Clinton and Obama campaign harvested Facebook data of most of USA

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Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign may have harvested the Facebook data of millions of people using an app that asked them to pair their Facebook friends list with their smartphone's contacts list – in a bid to reach those people and persuade them to vote for Clinton.

In the midst of the election, the Clinton campaign launched a mobile application called "Hillary 2016" that worked its way around the banned practice of gathering information from users' friends without their consent.

The Clinton campaign's use of big data raises concerns amid controversy surrounding Cambridge Analytica, a data-driven company with ties to the Trump