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HOW WOULD LIFE CHANGE IF A WOMAN BECAME THE FORTY-FOURTH PRESIDENT? MORE ASKED SOME OPINIONATED WOMEN—WHO'VE SEEN PLENTY OF FIRSTS—TO IMAGINE THE FIRST 100 DAYS

HILLARY WINS.

—AS TOLD TO DEBORAH SIEGEL, AUTHOR OF *SISTERHOOD, INTERRUPTED: FROM RADICAL WOMEN TO GRRLS GONE WILD*

Jane Swift | GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, 2001 TO 2003; NOW CAMPAIGNING FOR JOHN MCCAIN

"I'd have to smile at the picture of a woman raising her right hand over the Bible—instead of holding one for her husband. Of course, if this much glass shatters, someone is bound to get hurt. I'd tell women: 'Time to hold our fire. No blank checks, but no gratuitous swipes. Our daughters' inheritance is at stake.'"

Pat Schroeder | PRESIDENT AND CEO, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS; COLORADO CONGRESSWOMAN; EXPLORED A RUN IN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, 1988

"You remember the Miss America pageants, where all the contestants would say they wished for world peace? It will be fabulous when Hillary delivers world peace without posing in a bathing suit!"

Blanche Wiesen Cook | HISTORIAN, JOHN JAY AND GC, CUNY, NEW YORK; AUTHOR OF A THREE-VOLUME ELEANOR ROOSEVELT BIOGRAPHY

"Hillary will sign a bill to end the global rule of the arms industry and redefine terrorism as a crime to be pursued by law, not war. She'll nominate Angela Davis to make prisons into empowerment alliances, Michael Moore as health secretary and Bill as the first Eleanor Roosevelt Ambassador for Human Rights."

Margaret Cho | COMEDIAN

"What will Hillary do? We know what she'll do; Hillary has already been president for eight years. Back then, Bill was obviously multitasking."

Daphne Merkin | ESSAYIST

"I see whole new vistas of discussion opening up in popular culture, specifically about gender roles. Which might be for the better—or worse. Men, as we know, are easily threatened. And it's not clear that women are ready to identify with someone of their own sex who is so overtly ambitious. I predict that some of the least receptive responses will come from women."

Kellyanne Conway | CEO, PRESIDENT, POLLING COMPANY/WOMANTREND

"The 'woman's touch' would be as tough to see in her White House as it is in her. No shades of pink or cookie-baking fun. If Chelsea's life choices permit, the grandmother in chief could convert the Lincoln bedroom into a nursery. But all eyes will be on Bill, the permanent houseguest, as he shuffles between the kitchen cabinets and cabinet meetings."

Linda Hirshman

AUTHOR OF *GET TO WORK: A MANIFESTO FOR WOMEN OF THE WORLD*

"Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—thanks to a gracious gesture from the chief justice to step aside—will swear Hillary in. She will not produce a testament, old or new, but a tattered copy of Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* for the new commander in chief to swear her oath upon."

Seema Gahlaut | DIRECTOR, TRAINING AND OUTREACH, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SECURITY, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

"We'll see Clinton go all out for national health care and a green economy. But we'll also see she isn't truly committed to multilateralism or nonproliferation. She won't go outside the U.S. military establishment's traditional comfort zone. On this, she'll let us down."

Dee Dee Myers | FIRST FEMALE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, 1993 TO 1994; AUTHOR, *WHY WOMEN SHOULD RULE THE WORLD*

"I'm glued to CNN. *Eight, nine, 10...* I count as the camera pans the oversize oak table in the Cabinet Room. *Eleven* women at the table! The sight of them in those big brown leather chairs with their titles engraved in brass on the back, gives me a thrill. I went to cabinet meetings during the *other* Clinton presidency, and there were nowhere near as many women in the room—not at the table, not among the staff seated along the walls, not even among the reporters recording the event for history."