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## Precedents for Hillary

That grin. That cackle.  
Please: No more!

While there is much to be said against Donald Trump, and I've said some of it, the sheer unlikability and . . . distastefulness . . . of Hillary Clinton is . . . *precedented*.

Historically, she reminds me of two past Republican presidential candidates: Richard Milhous Nixon (1913-1994) and James G. Blaine (1830-1893).



Nixon was a power-lusting careerist — just like Mrs. Clinton. Both made runs for office and were brushed aside before ultimate success. Clinton lost the Democratic nod to Obama in 2008; Nixon famously lost the presidential race to John F. Kennedy in 1960, and then went on to lose a governor's race in California — to the current governor's father.

But he got in when the Democratic Party was divided over the Vietnam War. If Clinton gets in it will be largely the result of Republican disarray, not her own sparkling personality and charm.

'Crooked' Hillary, like 'Tricky Dick,' demonstrates extreme social awkwardness as well no small trouble keeping her temper, and being likable. Both are probably best defined as misanthropes. That was Florence King's judgment of Nixon, and I'd concur regarding Hillary.

But, in terms of corruption, could Hillary be worse than Nixon?

Surely, she's not as corrupt as James G. Blaine was. Indeed, it was this Maine politician's outrageous corruption that led to his undoing, and to the election of Democrat Grover Cleveland — despite Cleveland's sex scandal.

Win or lose, Hillary will have made history, but it won't be for her gender. Instead, for her striking similarity to past . . . deplorables.

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