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## Clinton speaks to minority journalists, answers hardball question

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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks to nearly 1,000 members of the National Association of Black Journalists and National Association of Hispanic Journalists at a joint convention in Washington, D.C., Aug. 5. NABJ and NAHJ extended invitations to Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to speak about the upcoming election. Trump declined the invitation.

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton spoke to nearly a thousand minority journalists in the nation's capital Friday.

“I want to be the president of all people,” said Clinton to members of the National Association of Black Journalists and National Association of Hispanic Journalists at a joint convention in Washington, D.C.

“Today we do what we do best. We ask questions. We demand answers. We hold truth to power,” said NAHJ President Mekahlo Medina to the room full of minority print, digital and broadcast media professionals and students.

Members of the press asked the former secretary of state questions, including whether or not she mischaracterized FBI Director James Comey’s testimony about her truthfulness regarding the use of a private email server for official Department of State business.

“I may have short-circuited and for that I will try to clarify,” said Clinton, assuming responsibility and admitting that using two email servers was a mistake. The four-minute, seven-second response included a series of stammered statements and an accounting of what was marked classified, or not, of the 30,000 emails on the unofficial server.

Several minutes before the question was asked, Clinton applauded the journalists for their hard work and encouraging transparency.

“More than ever we need you to keep holding leaders and candidates accountable,” said Clinton. “We need you to make sure that America’s front pages and nightly newscasts and online information reflects the great diversity of our nation.”

Earlier, Clinton spoke about improving the economy for minority and underserved communities, as well as immigration reform, and credited President Barack Obama for “leading us out the great recession.” Clinton committed to create jobs, build wealth and support small businesses in African-American and Hispanic communities.

“Rosa Parks opened every seat on the bus. Now we have to expand economic opportunity so everyone can afford the fare,” stressed Clinton, saying that these are both economic and civil rights issues.

The Democratic nominee had strong words for her opponent, Donald Trump, and listed recent reports of verbal attacks by Trump on Mexicans, Muslims and the Gold Star Khan family.



“I will stand up and call him out on that, but I will also keep reaching out to Americans of all races and ethnicities ... tell them I am not going to forget about them after this election,” promised Clinton.

NABJ and NAHJ extended invitations to both Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Trump to speak about the upcoming election before the group billed as the largest press event of black and Latino journalists. Trump, who was in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area during the span of the convention, declined the invitation, according to NABJ President Sarah Glover.

NABJ began 40 years ago in Washington, D.C. NAHJ was established in 1984. The joint convention brought nearly 4,000 attendees to the nation’s capital for journalism education and career development.

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