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Clinton has made mistakes and displayed bad judgment, but her errors are plainly in a different universe than her opponent's. Trump's values are hostile to conservatism. He plays on fear — exploiting base instincts of xenophobia, racism and misogyny — to bring out the worst in all of us, rather than the best. His serial shifts on fundamental issues reveal an astounding absence of preparedness. And his improvisational insults and midnight tweets exhibit a dangerous lack of judgment and impulse control.

From We recommend Hillary Clinton for president, by The Dallas Morning News editorial board (The Dallas Morning News, September 7, 2016) (view)

from the day he declared his candidacy 15 months ago through this week's first presidential debate, Trump has demonstrated repeatedly that he lacks the temperament, knowledge, steadiness and honesty that America needs from its presidents.

From Trump is 'unfit for the presidency', by USA Today editorial board (USA Today, September 30, 2016) (view)

66 One party has two moderate Republicans — veteran governors who successfully led Democratic states — atop its ticket. Libertarians Gary Johnson of New Mexico and running mate William Weld of Massachusetts are agile, practical and, unlike the majorparty candidates, experienced at managing governments. They offer an agenda that appeals not only to the Tribune's principles but to those of the many Americans who say they are socially tolerant but fiscally responsible.

From A principled option for U.S. president: Endorsing Gary Johnson, Libertarian, by Chicago

Spare us the manufactured scandal of Benghazi. Spare us the baseless questions about her health. We endorse the Hillary Clinton who grew up in Park Ridge wanting to change the world, who worked for the welfare of children in Arkansas, who worked effectively across party lines as a senator from New York and who gave her all as a globetrotting secretary of state. The importance of her deep experience in foreign affairs cannot be overstated in these perilous times.

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From Vote for Clinton and avert a train wreck, by Chicago Sun-Times editorial board (*Chicago Sun-Times*, September 30, 2016) (view)

Clinton offers many of the right policies to strengthen the middle class and make the economy work for more Americans. Unlike the millionaire-friendly tax cuts Trump wants (including a windfall to wealthy families by repealing the so-called death tax), Clinton proposes tax relief that is squarely aimed at working families.

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From The many reasons to support Clinton, not just stop Trump, by The Sacramento Bee editorial board (*The Sacramento Bee*, September 30, 2016) (view)

The presidency, of course, is not a job we simply hand to the candidate with the best resume. It demands a person with good judgment, even temperament in the face of crises, the ability to work within our system of government and a fundamental respect for American values. Ms. Clinton's record is not perfect — no one who has engaged in as many consequential issues as she has over the years can make that claim — but this election has prompted many who would ordinarily be inclined to oppose her to appreciate her strengths.

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From Clinton for president, by The Baltimore Sun editorial board (*The Baltimore Sun*, September 29, 2016) (view)

The 2016 campaign has brought to the surface the despair and rage of poor and middle-class Americans who say their government has done little to ease the burdens that recession, technological change, foreign competition and war have heaped on their families. Over 40 years in public life, Hillary Clinton has studied these forces and weighed responses to these problems. Our endorsement is rooted in respect for her intellect, experience, toughness and courage over a career of almost continuous public service, often as the first or only woman in the arena.

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From Hillary Clinton for President, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, September 24, 2016) (view)

Throughout her public career, beginning with her work in the 1970s for the Children's Defense Fund, Clinton has advocated for women, children, the poor and minorities. She fought for what came to be known as "Hillarycare" 15 years before "Obamacare" became a thing; she has been outspoken in defense of women's rights around the globe, including in her powerful and influential speech in Beijing in 1995 proclaiming that "women's rights are human rights." Clinton's long history of advocacy and public service stands in stark contrast to Trump's record of virtually no leadership at all. He's famous and wealthy, a TV personality, a showman — but what in his resume suggests he is qualified to lead the country?

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From Hillary Clinton would make a sober, smart and pragmatic president. Donald Trump would be a catastrophe., by Los Angeles Times editorial board (*Los Angeles Times*, September 23,

Trump is a clear and present danger to our country. He has no history of governance that should engender any confidence from voters. Trump has no foreign policy experience, and the fact that he doesn't recognize it – instead insisting that, "I know more about ISIS than the generals do" – is even more troubling. His wild threats to blow Iranian ships out of the water if they make rude gestures at U.S. ships is just the type of reckless, cowboy diplomacy Americans should fear from a Trump presidency.

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From It has to be Hillary Clinton, by The Cincinnati Enquirer editorial board (*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, September 23, 2016) (view)

In a rare moment of accord, the 10 members of the Editorial Board of The Plain Dealer and cleveland.com are unanimous is declaring that Donald Trump is dangerously unfit to lead this great nation. The members do not feel Hillary Clinton is a good candidate, either. They are mostly aligned in their sentiment that Clinton has significant and well-known flaws. But, as either Clinton or Trump will be president as of next January, the board feels no choice but to endorse Clinton, fearing that a Trump presidency threatens our national security and basic civic values.

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From Using LeBron James as endorsement vehicle for Hillary Clinton a perfect fit for an awkward election, by The Plain Dealer editorial board (*The Plain Dealer*, October 9, 2016) (view)

Preferring Clinton to Trump does not mean the Dispatch embraces all elements of her platform. Her calls for higher taxes, unsustainable spending and the likelihood that she will try to stack the U.S. Supreme Court with a left-leaning majority are unwelcome. But her negatives pale when measured against the dangers posed by Trump. He has proved himself a liar of epic proportion. He is a bigot, a braggart and an admirer of foreign thugs such as Russia's Vladimir Putin. He is reckless and thin-skinned. He has demeaned Mexicans, demonized Muslims, insulted women and mocked the disabled.

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From Trump unfit, Clinton is qualified, by The Columbus Dispatch editorial board (*The Columbus Dispatch*, October 9, 2016) (view)

Whatever her peccadillos, though, the challenges facing the country right now demand a president with Clinton's priorities and grit. Mass shootings at schools, workplaces, and nightclubs have become common; what would be a national trauma in other countries slips from the headlines after a few days in the United States. Terrorists have easy access to advanced weaponry. Clinton, who won the Democratic nomination in part by pointing out her opponent's coziness with the gun industry, supports reinstating the assault weapons ban.

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From Hillary Clinton for president (Boston Globe), by The Boston Globe editorial board (*The Boston Globe*, October 8, 2016) (view)

Voters tempted to back Johnson should take another look at Clinton and see if they can stomach a vote for her to save the country from Trump. We've been disappointed by some of Clinton's past actions. We hope that as president she resists the progressive currents she had to navigate in her primary with Sen. Bernie Sanders and that she tacks back to the centrist positions of her husband's presidency. But a President Hillary Clinton on her worst day would be so superior to a President Donald Trump on any day that we marvel this race was ever competitive.

From It's an easy call: Hillary Clinton for president, by The Denver Post editorial board (*The Denver Post*, October 7, 2016) (view)

Both candidates are flawed. But one of them, Republican nominee Donald Trump, poses an enormous risk to America's prosperity, security and stability. Clinton, the Democrats' nominee, clearly has the experience, knowledge and temperament needed to maintain and improve America's standing at home and abroad. Yes, we need more outsiders and candor in politics. That does not justify electing an unqualified candidate whose policies and behavior contradict the values of most Washingtonians and Americans, Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals.

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From The Times recommends: Hillary Clinton, the only choice for president, by The Seattle Times editorial board (*The Seattle Times*, October 7, 2016) (view)

Clinton would continue the encouraging trend lines that show household incomes are up and poverty is down. She offers detailed plans for targeted tax breaks, investments in infrastructure, clean energy incentives and robust job training. She would improve the Affordable Care Act that has brought health coverage to millions. She would support women and families by boosting early childhood education, closing the pay gap and supporting reproductive freedom.

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From Times recommends: Hillary Clinton for president, by Tampa Bay Times editorial board (*Tampa Bay Times*, October 6, 2016) (view)

Unlike her rival, Clinton has shown time and again her willingness to work with opponents to close divides, forge relationships, listen as well as talk, and develop a middle ground that gives a little to both sides. If this nation's democracy is to function and progress, it must restore value to the idea of compromise.

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From Hillary Clinton for president, by Star Tribune editorial board (*Star Tribune*, October 22, 2016) (view)

Clinton's vision for rebuilding America's middle class makes sense. Trump's reversion to massive tax cuts benefiting his own businesses and the wealthy has never produced the trickle-down benefits promised. During the Reagan administration, the national debt soared. Clinton has promised real immigration reform – the kind a majority of Americans and pro-business Republicans favor, with better-enforced borders but also a path, not a free pass, to legal residency. Trump's wall is an international embarrassment.

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From In battle for America's soul, Hillary Clinton is our pick, by San Jose Mercury News editorial board (*San Jose Mercury News*, October 21, 2016) (view)

Take spending, for example. The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget said neither candidate would reverse the growth of spending, but while Clinton's policies would add \$200 billion to the debt by 2026, Trump's policies would increase it by \$5.3 trillion. The national debt would rise to 86 percent of GDP under Clinton (compared to 77 percent now), but Trump would drive it up to 105 percent of GDP. Aren't Republicans supposed to be more fiscally prudent?

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From Clinton easily the best candidate for president, by The Philadelphia Inquirer editorial board (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, October 21, 2016) (view)

In a campaign that keeps getting uglier, it's easy to forget the skills Clinton would bring to the Oval Office. She is steady, mature, tough, intelligent and deeply knowledgeable about policy and government. She understands that governing means collaborating. She knows that complex problems have neither simple diagnoses nor simple solutions, and that continuing to move forward is often the best idea.

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From Hillary Clinton should be our next president, by Newsday editorial board (*Newsday*, October 21, 2016) (view)

Yet despite her flaws, Clinton is the superior choice. She does not casually say things that embolden our adversaries and frighten our allies. Her approach to governance is mature, confident and rational. That cannot be said of her opponent. Clinton retains her composure under pressure. She's tough. She doesn't back down. Trump responds to criticism with the petulance of verbal spit wads. That's beneath our national dignity.

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From Hillary Clinton is the only choice to move America ahead, by The Arizona Republic editorial board (*The Arizona Republic*, October 17, 2016) (view)

The 2016 presidential race has brought our nation the worst that politics has to offer. It has placed wholly unlikeable candidates representing the two major parties before the American voter. One of those candidates may be the worst major-party nominee this nation has ever seen, and the other is so desirous of secrecy that she was willing to put the nation's security at risk.

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From Clinton the cleanest choice, by The Courier-Journal editorial board (*The Courier-Journal*, October 16, 2016) (view)

For five years, Trump personally promoted the bigoted lie that the nation's first black president wasn't born in America. His vow if elected to investigate and possibly jail Clinton, along with his threats to purge military leaders and go after the press by changing libel laws, come straight out of the playbook of foreign dictators, not U.S. presidents. His lack of self-control when challenged is alarming in a leader who would take charge of America's nuclear arsenal.

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From Hillary Clinton for president: Orlando Sentinel endorsement 2016, by Orlando Sentinel editorial board (*Orlando Sentinel*, October 14, 2016) (view)

Her ambitions are less lofty than we would like when it comes, for example, to reforming unsustainable entitlement programs, and than many in her party would like, in their demand, for example, for free college tuition. But most of her agenda is commendable, and parts may actually be achievable: immigration reform; increased investment in infrastructure, research and education, paid for by higher taxes on the wealthy; sounder family-leave policies; criminal-justice reform. In an era of slowing growth and growing income inequality, these all make sense, as do her support for curbing climate change and for regulating gun ownership.

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From Hillary Clinton for president (The Washington Post), by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, October 13, 2016) (view)

Any one of Trump's less-than-sterling qualities - his erratic temperament, his dodgy business practices, his racism, his Putin-like strongman inclinations and faux-populist demagoguery, his contempt for the rule of law, his ignorance - is enough to be disqualifying. His convention-speech comment, "I alone can fix it," should make every American shudder. He is, we believe, a danger to the Republic.

From These are unsettling times that require a steady hand: That's Hillary Clinton, by Houston Chronicle editorial board (*Houston Chronicle*, July 29, 2016) (view)

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