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Hillary's new federal child-care program is "Big Mother" government, warn Libertarians

New \$250 million program will "fix" child-care problem, says Hillary

WASHINGTON, DC — **Hillary Clinton wants more children.** Specifically, she wants *your* children, the Libertarian Party warned today.

"Forget about Big Brother watching you — it's time to start worrying about *Big Mother* watching your kids," charged Steve Dasbach, national chairman of the Libertarian Party.

"The First Lady wants to be the nation's Babysitter-In-Chief — and she's not going to stop until she gets an army of government-paid, government-trained day-care bureaucrats taking care of America's children."

At last week's White House conference on child care, Bill and Hillary Clinton unveiled a new \$250 million federal program to "solve" the problem of day-care. It included taxpayer-financed scholarships for day-care workers and day-care subsidies for low-income parents.

While Hillary stopped short of endorsing a large-scale federal child care program, at least one of her guest experts at the conference advocated a \$100-billion-a-year, tax-subsidized federal day-care program.

"The 'Village' people are back," said Dasbach, referring to the coercive communitarianism espoused in Hillary's book, *It Takes a Village*. "Hillary and her friends seem to believe that a parent's love can be replaced by an army of government-trained day-care bureaucrats — paid for with our tax dollars."

Dasbach acknowledged that child care costs can pose a hardship for many working parents.

"But it's simply not fair for politicians to punish parents who stay at home with their kids by saddling them with other people's babysitting bills," he said. "And getting the federal government more involved in raising our children is *not* a responsible solution.

"After all, do we want government day-care centers that have the efficiency of the Department of Motor Vehicles; the compassion of the BATF; the reliability of the Post Office; and the customer service of the IRS?" he asked.

Ironically, government *can* play a role in making child care more affordable, Dasbach said — but not the way Hillary thinks: "Politicians can make day-care bills disappear overnight for millions of American families simply by lowering our tax burden. If the government quit seizing half of the average American family's income, millions of mothers or fathers who wanted to stay home to care for their children could afford to do so, instead of having to work."

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