Hillary Clinton Funding Activists Who Attack Art

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In October 2022, two activists opposed to fossil fuels attacked Vincent Van Gough's "Sunflowers" painting in the National Gallery. New Conservative Post <u>reported</u> at the time that during the mid-morning, two grimy activists threw soup on the beautiful work of art before they started ranting about oil and oil prices. 'What is worth more, art or life?' said one of the activists, Phoebe Plummer, 21, from London. She was accompanied by 20-year-old Anna Holland, from Newcastle. 'Is it worth more than food? More than justice?'" noted The Guardian.

The lead grimy gal continued: "Are you more concerned about the protection of a painting or the protection of our planet and people? The cost of living crisis is part of the cost of oil crisis, fuel is unaffordable to millions of cold, hungry families. They can't even afford to heat a tin of soup." Now it appears that the group supporting these kinds of attacks, along with blocking the freeways as people try to go on with their day, is funded by Hillary Clinton, <u>according</u> to The Washington Examiner.

Onward Together, which Clinton launched after losing the 2016 election, says it's "committed to lifting up emerging organizations and leaders who are fighting for our shared progressive values and defending our democracy." That pledge apparently includes funding Climate Emergency Fund, a charity backing groups leading demonstrations to bring awareness to climate change by

vandalizing fine art, blocking major roads, gluing themselves to sports cars, and engaging in other extremist forms of protest.

Between April 2022 and March 2023, the nonprofit advocacy arm of Onward Together granted \$200,000 to Climate Emergency Fund, according to Onward Together's tax forms filed in 2024.

CEF, which during the preceding fiscal year received \$300,000 from the Clintontied group, is based in Beverly Hills and props up activists at groups like Just Stop Oil that, in 2022, splattered tomato soup on a Vincent Van Gogh painting at London's National Gallery estimated to be worth \$84 million. In March 2024, activists for Declare Emergency, which along with Just Stop Oil is part of a coalition primarily funded by CEF called A22 Network, were charged with vandalizing the display of the U.S. Constitution at the National Archives.

Moreover, CEF funds the Washington, D.C.-based Climate Defiance, the activists of which have also been arrested for unorthodox protests. This upcoming Tuesday, Climate Defiance will host an event in the district for its one-year "birthday" alongside progressive Reps. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and Ro Khanna (D-CA), according to an event invitation.

This past March, activists from Declare Emergency and Just Stop Oil teamed up to attack a display of the U.S. Constitution at the National Archives. "Anyone who cares about public safety and preventing vandalism should be deeply concerned that money connected to Hillary Clinton is propping up these radicalized eco-activists," Daniel Turner, founder and executive director of the Power the Future energy advocacy group, <u>told</u> Newsmax.

"Congress would be wise to immediately investigate the shady origins and dastardly flow of this tainted Clinton cash," he continued. The news outlet noted that Hillary isn't the only wealthy liberal doling out cash to attack art and America's founding documents.

"CEF has also gotten funding from other wealthy donors, including Rory Kennedy, the daughter of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, producer Adam McKay, actor Jeremy Strong, Disney scion Abigail Disney, the daughter of Roy Disney, and billionaire philanthropist Aileen Getty. Further, according to filings, a PAC affiliated with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., directed \$9,000 to CEF in 2021," Newsmax reported. Liberals have been funding street protests for years in an effort to disrupt normal life, including the ones currently occurring on campus. The New York Post editorial board recently noted that none of these protests are "100 percent organic." According to an investigation by the newspaper, leftwing "philanthropists" have been funding "protest leaders" to help them spur chaos.

"Encampments at Harvard, Yale, UC-Berkeley, Ohio State and Emory in Georgia were organized by branches of Students for Justice in Palestine, which gets cash (some direct, some indirect) from the Soros family "charities" as well as the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and retired Wall Street banker Felice Gelman.

Gelman and the Soroses also give to Jewish Voice for Peace and Within Our Lifetime, two more groups intimately involved in the protests. At least three organizers — Malak Afaneh (Berkeley), Craig Birckhead-Morton (Yale) and Nidaa Lafi (University of Texas-Dallas) — are paid fellows of another lefty-philanthropy favorite, the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights. USCPR community and college fellows earn stipends of \$2,880 to \$7,800 for work organizing campaigns to demand cutting ties to Israel.

Cash and leadership tips may come from other sources, too: At least one expert <u>suspects foreign assistance</u>, <u>funding and influence</u> based on the simultaneous protests hitting at Passover, the appearance of common tents at the encampments and the use of talking points similar to those of Hamas and Hezbollah leaders."

The left has been using "charities" and "non-profits" to funnel money for its causes for years. In 2021, while running for Senate, J.D. Vance explained how they have gamed the "non-profit" space to turn charities into hubs of activism. "In May of this year," the now Ohio senator stated, "as the Biden administration proposed big tax hikes publicly, it secretly promised its allies that the tax increases would cause large amounts of additional money to flow into 'charities.'

This makes little sense if you assume Biden's tax policy is simply a way to raise revenue. But ask yourself who stands to benefit from this massive cash infusion, and it all becomes a little clearer. Among the biggest beneficiaries of left-wing donor money will be progressive advocacy organizations. Last month, Arizona graduate student Sarra Tekola recorded a viral video of herself harassing two younger students. Their sin? Sitting while white and having a pro-police laptop sticker in Arizona State University's "multicultural center." Tekola, it turned out, was not merely an impassioned student, but a fellow of the Ford Foundation, a longtime backer of progressive causes. This was not a casual disagreement among students, but a political attack made possible by one the most powerful institutions in America. This is hardly uncommon for the Ford Foundation. The group's fellowship email directory is used to harass anyone—inside or outside of the organization—who dares question leftist orthodoxy. In late September, its fellows helped persuade MIT to disinvite a prominent scientist from giving a prestigious lecture."

It looks like Hillary doesn't have anything else to do but to play the game, as well.