

CLINTON WARNS OF ‘A MOMENT OF RECKONING’



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Hillary Clinton took the stage Thursday night as the Democratic presidential nominee after being introduced by her daughter, Chelsea.

Accepts Historic Nomination,
Promising to Repair the
‘Bonds of Trust’

By PATRICK HEALY and AMY CHOZICK

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton, who sacrificed personal ambition for her husband’s political career and then rose to be a globally influential figure, became the first woman to accept a major party’s presidential nomination on Thursday night, a prize that generations of American women have dreamed about for one of their own.

Declaring that the nation was at “a moment of reckoning,” Mrs. Clinton, 68, urged voters to reject the divisive policy ideas and combative politics of the Republican nominee, Donald J. Trump. She offered herself as a steady and patriotic American who would stand up for citizens of all races and creeds and unite the country to persevere against Islamic terrorists, economic troubles, and the chaos of gun violence.

“Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart, bonds of trust and respect are fraying,” said Mrs. Clinton, who worked on the speech until the early hours of Thursday morning. . “And just as with our founders there are no guarantees. It truly is up to us. We have to decide whether we all will work together so we all can rise together.”

Mrs. Clinton radiated confidence, from her pungent delivery and easy laugh to the unusually expressive ways she shifted her tone and delighted in her own best lines. She smoothly acknowledged her own limitations and trust issues as a public figure and forcefully challenged Mr. Trump over his claims that he alone could fix America’s problems.

And after 25 years in a sometimes brutal national spotlight, Mrs. Clinton tried to explain who she is and what drives her — from her Methodist faith to her passion for government policy that could mean all the difference for people.

“I sweat the details of policy,” Mrs. Clinton said. “Because it’s not just a detail if it’s your kid — if it’s your family. It’s a big deal. And it should be a big deal to your president.”

It was one of several contrasts she drew with Mr. Trump,

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Top Donors Leave Sidelines,
Ready to Open Checkbooks

By NICHOLAS CONFESSORE and AMY CHOZICK

PHILADELPHIA — In a luxury suite high above the convention floor, some of the Democratic Party’s most generous patrons sipped cocktails and caught up with old friends, tuning out Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont on Monday as he bashed Wall Street in an arena named after one of the country’s largest banks.

On Tuesday, when Hillary Clinton became the first female nominee of a major party, a handful of drug companies and health insurers made sure to echo the theme, paying to sponsor an “Inspiring Women” panel featuring Democratic congresswomen.

And in the vaulted marble bar of the Ritz-Carlton downtown, wealthy givers congregated in force for cocktails and glad-handing as protesters thronged just outside to voice their unhappiness with Wall Street, big money in politics and Mrs. Clinton herself.

“This is a good place to be — for a lot of reasons,” said former Gov. Charlie Crist of Florida, a Democrat now running for Congress, as he glided through the room on Tuesday. “We must have set up

five fund-raisers today. This is the bank.”

After a wrenching yearlong nominating battle with searing debates over the influence of Wall Street and the ability of ordinary citizens to be heard over the din of dollars changing hands, the party’s moneyed elite returned to the fore this week, undeterred and mostly unabashed.

While protesters marched in the streets and blocked traffic, Democratic donors congregated in a few reserved hotels and shuttled between private receptions with A-list elected officials. If the talk onstage at the Wells Fargo Center was about reducing inequality and breaking down barriers, Center City Philadelphia evoked the world as it still often is: a stratified society with privilege and access determined by wealth.

“The Clinton people would always argue, ‘Well, there’s no connection between the money and the actions that we take,’” said Jonathan Tasini, a liberal organizer and Sanders delegate from

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After 240 Years, Women See a Female President Lifting Them All

By JODI KANTOR

The president would know what it is like to be pregnant. Top military leaders would answer to a female boss, when there has never even been a woman on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Workplaces and home life could be transformed through expanded parental leave and pay equity. Or nothing could change. The symbolism would be supernova-level. The backlash could be withering.

On Thursday night, 240 years into an unbroken chain of all-male leadership, Hillary Clinton accepted the Democratic nomina-

tion for president. The country may be one hard-fought election away from a woman in charge, making a question that has always been abstract more concrete: How could having a woman as president alter the experience of being an American woman?

“Women will get fair wages,” said Tammy Keith, 53, a case-worker who lives in East New York, Brooklyn, and estimated that she has been paid about \$20,000 less than her male counterparts over the last 14 years.

The more boldly Mrs. Clinton acted, the more empowered women would feel, said Marqui Wilcher, 25, a supervisor at a Pitts-

burgh call center and a single mother. “Don’t go in there and cower down,” she said, as if speaking to the nominee.

The election of the first woman



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to the White House could revitalize stalled issues of workplace equality, said Jeanne Crain, 56, the chief executive of a bank in St. Paul. “I think there are ways for me as a leader here to use this as a springboard — shame on me — in ways I haven’t done,” she said.

All week, cameras at the convention hall in Philadelphia have captured images of women weeping, hugging and cheering on Mrs. Clinton. Dozens of other women across the country, in interviews at their offices or alongside their children, also said they felt on the cusp of a major, collective step for-

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Democrats Methodically Woo the Republicans Wary of Trump

By NICHOLAS CONFESSORE

PHILADELPHIA — They saluted the valor and vigor of the American armed forces. They quoted Ronald Reagan and Theodore Roosevelt, iconic Republican presidents of the 20th century, as well as a beloved Republican former first lady. They talked plainly about faith, about instilling good

family values, about the uniqueness of the American experiment.

Over four days here, the Democratic Party sought to flip the magnetic poles of American politics, seizing on Donald J. Trump’s unlikely rise to invade intellectual and rhetorical terrain held by the Republican Party for most of the last four decades.

While Mr. Trump’s convention in Cleveland described the United

States as cheated, hapless and weak, a parade of prominent Democrats here summoned a country of limitless ingenuity, profound strength and majestic moral authority.

For the Democrats, it was a carefully calibrated, precisely drafted assault on the Republican coalition. For months, they have sought to tar Republican politicians with Mr. Trump’s essence,

arguing that the New York developer and reality star was the true id of a Republican Party marbled with political extremism and racial antagonism.

But in Philadelphia, they presented Mr. Trump to Republican voters as a dangerous rogue, offering adherents of the party of Lincoln a “home for you right here in the Democratic Party,” as Tim

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