

## **2016 Presidential election**

**For all the Republicans' talk of a top-down Democratic plot, [Christopher] Steele and [Glenn] Simpson appear never to have told their ultimate client –the Clinton campaign's law firm– that Steele had gone to the F.B.I. Clinton's campaign spent much of the summer of 2016 fending off stories about the Bureau's investigation into her e-mails, without knowing that the F.B.I. had launched a counter-intelligence investigation into the Trump team's ties to Russia ... As a top Clinton-campaign official told me, "If I'd known the F.B.I. was investigating Trump, I would have been shouting it from the rooftops!"**

**Jane Mayer, New Yorker, March 12, 2018**