

# BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

**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](http://www.impeachbushcheney.net); [www.impeachbush.org](http://www.impeachbush.org); <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal>; <http://thenexthurrah.typepad.com>; American Research Group

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## WHY THE U.S. MUST LEAVE IRAQ

- ❖ The human cost of the war is unacceptable
- ❖ The U.S. occupation is a catalyst for violence
- ❖ U.S. actions inflame divisions and the chance of civil war
- ❖ Iraqis want the U.S. to leave now
- ❖ Democracy cannot flourish under an occupation
- ❖ The U.S. has failed to rebuild Iraq or provide for Iraqi's basic needs
- ❖ The Iraq war and occupation waste resources needed for U.S. domestic programs
- ❖ The U.S. occupation of Iraq destabilizes the Middle East
- ❖ Humanitarian aid is crippled by the occupation
- ❖ The global community wants the war and occupation to end now!

*For more information and ways to take action, go to: [www.afsc.org/iraq](http://www.afsc.org/iraq)*

## WHY CONGRESS MUST ACT NOW ON ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

- ❖ 45% of Americans favor impeachment hearings for President Bush
- ❖ 54% of Americans favor impeachment hearings for Vice President Cheney
- ❖ If 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.
- ❖ Bush and Cheney are accused of Crimes Against Peace, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity

**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.