



Judicial Watch In the Media

Highlights from Judicial Watch's public education campaign

JW'S ALL-OUT MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST HILLARY CLINTON PAYS OFF!

Judicial Watch held a press conference at the National Press Club on May 9 to announce a senate ethics complaint against Hillary Clinton. The press conference was the launch of an all-out media offensive against the New York Senator for campaign finance fraud. The results were remarkable – every major news outlet covered the scandal, including FOX, ABC, CBS, NBC (including the *Today Show*), *The Associated Press* and hundreds of talk radio stations across the country. The following are just some of the media highlights:



Tom Fitton, President of Judicial Watch on MSNBC.

TELEVISION NETWORKS

JW President Tom Fitton on NBC's *Today Show*, May 10, 2005



Matt Lauer, Co-host: On "Close Up" this morning, Hillary Clinton's former chief fund-raiser under fire. He goes on trial today over questionable fund-raising practices, and it could have a

major impact on Senator Clinton's potential run for the White House. NBC's Campbell Brown has more on that, and she joins us this morning.



Campbell Brown: Good morning, Matt. The story begins in Los Angeles during Hillary Clinton's campaign for Senate, August 2000. A star-studded Hollywood fund-

raiser cost more than \$1 million to throw. The Clinton campaign fund-raiser, David Rosen, reported the cost at only about \$400,000. The Justice Department claims Rosen intentionally underreported the cost so the campaign could have extra funds to spend elsewhere. While the Justice Department says Senator Clinton was never a target of the investigation, long-time Clinton foes, like the conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch still want to see the senator in the hot seat.

Tom Fitton, President of Judicial Watch: The money was given to her. She didn't report it. We want to know why, and if she didn't report it she needs to be held accountable.

Brown: Judicial Watch is calling for a Senate Ethics Committee investigation, arguing the Justice Department gave Senator Clinton a pass because she is such a powerful political figure. So just how much of this is about her status and future plans with more political observers

now pegging her as the leading candidate for the Democrats presidential nomination in 2008?

Howard Finema, *Newsweek Magazine*:

It's a calling card. It's a wake-up call. It's a shot across the bow. Use any cliché you want, the enemies of Hillary Clinton are saying, 'Look, this is what your life and your campaign is going to be like for the next few years.'

OTHER MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

FOX News **May 9, 2005**

"Judicial Watch has a history of monitoring the New York senator and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, and its latest allegation is that Clinton is responsible for omitting from her fund-raising report to the FEC a \$1.9 million contribution that funded an August 2000 fund-raiser for her Senate campaign called 'Hollywood Tribute to William Jefferson Clinton.'"

ABC News **May 9, 2005**

"A conservative watchdog group with a history of dogging the Clintons urged a Senate panel on Monday to investigate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton over a Hollywood fundraiser for which a former staff member faces charges."

"Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton argued that Clinton closely monitored the Hollywood fundraiser and knew its actual cost was much greater than the \$400,000 tab reported in campaign financial filings."

CNN **May 10, 2005**

"Judicial Watch, which has pushed officials to look into the fundraiser, filed paperwork with the Senate Ethics Committee on Monday saying [Hillary Clinton] had to have known of the alleged misreporting."

CBSNews.com **May 9, 2005**

"Also, Monday the conservative group Judicial Watch said it had filed a complaint with the Senate ethics committee against

Sen. Clinton in connection with the 2000 fund-raiser."

"The group's president, Tom Fitton, said, 'Mrs. Clinton took \$2 million and lied about it and has continued to lie about it.'"

NEWSPAPERS

Los Angeles Times **May 12, 2005**

"Judicial Watch claims that 'while DeLay has faced an ethics firestorm, Hillary Clinton's legal and ethical transgressions have been largely ignored.'"

Washington Post **May 10, 2005**

"Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton argued that Clinton closely monitored the Hollywood fundraiser and knew its actual cost was much greater than the \$400,000 tab reported in campaign financial filings."

"'They're false and she knows them to be false,' Fitton said. He equated her situation with the ethics controversy surrounding House Majority Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who has been criticized for privately funded travel."

London Telegraph **May 11, 2005**

"Judicial Watch, a right-wing pressure group with a history of hounding the Clintons, filed papers with the Senate ethics committee saying Mrs Clinton must have known of the alleged misreporting."

"Tom Fitton, the group's president, argued that she closely monitored the gala and knew it cost far more than the \$400,000 (£220,000) reported in the campaign filings. 'They're false and she knows them to be false,' he said."

New York Daily News **May 10, 2005**

"Judicial Watch accused the New York senator of knowingly allowing the allegedly false documents to be filed."

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"She was negotiating with vendors and people involved in the event. ... She was personally involved," said Chris Farrell, Judicial Watch director of investigations. Judicial Watch filed a complaint with the Senate Ethics Committee, asking it to investigate whether Hillary Clinton conspired with David Rosen to allegedly hide the cost of the glittery gala."

New York Post **May 10, 2005**

"After a while, the buck stops with the candidate," charged Tom Fitton, head of the anti-Clinton legal group Judicial Watch. "She's responsible."

TALK RADIO

Bob Barr's Laws of the Universe
Radio America Network
Interview of Brandon Millett
JW Director of Public Relations
May 15, 2006

Bob Barr, Former Congressman, Host:



Now I would like to bring on board one of my heroes with one of America's great organizations that does stand for freedom and for honesty and integrity in government. I'm

speaking, of course, of Judicial Watch and Brandon Millett. Brandon is with Judicial Watch out of Washington D.C., the great watchdog of honesty and integrity in government. Brandon, welcome to the show.

Brandon Millett, Director of Public Relations, Judicial Watch:



Well, thank you Congressman. It is a pleasure to be here, especially given that you have been such a good friend to the organization over the years.

Barr: Well, thank you. Over the years, Judicial Watch has really led the way to uncover and, to the extent that it can, prosecute corruption in government, whether by Democrats or Republicans. I think it is fair to say that you have been singularly successful in bringing scandals to light and educating the public and using the legitimate tools of the judicial system to obtain justice on behalf of the American people. I do not imagine too many days go by when you folks at Judicial Watch just sit around twiddling your thumbs, wondering what to do.

Millett: Unfortunately, government corruption is a growth industry so we are very busy – especially this past week after we filed our Senate ethics complaint against Hillary Clinton.

Barr: Please, tell our listeners what is going on with Ms. Hillary?

Millett: Well, this case involves Senator Clinton's National Finance Director, David Rosen, and it relates to a 1.9 million dollar contribution that was made to Clinton's campaign in the form of a Hollywood tribute to Bill Clinton. There were all sorts of celebrities there and they had a fine time raising about a million and a half dollars for her campaign. However, they never properly reported the contribution to the Federal Election Commission and the U.S. Senate. There is a difference, though, between this case and a lot of other cases involving the Bill and Hillary Clinton. This time, the Clintons were not able to get their hands on the evidence and destroy it. There are cancelled checks, personal "thank you" notes, videotape and photographic evidence, things of that nature, that prove the case against Hillary Clinton and her campaign.

Barr: I presume that the entire U.S. Senate, including the Ethics Chairman, George Voinovich will certainly be interested in pursuing this case against Ms. Hillary Clinton, won't they?

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Millett: Well, for four years they have had the evidence, Congressman Barr, and they have yet to do anything about it. We filed this ethics complaint to put pressure on the Senate so that they cannot ignore the scandal any longer. According to ethics rules, an investigation is warranted when a senator engages in misconduct that reflects unfavorably on the Senate. We think campaign finance fraud is well beyond that minimum threshold.

Barr: We are not talking about a few thousand dollars here or there, are we Brandon? This is well over a million dollars that went unreported.

Millett: Absolutely correct. These charges against Hillary Clinton are very serious. Senator Clinton is involved in a scandal at least as serious as the allegations against House Majority Leader DeLay, yet while Congressman DeLay has been in the middle of an ethics firestorm, there has been no mention of Clinton's transgressions in the press. The Justice Department has no plans to indict Hillary Clinton, and the Senate has not conducted an investigation.

Barr: Why isn't the Justice Department interested in this case, Brandon? I mean, the evidence is there. It is very serious.

Millett: Looking at the evidence, I cannot see one legitimate legal reason why the government would not want to investigate Hillary Clinton. The evidence is so strong, that it must have to do with politics. Frankly, the American people are tired of seeing people at the top get off the hook

while their underlings are prosecuted and investigated. Here is a guy, David Rosen, who is looking at 15 years. We have evidence that Hillary Clinton conspired to keep the cost of this from the Senate and from the Federal Election Commission. We have evidence that she was personally involved with the pre-event negotiations. We also filed a lawsuit against her in July 2001 where we outlined all the monies spent and demanded she correct the record. She has had four years and has failed to do so.



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— Congressman Bob Barr

Photo: Hillary and Bill Clinton

Barr: Thank goodness that Judicial Watch is out there. I dare say none of this would make the light of day. I cannot let this opportunity with you, Brandon Millett of Judicial Watch, go by without thanking you and Judicial Watch for the absolutely tremendous work that you all did in the years and months leading up to the impeachment trial of former President Clinton. Without Judicial Watch having been out there using the Freedom of Information Act, I do not think that a large portion of the evidence

that we were able to bring to the attention of the public, with regard to the corruption of the Clinton administration, ever would have been made public. So I, as the first member of congress to call for the impeachment of Bill Clinton, thank you very much. The work that Judicial Watch has done over the years has been absolutely unparalleled in its benefit to the cause of honesty and fighting corruption in government.

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Millett: Well, I really appreciate the compliment and all of your help and your support as well. This week we received a nice little compliment from a member of the liberal media. I am sure you know Margaret Carlson of *Time* magazine. She wrote in one of her articles that "thanks in no small part to Judicial Watch that Hillary Clinton is the most thoroughly investigated person in the history of the Republic." So we thank her for that endorsement, but also thank you for all of your help.

Barr: Judicial Watch is certainly very active and we certainly wish you the best in this latest endeavor. Do you think that you'll be able to wake the Senate up a little bit through the ethics complaint that you filed against Ms. Hillary?

Millett: We are hoping it will have that effect. Given all the attention we have received in the media with our Senate ethics complaint, we are hoping to put pressure on the Senate to do what it should do: investigate and discipline Hillary Clinton. ⚖️

OTHER TALK RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

May 15: JW Public Relations Director Brandon Millett on the *Bob Barr Show*, Radio America.

May 13: JW Director of Investigations Chris Farrell on *NewsTalk 106*, Dublin, Ireland.

May 11: Chris Farrell on Nationally Syndicated *Jerry Doyle Program*.

May 11: Brandon Millett on KMBZ, Kansas, *Jerry Agar Program*.

May 11: Chris Farrell on KSRO, California, *Pat Thurston Show*.

May 10: JW Director of Litigation Paul Orfanedes, *CNN Radio*.

May 10: Chris Farrell, *NRA News*.

May 10: Chris Farrell on *KAHL*.

May 9: JW President Tom Fitton, Nationally Syndicated *Rusty Humphries Show*.

May 9: Chris Farrell on Nationally Syndicated *Michael Reagan Show*.

May 9: Chris Farrell on Nationally Syndicated *Linda Chavez Show*.

May 9: Tom Fitton on KOGO, *Mark Larson Show*.

Of Note

The Associated Press, which covered Judicial Watch's Senate ethics complaint against Hillary Clinton, is syndicated by more than 450 newspapers nationwide.



Judicial Watch on the *Michael Reagan Show*, syndicated to more than 200 stations nationwide:

Michael Reagan, Host: Did you have a press conference today?

Chris Farrell, JW Director of Investigations: Yes, indeed. Judicial Watch filed an Ethics Complaint in the U.S. Senate against Hillary Clinton. It is about \$1.9 million in campaign contributions that she never properly reported to the Federal Election Commission and the Secretary of the Senate. She filed these forms back in 2000-2001. They are wrong. She lied on the forms. Her Campaign Finance Director, David Rosen, goes on trial tomorrow for it and she needs to be investigated by the Senate.