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**The war in Iraq stands as one of the great crimes of the modern era.
We, the people, must act to end the war and to impeach Bush.
This is not a partisan political act. It is a constitutional imperative.**

Some of the "high crimes and misdemeanors" George Bush and Dick Cheney have committed:

- Intentionally misleading Congress and the public with false and deceptive information regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war.
- Instituting a secret and illegal wiretapping and spying operation against the people of the United States through the National Security Agency.
- Authorizing, ordering and condoning assassinations, summary executions, murder, kidnappings, secret and other illegal detentions of individuals, torture and physical and psychological coercion of prisoners in violation of the "Federal Torture Act".
- Stripping American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant".
- Ordering indefinite detention and secret arrests of non-citizens in the United States and elsewhere, and without charge, at the discretionary designation of the Attorney General or the Secretary of Defense.



Sources: www.impeachbushcheney.net; www.impeachbush.org; <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal>; <http://thenexthurrah.typepad.com>; American Research Group

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Why Congress Must Act Now on Articles of Impeachment:

- 45% of Americans favor impeachment hearings for President Bush.
- 54% of Americans favor impeachment for Vice President Cheney.

We are setting a terrible precedent by failing to commence impeachment proceedings **now** against Bush and Cheney. If the Congress does not say no to them, not only will they usurp further powers, but these lawless powers will be given to the next President.

Impeachment is not a constitutional crisis; it is the cure for a constitutional crisis. Impeachment is Congress' **duty** under our system of government; Congress is falling down on its job. Congress **must** initiate impeachment proceedings or we are in real danger of losing our form of government. We cannot foresee what will happen if impeachment is begun, but we can clearly see where the failure to curtail Bush and Cheney is leading us.

Bush and Cheney are accused of Crimes Against Peace, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity. No crimes are greater threats to the Constitution of the United States, the United Nation Charter, the rule of law or the future of humanity. They have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States of America.

The New York Times reported in a major front page story on Sunday July 15 that soldiers and marines and their families, even those who had earlier supported Bush, have turned decisively against the administration after having witnessed first hand what the war is really about.

September 15 is the date that General David Petraus, representing the Bush Administration, must report to Congress on the Iraq war. The eyes of the world and national media will be on Washington, DC as Bush tries to spin this criminal endeavor in Iraq one more time. BAWIB is mobilizing with the anti-war movement to ensure that the demands of the people are heard. Bush must be impeached for this criminal war which was based solely on lies to Congress and to the people.

Bay Area Women in Black are Jews and allies who stand against militaristic and fundamentalist leadership in all countries, including our own. We wear black as a sign of mourning for all the Iraqi, Israeli and Palestinian lives that have been lost as a result of war, militarization and violence. As part of the international movement of Women in Black, we seek to transform women's mourning for the dead into a powerful refusal of the inevitability of war.