

What is the Link between One of Hillary Clinton's largest Donors and the Women's March?

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We bring to the attention of our readers excerpts of an important article by Asra Q. Nomani published by Women in the World in association with the New York Times under the title: "Billionaire George Soros Has Ties to More than 50 'Partners' of the Women's March on Washington". January 20, 2017

...[The Guardian](#) has touted the "Women's March on Washington" as a "spontaneous" action for women's rights. Another liberal media outlet, [Vox](#), talks about the "huge, spontaneous groundswell" behind the march. On its website, organizers of the march are promoting their work as "[a grassroots effort](#)" with "independent" organizers. Even my local yoga studio, Beloved Yoga, is renting a bus and offering seats for \$35. The march's manifesto says magnificently, "The Rise of the Woman = The Rise of the Nation."

To understand the march better, I stayed up through the nights this week, studying the [funding, politics and talking points of the some 403 groups](#) that are "partners" of the march. Is this a non-partisan "Women's March"?

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Roy Speckhardt, executive director of the American Humanist Association, a march "partner," told me his organization was "nonpartisan" but has "many concerns about the incoming Trump administration that include what we see as a misogynist approach to women." Nick Fish, national program director of the American Atheists, another march partner, told me, "This is not a 'partisan' event." Dennis Wiley, pastor of Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ, another march "partner," returned my call and said, "This is not a partisan march."

Really? UniteWomen.org, another partner, features videos with the hashtags #ImWithHer, #DemsInPhily and #ThanksObama. Following the money, I pored through documents of billionaire George Soros and his Open Society philanthropy, because I wondered: What is the link between one of Hillary Clinton's largest donors and the "Women's March"?

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By my draft research, which [I'm opening up for crowd-sourcing](#) on GoogleDocs, Soros has funded, or has close relationships with, at least 56 of the march's "partners,"

including “key partners” Planned Parenthood, which opposes Trump’s anti-abortion policy, and the National Resource Defense Council, which opposes Trump’s environmental policies. The other Soros ties with “Women’s March” organizations include the partisan MoveOn.org (which was fiercely pro-Clinton), the National Action Network (which has a former executive director lauded by Obama senior advisor Valerie Jarrett as “a leader of tomorrow” as a march co-chair and another official as “the head of logistics”). Other Soros grantees who are “partners” in the march are the American Civil Liberties Union, Center for Constitutional Rights, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. March organizers and the organizations identified here haven’t yet returned queries for comment.

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