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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

In this Jan. 18, 2006 file photo, then-Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., is greeted by S. Daniel Abraham at Princetown University in Princeton, N.J. (AP Photo/Jose F. Moreno, File)

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[Many donors to Clinton Foundation met with her at State](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half the people outside the government who met with Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state gave money — either personally or through companies or groups — to the Clinton Foundation. It's an extraordinary proportion indicating her possible ethics challenges if elected president. At least

85 of 154 people from private interests who met or had phone conversations scheduled with Clinton while she led the State Department donated to her family charity or pledged commitments to its international programs, according to a review of State Department calendars released so far to The Associated Press.

[Blacks question Trump outreach delivered to white audiences](#)

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Black Republicans cheer Donald Trump for a newfound outreach to African-Americans, but say the GOP presidential nominee must take his message beyond arenas filled with white supporters and venture into the inner cities. Many rank-and-file black voters, meanwhile, dismiss the overtures as another racially charged pitch from a campaign aimed exclusively at whites.

[Horrified by Trump, Democrats getting nostalgic about Romney](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama ran for re-election, Democrats made no secret of their disdain for Mitt Romney. That was all before Donald Trump. Horrified by the prospect of Trump in the White House, Obama and his party have changed their tune about Romney.

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[Trump aides covertly fought freeing of Ukraine prisoner](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — For more than three years, lobbyist Jim Slattery worked in Washington to secure the release in Ukraine of the imprisoned political rival of the country's then-president. He said the work was sometimes harder than expected. "I had a sense that there were people working on the other side," he said, "but they were doing it pretty secretly."

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