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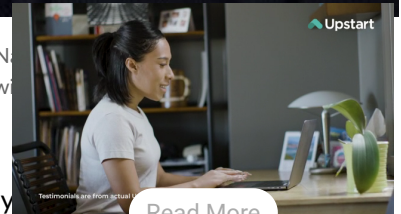
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Attorney General Loretta Lynch looks on as U.S. President Barack Obama makes a statement after meeting with his National Security Council members at the State Department, February 25, 2016 in Washington, DC. The meeting focused on the situation with ISIS and Syria, along with the Islamic State. Photo by Drew Angerer/UPI | [License Photo](#)

PHOENIX, June 30 (UPI) -- U.S. Attorney General [Loretta Lynch](#) was criticized Thursday for meeting with former President [Bill Clinton](#) on a plane at a Phoenix airport when the two met in passing Monday evening.



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ut 30 minutes, was social in nature, though the timing had some Republicans
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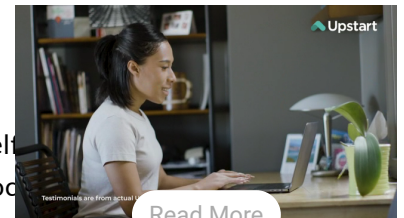
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Lynch was asked about her meeting with Clinton, and said the two talked about their grandchildren and, in passing,
about the news of the day, but said there was no conversation about the email investigation.

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"I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as he was leaving and spoke to myself
Lynch said. "Our conversation was a great deal about grandchildren, it was primarily soc
mentioned golf he played in Phoenix."



The meeting came hours before a report was issued by a House committee investigating the attack that killed U.S.



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ter pending before the [Department of Justice] or any matter pending with any of Benghazi, no discussion of State Department emails. By way of example I would e Brexit decision and what it would mean," Lynch said.

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nominee [Donald Trump](#) told a conservative radio host the meeting was "a sneak."

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"It was really a sneak," Trump [told conservative talk show host](#) Mike Gallagher. "You see a thing like this and, even in terms of judgment, how bad of judgment is it for him or for her to do this? Who would do this?"

Sen. [John Cornyn](#), R-Texas, questioned whether the meeting was a "conflict of interest," [noting on Twitter](#) Lynch cannot represent two individuals and said she "must avoid even the appearance of a conflict."

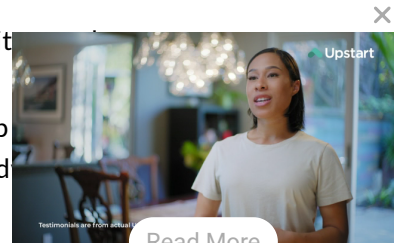
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Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., [told CNN](#) he believes the meeting was above board, but that it

"I think [Lynch] should have said, 'Look, I recognize you have a long record of leadership the time for us to have that conversation. After the election is over, I'd welcome your ad

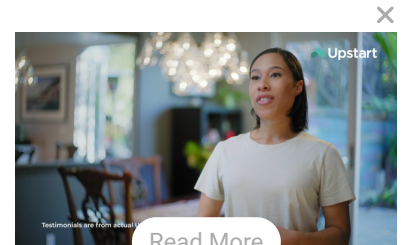
Other Democrats [defended the meeting](#), praising Lynch's ethics on the job.



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Iso praised Lynch for "her strong feelings about the rule of law and her ethics."

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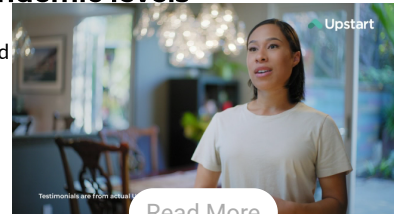
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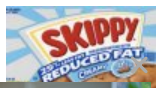
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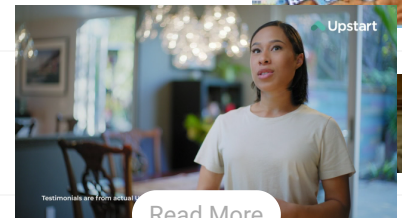
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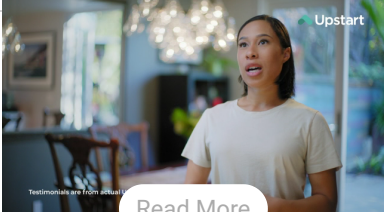
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