

Newly Released State Department Report Is Highly Critical of Hillary Clinton's Private Email Usage

Main Findings From the Report



Hillary Clinton **did not ask for approval** before setting up private email server



In Jan. 2011, Clinton's private email server was **shutdown due to a hacking attempt**



Clinton **violated Department rules** by not turning over email records immediately after leaving office, waiting until late 2014 instead



State Department has poor handling of sensitive records



Clinton used private email server to avoid having to turn over some of her personal records for public disclosure

Sources: Steven Lee Myers and Eric Lichtblau, "Hillary Clinton is Criticized For Private Emails in State Dept. Review," *The New York Times*, May 25, 2016; Ryan Browne and Evan Perez, "State Department Report Slams Clinton Email Use," *CNN*, May 25, 2016; Office of the Inspector General, "Office of the Secretary: Evaluation of Email Records Management and Cybersecurity Requirements," U.S. Department of State, May 2016.; Edward Boatman, "Approve," *Noun Project*, May 26, 2016; Jason Dilworth, "State of the Union," *Noun Project*, May 26, 2016; TNS, "Hacked," *Noun Project*, May 26, 2016.

Report's Main Criticisms Focus on Security Concerns and Clinton's Violation of State Department Procedure

Timeline of Major Events in State Department Report

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- Jan. 2009 ○ **Clinton Sets Up Private Email Server Without State Department Permission**
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton set up a private email address and private server to handle official government business. According to the report, she did not ask State Department officials if this met security standards. If she did ask, the report claims, the State Department would have denied her request
 - Nov. 2010 ○ **Hillary Clinton Emailed Deputy Stating She Wanted Private Email To Avoid Personal Records Being Accessible and Released Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**
A deputy suggested Clinton use a State email address. Clinton declined replying, "I don't want any risk of the personal being accessible."
 - Jan. 2011 ○ **Attempted Hack on Clinton Private Email Server Prompts Shutdown**
An attempted hacker targeted Clinton's email server. Although the hack was unsuccessful, concerns over the system's safety prompted the security contractor to shut down the server for the day.
 - Late 2014 ○ **Clinton Turned Over Emails From Time At State Department**
Clinton began turning over 50,000 emails from her time at the State Department. According to State Department rules, **Clinton should have turned over records immediately after she left office in 2013.**

Impact on Clinton Campaign

Hillary Clinton has publically stated she would be compliant and assist with any investigations into her email records. However, this State Department report said that **Clinton and her top senior aides refused to comment or be interviewed for the investigation.** The State report also undercuts Clinton's narrative that she was compliant with State Department policy when she set up the private email server. Both of **these contradictions will further reinforce the public's perception of her as dishonest and untrustworthy.** Although Trump is seen as even more untrustworthy, he will use this report to further drive the narrative that Clinton is not to be trusted and is an unreliable leader.

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