let anyone silence your voice. You have the right to be heard.”

– Hillary Clinton

As Secretary of State, Hillary:

- Led the creation of the [US National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security](#)– a USAID action plan aimed at the empowerment of women as peace makers. It implements plans to promote gender equality in conflict-affected countries by protecting women and girls from violence and sexual trafficking and by providing direct support for survivors.
- Visited the Eastern Congo and was appalled by the pervasive violence she discovered there. She met with survivors from many communities and shared in their grief. Driven by a need to action, she called on the Congolese government to combat Eastern Congo’s astonishing rates of sexual violence and developed a [\\$17 million action plan](#) to implement programs the Congolese women needed.
- Adopted a [text mandating peacekeeping missions](#) to protect women and girls from sexual violence in armed conflict in the UN Security Council. During her address to the council, Clinton brought attention to the heavy effects of sexual violence on the communities of the Congo.

“[Sexual violence] shreds the fabric that weaves us together as human beings.”

- Created the Office of Global Women’s Issues, which developed the Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally.

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As First Lady, Hillary:

- ◆ Helped create the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women in 1994.
- ◆ Condemned violence against women in her declaration to the United Nations that "human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights."
- ◆ Established the Vital Voices Democracy Initiative to address violence against women as a global inequality issue.

As Senator, Hillary:

- ◆ Co-sponsored the reauthorization of the [Violence Against Women Act](#) in 2005.
- ◆ Introduced the [CARE Act](#), a piece of legislation dedicated to ensuring rape and incest survivors access to emergency contraception in hospital ERs.
- ◆ Responded to sexual assault in the military with a proposal to make emergency contraception available to women in military service.

"It is not enough to condemn campus sexual assault. We need to end it."



Hillary has pledged to bring an end to sexual assault on America's campuses.

Three core principles of her comprehensive plan:

- ◆ Provide "confidential, comprehensive, and coordinated" support to survivors
- ◆ Ensure a fair process in campus disciplinary proceedings and in the criminal justice system so survivors' voices will be heard, not dismissed.
- ◆ Increase prevention efforts "not only in college but also in secondary school"

To learn more about Hillary's plan, visit www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/campus-sexual-assault/

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