

George W. Bush Must Answer to the People

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— Adapted from Ramsey Clark's address to the half a million demonstrators at the January 18th National March on Washington to Stop the War on Iraq organized by International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism).

The US Constitution provides the means for preventing George W. Bush from engaging in a war of aggression against Iraq, and from advancing a first strike potentially nuclear preemptive war. It's called impeachment.

High Crimes and Misdemeanors

Impeachment is the direct constitutional means for removing a President, Vice President or other civil officers of the United States who has acted or threatened acts that are serious offenses against the Constitution, its system of government, or the rule of law, or that are conventional crimes of such a serious nature that they would injure the Presidency if there was no removal.

A Constitutional Imperative

Impeachment appears six times in the US Constitution. The Founders weren't concerned with anything more than with impeachment because they had lived under King George III and had in 1776 accused the king of all the things that George W. Bush wants to do: Usurpation of the power of the people; Being above the law; Criminal abuse of authority.

Power Remains in the Hands of the People

Impeachment is the means by which We The People of the United States and our elected representatives in Congress can prevent further crimes by the President and the human catastrophe they threaten and force accountability for crimes committed.

Save the Constitution, the UN, and Countless Human Lives

Congressional proceedings for impeachment can bring about open, fearless consideration of the most dangerous acts and threats ever committed by an American President. If courageously pursued, they can save our Constitution, the United Nations, the rule of law, the lives of countless people and leave open the possibility of peace on earth.

The Time for Action is Now

Each of us must take a stand on impeachment now, or bear the burden of having failed to speak in this hour of maximum peril.

Notes for the Consideration of the Impeachment of President George W. Bush, Vice President Richard B. Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, and Attorney General John David Ashcroft

1. Provisions on Impeachment in the US Constitution
2. British Experience With Imperial Power and Abuse
3. The Intention of the Founders to Grant the Power of Impeachment
4. Impeachment of US Presidents
5. President George W. Bush and Other Named Officials of the US Have Committed Impeachable Offenses of Unprecedented Danger to the Constitution and People of the United States
6. We Must Act Now to Prevent Catastrophe and Ensure Accountability

Action: *For more information or to sign the petition, go to:*

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