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Re: Policy strategy

As a foreign service advisor for the Clinton campaign, I am responsible for collaborating with the state department and the department of defense to be aware of and come up with solutions in areas of conflict concerning the United States. As her advisor, it is also my job to provide an analysis of all foreign policy issues.

It is important to analyze the most prominent issues facing the United States such as immigration, ISIS, and the treatment of Muslims in the United States. There are so many foreign policy strategies but these three seem to be the most prominently discussed.

Immigration:

The continuous overflow of illegal immigrants in the US is an issue that has been a topic of discussion for several years. Although the issue is very prominent, we do not recommend rounding up mass quantities of immigrants and shipping them back to where they came from. It is very important that we maintain a good relationship with our allies. The Clinton administration proposes a complete rearranging of the policy entirely. Instead of deportation, we propose that we develop a pathways program designed at getting illegal immigrants citizenship in the United States. This program also referred to as "Immigrant Amnesty". Persons who have been committed of violent crimes would not be eligible to participate in this program. This program would specifically be for immigrants who came to the US as children and their parents, although it is not necessarily a permanent solution for them, it would make it easier for the students to go to school and for the parents to find jobs. To be eligible for this program there will be a comprehensive enrolment fee and a background check. This policy would be the best option considering there are millions of illegal immigrants living in the United States today. This process would now mean that law-abiding illegal immigrants would not have to live in fear of being deported; they would now have work authorization and the ability to travel outside of the country without running into legal issues. In addition, it would not only be impossible to deport them, but it would be unethical to deny them a chance at freedom especially since many of these immigrants are children who were brought over by their parents.

The Syrian Refugee Crisis:

As a nation built by immigrants, it would undermine who we are and how our nation was built for us to turn our backs on those who need our help. We should continue to open our borders as we have in the past to the immigrants. We are planning to expand the number of immigrants we take in from 10,000 to 65,000. Taking in these refugees and giving them a better chance at life is the main way we will be able to defeat ISIS and undermine the Assad regime because it would reduce the chances of these immigrants becoming radicalized. It is important that we especially allow young children admission into the US. In addition to granting these refugees asylum in the US, we also propose allowing them an opportunity to work, attend school and apply for citizenship if they wish to do so. It is also important that we provide humanitarian aid to Syria as well, this would mean putting more money into our humanitarian efforts, sending more doctors overseas to provide healthcare, working to provide food, shelter and safe drinking water to those who have chosen to stay in the country and providing more military assistance. As a nation, it is important that we do not choose to turn a blind eye, it is important that we answer the call to intervene in the lives of these people and work with our allies to further help with the regime change effort.

ISIS:

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria has been a growing threat to the United States over the years. It is important that we utilize Sunni Muslims and Kurdish forces in our battle against ISIS, there is only so much that the United States can do from far away. It is important to note that we will not be able to stop the threat of terrorism by building a wall, there have been terrorist attacks in transportation hubs, night clubs, restaurants and the like in the United States and Europe and a wall will not protect us. It is also important that we expand our air and drone strikes in Iraq and Syria. Our administration has developed a three-part system to defeat the Islamic Caliphate. The first step would be to destroy the strongholds ISIS possesses in Iraq and Syria. To do this, we must intensify our current air campaign with more air strikes. We also need to increase our support of local ground forces in each country. It is also important that we improve and increase our strategies on diplomacy in both Iraq and Syria. The civil war in Syria and the conflict between the Sunni and Shia sectors of Islam have played a monumental role in the uprising of the Islamic Caliphate. It is also very important that we make every effort to destroy the global terror network. This network is how Jihadists acquire money, supplies and send out their propaganda to recruit fighters. This would require more online campaigns focused on discrediting their ideology and blocking their recruitment tactics. It is extremely important we are hardening our defenses and building our resilience here in the US; this will help us discover and disrupt ISIS plots before they can be carried out. We propose a partnership with Silicon Valley to track and analyze ISIS's social media posts and map jihadist networks online. As Hillary said, "The tech community and the government have to stop seeing each other as adversaries and start working together to protect our safety and our privacy."

Muslims:

Due to the prominence of ISIS in recent years, the animosity towards Muslims has increased drastically. It is important to remember that by isolating and spewing hatred towards this group of people, we are only proving the point of the Islamic Caliphate that all westerners are against Islam and want to destroy it. We live in a nation that was founded as a safe place for people to have their own religious beliefs, and turning our backs on this would be detrimental to the growth of our nation. Instead of putting a ban on all Muslims, it is important that we teach citizens how to spot the warning signs of a person who is becoming radicalized. The most targeted recruits are:

- Young men
- Identity seekers

- The poor
- Those who perceive injustice
- Believers of conspiracy theories
- Religiously intolerant persons

some warning signs of radicalization include:

- Isolation
- Change in dress: to traditional Islamic clothing
- Radical postings and statements
- Grievances
- Desire to seek revenge

It is important that the United States do a better job of building alliances with Islamic leaders of communities within the US. This approach in conjunction with the other approaches mentioned would drastically decrease the number of youths radicalized in the US.

Our candidate believes in taking the rational approach to helping in solving the national issues facing the United States. All of these strategies take into consideration the human rights of individuals and can be done without offending any of our allies.

North Korea:

We condemn the actions of North Korea and support President Obamas call for the United Nations to strengthen sanctions against North Korea to force them to abandon the nuclear program. We also propose continuing to work with our allies Japan and south Korea in order to figure out a way to shoot down North Korea if need be.