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Clinton accepts historic nomination

First woman selected by a major party urges people to choose harmony over hatred

Patrick Healy and Amy Chozick
The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton, who sacrificed personal ambition for her husband's political career and then rose to be a globally influential figure, became the first woman to accept a major party's presidential nomination Thursday night, a prize that generations of American women have dreamed about for one of their own.

Declaring that the nation was at "a moment

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of reckoning," Clinton, 68, urged voters to reject the divisive policy ideas and combative politics of the Republican nominee, Donald Trump. She offered herself as a steady and patriotic

American who would stand up for citizens of all races and creeds and unite the country to persevere against Islamic terrorists, economic troubles, and the chaos of gun violence.

"Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart, bonds of trust and respect are fraying," said Clinton, who worked on the speech until 4 a.m. Thursday. "And just as with our founders there are no guarantees. It truly is up to us. We have to decide whether we're going to work together so we can all rise together."

Clinton radiated confidence, from her pun-gent delivery to her easy laugh, as she smoothly acknowledged her own limitations and trust issues as a public figure and forcefully challenged Trump over his claims that he alone could fix America's problems. And after 25 years in a sometimes brutal national spotlight, Clinton tried to explain who she was and what drove her — from her Methodist faith to her passion for

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ANALYSIS

Clinton asks not for trust, but faith

Michael Barbaro
The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA — The trust of the American electorate remains out of her reach. Its affections still elude her.

So after 40 polarizing years in public life, Hillary Clinton grasped for something less lofty and far more attainable here on Thursday night: an unquestioned acknowledgment of her readiness for the job.

The most consequential speech of her campaign, and of her career, seemed to contain an unspoken concession: By now, it is all but impossible for Clinton to shake herself loose from the elaborate, decades-old scaffold of assumptions — built up by scandal and bolted in place by her enemies — that her motives are impure.

But it offered a firm and extensive counterargument: a succession of high-level government positions, deep dives in the intricacies of policy and searingly consequential international negotiations have prepared her for the presidency in ways Donald Trump cannot possibly match.

"It's true," she said, proudly embracing her reputation for jargon-laden 10-point plans and dog-eared briefing books. "I sweat the details of policy. Because it's not just a detail if it's your kid — if it's your family. It's a big deal. And it should be a big deal to your

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SCOTT AUDETTE / Reuters

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and her vice-presidential running mate Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, and their spouses Anne Holton and former president Bill Clinton, walk through balloons at the finale of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia Thursday.

Women take step up with 'Madame President'

Jodi Kantor
The New York Times

The president would know what it is like to be pregnant. Top military leaders would answer to a female boss, when there has never even been a woman on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Workplaces and home life could be transformed through expanded parental leave and pay equity. Or nothing could change. The symbolism would be supernova-level. The backlash could be withering.

On Thursday night, 240 years into

an unbroken chain of all-male leadership, Hillary Clinton accepted the Democratic nomination for president. The country may be one hard-fought election away from a woman in charge, making a question that has always been abstract more concrete: How could having a woman as president alter the experience of being an American woman? "Women will get fair wages," said Tammy Keith, 53, a caseworker who lives in East New York and estimated that she was paid about \$20,000 less than her male

counterparts over the last 14 years.

The more boldly Clinton acted, the more empowered women would feel, said Marqui Wilcher, 25, a supervisor at a Pittsburgh call center and a single mother. "Don't go in there and cower down," she said, as if speaking to the nominee.

The election of the first woman to the White House could revitalize stalled issues of workplace equality, said Jeanne Crain, 56, the chief executive of a bank in St. Paul, Minnesota. "I think there are ways for me as a leader

here to use this as a springboard — shame on me — in ways I haven't done," she said.

All week, cameras at the convention hall in Philadelphia have captured images of women weeping, hugging and cheering on Clinton. Dozens of other women across the country, in interviews at their offices or alongside their children, also said they felt on the cusp of a major, collective step forward.

A few said it would make no

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Unextinguished campfire caused McHugh wildfire, officials say

Fire started in an area not commonly used by hikers, not properly contained.

Jerzy Shedlock
Alaska Dispatch News

The Alaska Division of Forestry said Thursday that an unextinguished campfire caused the McHugh fire, which scorched hundreds of acres of parkland south of Anchorage for nearly a week until rains helped stop its spread.

The wildfire began July 19 in Chugach State Park, adjacent to the Seward Highway and above a popular trailhead.

"The point of origin of the escaped fire was north of the McHugh Creek parking lot, off the McHugh trail system and deep in a ravine," according to DOF.

Officials said the fire was started in an area not commonly used by hikers, and a protective ring around the campfire was never established.

Currently, there are no leads about who caused the fire, said fire management officer Norm McDonald.

"We don't have any additional information at this time other than the fact that it

was an abandoned campfire," McDonald said. "That is something we're looking for and we'll follow up."

Park officials discover remnants of illegal campfires in Chugach State Park frequently, said Tom Harrison, superintendent of Chugach and southwest area for the state's Department of Natural Resources. Campfires are permitted in designated areas with provided structures like fire rings, Harrison said.

But visitors start campfires everywhere, he said. "Unfortunately, the campfires range from pretty small innocuous things in the backcountry to larger pallet parties with beer cans and other things left behind," Harrison said. "Everybody loves their fires."

The remnants of campfires are cleared when discovered, so people passing through don't get the same idea or think the spots are safe to light fires, he said.

Campfires are permitted in the following drainages with gravel bars below the timberline: Eklutna, Peters Creek, Meadow Creek, Bird Creek and Eagle River excluding its south fork. They are not

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Helicopters dropping water work the McHugh Creek Fire along the Seward Highway and Turnagain Arm last week south of Anchorage.

NATION & WORLD NEWS

Video affecting legal merits in shootings
Legal standards that give considerable deference to officers are being challenged in an era when millions of people are viewing footage of police shootings and making their own judgments. **Page A-4**

Study says gray wolf is the only species in North America
The first large study of North American wolf genomes has found that there is only one species: the gray wolf. **Page A-4**

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