

Impeachment – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it possible to get the needed majority votes in the House to Impeach?

If we don't try, we certainly won't. It is our duty as citizens to try.

2. If we impeach and remove Bush, won't we get Cheney? Isn't that worse?

Rep. Kucinich has moved to first impeach Cheney to avoid impeaching two presidents. But if Bush were impeached first, the Republicans would force Cheney, with his abysmal public approval, to resign well before the next election.

3. But the public opposes impeachment.

Wrong. The few straightforward scientific polls done on impeachment, show strong support. A Newsweek poll in Oct, '06 found a majority in favor; a July, '07 poll by American Research Group found congressional impeachment of Cheney favored 54 to 40%.

4. Is there any effort underway in Congress?

Representative Dennis Kucinich has introduced Articles of Impeachment against Vice President Cheney, submitted as House Resolution 333. The bill charges Cheney with: manipulation of intelligence about Iraq's threat to the US; manipulation of intelligence on the alleged Iraq-AlQaida relationship; and openly threatening aggression against the Republic of Iran. Resolutions have also been filed in Texas, Washington, New Mexico, Vermont, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, and California.

5. Isn't impeachment a distraction from needed legislation?

That is short term thinking. Long term, impeachment is more important than ANY piece of legislation. Historically, significant and worthy legislation has been passed during impeachment trials; Congress CAN 'walk and chew gum'; but any legislation passed may be nullified by signing statements, as Bush did with the McCain anti-torture amendment.

6. Isn't Impeachment unnecessary, since their terms expire in January, 2009?

Impeachment is a tool for removing a criminal from office, thus establishing limits on power for subsequent presidents, a requirement of constitutional government. Much damage can be done in short order by

leaders unconstrained by the law.

7. Isn't it politically dangerous to impeach?

No, it is politically dangerous to not impeach when there's a clear case for impeachment. Parties that have led impeachment efforts have historically prospered at the polls.

8. Isn't impeachment partisan politics by Democrats? Republicans would not and will not impeach.

There is a long history of Impeachment in the US, including many examples where Republicans have joined or led the effort.

9. Why did the Democratic leadership say "Impeachment is off the table"?

Why Pelosi said this is not our concern. As long as we have a Constitution, impeachment is "on the table" as a possible remedy. The citizens are asking for impeachment based solely on a belief that impeachable offenses have been committed, and the will of the public is never off the table.

10. Impeachment is for "high crimes and misdemeanors" – what does that mean?

Most legal scholars agree that impeachable offenses may include such non crimes as abuse of official power, neglect of constitutional duties, encroachment on the power of another branch of government, undermining the integrity of the office, and betrayal of trust. Although an impeachable offense need not be criminal, it must be serious and substantial misconduct that subverts the integrity of government. -- from Judith Volkart, Esq., in Impeach the President, The Case Against Bush and Cheney, Dennis Loo and Peter Phillips, eds.

11. Where can I find more information?

You can start at <www.impeachbush.tv/> or <www.capecodpeaceandjustice.org>.

12. What can I do?

Distribute this flyer; write letters to the editor; contact your local, state, and federal representatives – especially your congressperson and House Speaker Pelosi.

Reach the Capitol switchboard toll-free at: 800 828-0498 or 877 851-6437.

"What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that its people preserve the spirit of resistance?" – Thomas Jefferson

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Reasons why We the Citizens must Demand that our Congress Impeach the President and Vice-President

- 1) To live up to our duties and obligations as free citizens under our Constitution.
 - 2) To hold our federal representatives accountable to their mandated obligation and sworn duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
 - 3) To protect and preserve the US Constitution, the separation of powers, and the Impeachment clauses in the Constitution.
 - 4) To protect our children and grandchildren and their children from losing their freedom and living under tyrants, perhaps even worse than Bush and Cheney.
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Some of the Impeachable Offenses Committed by George Bush and Richard Cheney

1. **Kidnapping and widespread and admitted use of torture.** "Excessive bail shall not be required... nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." – Amendment 8. Also a violation of the the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention. *Under Article VI of our Constitution, ratified International Treaties are part of the "Supreme Law of the Land".*
2. **Domestic spying based upon racial and religious profiling, and admitted widespread warrantless wiretapping of the citizenry.** "Unwarranted search and seizure" is a violation of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution, and a federal judge has stated that this violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is a felony.
3. **Indefinite imprisonment of citizens and non-citizens without trial, a lawyer, or being charged; secret arrests, monitoring of privileged attorney-client communications, and the suspension of habeas corpus.** "No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." – Amendment 5. "...the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial... and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation... and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense." – Amendment 6.
4. **Intentional leaking of the identity of a covert CIA agent (who worked on non-proliferation of WMDs), with no attempt to investigate the source of the leak.** Had a double agent disclosed the identity, they would be charged with espionage and treason. Lewis Libby's trial revealed leaks from the White House which were never investigated by the Executive branch, and obstruction of justice; Bush's commutation of the sentence revealed contempt for the judicial process.
5. **President Bush has used executive orders and signing statements to violate Congress' laws 1200 times** ...thus usurping the power of the Congress, violating Article I of the Constitution.
6. **President Bush and Vice President Cheney intentionally and repeatedly lied to Congress and the American People in order to justify a pre-planned war with Iraq.** Lying to Congress is a violation of the Fraud and False Statements statute. Cheney visited the CIA several times before the invasion to pressure for distorted intelligence, and there was repeated, illegal use of public funds to spread propaganda in the U.S. media.
7. **Waged an illegal "pre-emptive" war of aggression against Iraq, killing hundreds of thousands.** A violation of the UN Charter and the Nuremberg Charter. Following World War II, the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg called the waging of aggressive war "essentially an evil thing... the supreme international crime".
8. **Criminal neglect in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, causing mass suffering and needless loss of life.**
9. **Fired eight US Attorneys because they failed to use political criteria in their work.** Such a test is illegal.