



# Kristen Clarke

## Too Extreme for the Department of Justice

**K**risten Clarke, the current head of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and a former staffer for the attorney general of New York, is President Biden's nominee to serve as assistant attorney general of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and head the DOJ's Civil Rights Division. Clarke's radical views on abortion and race, as well as her shocking defense of anti-Semitic thinkers, make her unsuitable to hold such a high position within the DOJ.

### Clarke Supports Taxpayer-Funded, Unrestricted Abortion Access

- The pro-abortion organization NARAL [hailed](#) Clarke's nomination as proof of the Biden administration's commitment to supporting a radical pro-abortion agenda.
- In her capacity as president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Clarke headed an [amicus brief](#) in the U.S. Supreme Court case *June Medical Services v. Gee* that sought to overturn a commonsense Louisiana law that would require abortionists to follow the same medical standards as hospitals.
- Clarke [praised](#) the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* to strike down Texas' commonsense regulation and enforcement of basic health standards in abortion facilities. This law had required abortion facilities to be held to the same standard as surgical centers and abortionists to have admitting privileges at a local hospital not further than 30 miles from the abortion facility.

## **Clarke Opposes Religious Freedom**

- Clarke has [perpetuated](#) the left-wing narrative that religious liberty is “shameful” and opposed a court decision protecting the freedom to adhere to biblical beliefs on sexuality. Her pro-LGBT efforts in law underscore her disregard for the First Amendment right to religious liberty, and she has made statements condemning anyone who does not subscribe to the radical Left’s beliefs on gender, marriage, and sexuality.
- Clarke [tweeted](#) her opposition to the Trump administration’s launching of a Religious Liberty Task Force, saying that “DOJ should be working to fight discrimination” and totally dismissing the discrimination on the basis of religion that people of faith—like the Little Sisters of the Poor, Jack Phillips, and many others—are facing. She said the task force would “make it easier for people to use religion to mask their discriminatory goals.”
- In a 2018 [op-ed](#), Clarke called on governments at all levels to take “concrete steps” and “pass clear non-discrimination laws protecting LGBTQ people in the workplace, housing and public spaces.” This would include the Equality Act, the most anti-life, anti-family, and anti-freedom bill ever passed by a chamber of Congress.
- Clarke [focused](#) on promoting the LGBT agenda and abortion access while working as head of the Civil Rights Bureau for the New York State Attorney General’s Office.

## **Clarke Has Openly Espoused Racist Ideas**

- In a 1994 letter to Harvard’s student newspaper, Clarke [argued](#) that black people have “greater mental, physical and spiritual abilities” than white people due to greater amounts of melanin in their skin. Such an openly prejudiced view paves the way for discrimination against people on the basis of race.

## Clarke Has Sympathized with Anti-Semitic Thinkers

- Clarke’s troubling history of sympathizing with anti-Semitic thinkers dates back to her time as an undergraduate at Harvard University. As head of the Harvard Black Students Association, Clarke [invited](#) the anti-Semitic and Holocaust-denying Tony Martin as a guest lecturer. He infamously published a book called *The Jewish Onslaught: Dispatches from the Wellesley Battlefield* in 1994 that was [censured and condemned](#) by his fellow faculty members for being anti-Semitic. Clarke praised Martin as “an intelligent, well-versed black intellectual who bases his information on indisputable fact.”
- More recently, Clarke signed a 2019 [petition](#) in support of Tamika Mallory, co-chair of Women’s March, Inc., amid the exposure and criticism of her extreme views. The letter says Mallory “personifies the strength of Sojourner Truth” and is a “bridge-builder of people.” However, Mallory has referred to “white Jews” as white supremacists and [has praised](#) Louis Farrakhan despite his anti-Semitic views. The Associate Attorney General for Civil Rights should not actively support people like Mallory who have made anti-Semitic comments and associate with people like Louis Farrakhan who hold anti-Semitic views. Moreover, Malloy’s organization, Women’s March Inc., [expressed](#) strong opposition to shutting down Backpage.com, a website known for facilitating the human trafficking of minors. Top officials of the site were indicted on 93 counts, 17 of the cases involved victims as young as 14 years old.

## Clarke’s Political Views Are Too Extreme for the DOJ

Kristen Clarke’s long history of hyper-partisanship and anti-Semitic sympathies proves that she is too extreme to serve in a high-ranking position at the DOJ. If confirmed as associate attorney general, Clarke would likely pursue the interests of the most radical wing of the Democratic Party rather than dedicating herself to justice and the rule of law in service of the American people.