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Donald Trump gave more than \$100,000 to 'corrupt' Clinton Foundation but his campaign manager says he wasn't 'paying to play' - he just likes what they do

- Trump says that Clinton used her foundation to accept cash for favors
- He calls the alleged phenomenon 'pay-for-play'
- But it has emerged that he paid more than \$100,000 to the foundation
- His campaign manager said he didn't need to buy Clinton's attention
- She says he just liked the 'good work' that the foundation does
- Clinton has denied the claims directed at her foundation

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Although Donald Trump has repeatedly attacked the Clinton Foundation as 'corrupt,' it was revealed Tuesday that he had previously given it more than \$100,000.

But in a [CNN](#) interview that day, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said the donation wasn't an attempt to curry favors from Clinton - or what Trump calls 'pay-for-play.'

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Instead, she said, he gave the money because 'The Clinton Foundation does a lot of good work - and I also want to say that for the record that they do (good work).'



Denial: Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway told Anderson Cooper Tuesday that Trump donated to the Clinton Foundation because he likes its work, not for special treatment



Attack: Trump has vehemently attacked the foundation lately, calling it 'corrupt' and saying that Clinton used it to accept money in exchange for favors when she was secretary of state

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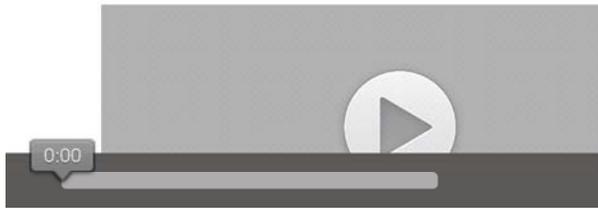
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Trump has been vocally dismissive of the Clinton Foundation, and on Monday called it 'the most corrupt enterprise in political history.'

He alleges that donations were made to the Clinton Foundation as a way to buy favors from the State Department during Clinton's time as secretary of state.

'It was wrong then, and it is wrong now,' he said, 'and the foundation must be shut down immediately.'

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During the CNN interview, host Anderson Cooper asked Conway directly: 'Was your candidate donating that money so that he could have access to Hillary Clinton whenever he wanted?'

'No, it seems like he had access to her anytime he wanted,' she replied. 'She went to his wedding...'

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Donation: Trump donated \$100,000 to the foundation in 2009, according to this tax record. And the foundation puts him in the \$100,001-250,000 bracket on its website

'But he gave her money,' Cooper said.

'Sure,' she replied, 'because they do good work - and let's hope that money went to good use.'

'So he wasn't paying to play?' Cooper asked, echoing Trump's own terminology.

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Clinton has denied giving special treatment to foundation donors.

But a report published by Associated Press Wednesday said that more than half of her nongovernmental meetings as secretary of state were with foundation donors.



'Player': Clinton denies that she ever engaged in 'pay-for-play,' but on Wednesday AP published a report saying over half her meetings were with Clinton Foundation contributors

The Clinton Foundation website lists 'Donald J Trump' on its contributors page, under the '\$100,001-250,000' bracket.

That means he has given the foundation at least \$100,001 across his lifetime.

And 2009 [tax documents](#) from Trump show a \$100,000 payment to the William J Clinton Foundation - the former name of the institution. That makes it one of the five biggest payments that year.

The foundation says it runs 'programs around the world that have a significant impact in a wide range of issue areas, including economic development, climate change, health and wellness, and participation of girls and women.'

Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway: Trump was not "paying to play" when he donated to the Clinton Foundation. <https://t.co/UFzRy5LAT1>

— Anderson Cooper 360° (@AC360) August 24, 2016

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