



Fact Check: 15 Biggest Lies in Trump's Speech Attacking Hillary Clinton

In his speech attacking Hillary Clinton Wednesday, Donald Trump -- Politifact's reigning '[Liar of the Year](#)' -- resorted to a litany of hypocritical attacks, nutty conspiracy theories and outright lies.

Many of the most outrageous attacks were long ago discredited by independent fact checkers, but Trump is still peddling them.

Here is a breakdown of 15 of Trump's biggest lies about Clinton in his Wednesday speech:

LIE: “Ambassador Stevens and his staff in Libya made hundreds of requests for security. Hillary Clinton’s State Department refused them all.”

FACT CHECK: Trump made a similar allegation before, and the [Washington Post Fact Checker](#) called it a “whopper.”

LIE: “Under her plan, we would admit hundreds of thousands of refugees from the most dangerous countries on Earth – with no way to screen who they are or what they believe.”

FACT CHECK: Hillary Clinton has [called for](#) being “vigilant in screening and vetting refugees from Syria.” Moreover, [Politifact](#) has rated the claim that there was no way to screen refugees from the Middle East as “false.”

LIE: “For the amount of money Hillary Clinton would like to spend on refugees, we could rebuild every inner city in America.”

FACT CHECK: To date, the only financial commitment Hillary Clinton has specified along these lines is [\\$15 million](#) to broadly support the integration of immigrants, including refugees. And an [independent analysis](#)

of the potential cost associated with resettling an additional 70,000 refugees--as Clinton proposed last year--has pegged the price tag at \$582 million. By comparison, the cost to rebuild the city of [Detroit alone is \\$1.25 billion](#), according to the city's emergency manager.

LIE: “Thanks to Hillary Clinton, Iran is now the dominant Islamic power in the Middle East, and on the road to nuclear weapons.”

FACT CHECK: [Politifact](#) rated the claim that Iran is on the road to nuclear weapons “false,” saying, “the terms of the deal expressly forbid pursuing a militarized nuclear program.”

LIE: “Hillary Clinton’s State Department approved the transfer of 20% of America’s uranium holdings to Russia, while 9 investors in the deal funneled \$145 million to the Clinton Foundation.”

FACT CHECK: According to [Factcheck.org](#), “the author of ‘Clinton Cash’ falsely claimed Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State had ‘veto power and ‘could have stopped’ Russia from buying a company with extensive uranium mining operations in the U.S.” In fact, the State Department was just one member of a nine-agency panel that reviewed this transaction. The panel was led by the Treasury Department, not State, and Hillary Clinton was never personally involved in the consideration of the deal.

LIE: “Hillary’s Wall Street immigration agenda will keep immigrant communities poor, and unemployed Americans out of work.”

FACT CHECK: Comprehensive immigration reform [would boost economic](#) growth and increase the size of the labor force.

LIE: Hillary Clinton “has even deleted this record of total support [for TPP] from her book.”

FACT CHECK: According to [NBC News](#), “The cuts were part of 96 pages of cuts made to account for the paperback's smaller size, according to a publisher's note. But not all of them were cut: there's still two pages praising the deal, or at least the idea of it.”

LIE: “Among the victims is our late Ambassador, Chris Stevens. He was left helpless to die as Hillary Clinton soundly slept in her bed -- that's right, when the phone rang at 3 o'clock in the morning, she was sleeping.”

FACT CHECK: According to [Factcheck.org](#), “Trump is certainly entitled to his opinion, but the evidence shows Clinton was fully engaged in the immediate response, and subsequent congressional investigations

concluded the government response to the attack — including Clinton’s — was appropriate.”

LIE: “She has pledged to grant mass amnesty and in her first 100 days, end virtually all immigration enforcement, and thus create totally open borders in the United States.”

FACT CHECK: While Hillary Clinton [has pledged](#) to push for comprehensive immigration reform in her first 100 days, [Politifact](#) has given a ruling of “Pants on Fire” to the claim that such a plan would equal “mass amnesty.” In fact, in her memoir, *Hard Choices*, Clinton wrote that she supported the 2013 Senate immigration bill, which included unprecedented investments in border security, along with a path to citizenship.

LIE: “To cover her tracks, Hillary lied about a video being the cause of his death.”

FACT CHECK: According to the [Washington Post Fact Checker](#), “Clinton says that in speaking with the families, she did not blame the Benghazi attacks on the video. Most participants we interviewed (four out of six) back up her version, saying they do not recall her mentioning a video.”

LIE: “She helped force out a friendly regime in Egypt and replace it with the radical Muslim Brotherhood.”

FACT CHECK: According to the [New York Times](#), “Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned on Sunday that removing President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt too hastily could threaten the country’s transition to democracy.”

LIE: Hillary Clinton’s foreign policy has “unleashed ISIS across the world.”

FACT CHECK: [Politifact](#) looked at a similar claim Jeb Bush made and rated it “Mostly False.”

LIE: “To cover-up her corrupt dealings, Hillary Clinton illegally stashed her State Department emails on a private server.”

FACT CHECK: Independent experts like Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists [have said](#) there was no criminal aspect to her use of a private email server. Additionally the [Wall Street Journal](#) reported that federal officials do not expect criminal charges to be filed as part of the Justice Department’s ongoing review of the private email system.

LIE: “Her server was easily hacked by foreign governments – perhaps even by her financial backers in Communist China – putting all of America in danger.”

FACT CHECK: The [New York Times](#) reported that security logs show no evidence of foreign hacking.

LIE: “Hillary Clinton appointed a top donor to a national security board with top secret access – even though he had no national security credentials.”

FACT CHECK: Contrary to Trump's claim, the appointee in question actually serves on the [Board of Directors of the American Security Project](#), the Foreign Policy Program Leadership Committee at the Brookings Institution, and on the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. [Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney](#), a member of the national security board to which Fernando was appointed, said Fernando's "expertise in cyber-security is a great asset to our national security." Brookings executive vice president and former U.S. ambassador to [Israel Martin Indyk](#) said of Fernando: "I've always valued his foreign policy insights."

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