

Bush Impeachment News

Is Impeachment Patriotic?

Americans are talking about impeaching George Bush for lying to Congress and misleading us into a war with Iraq. Can one be a patriot and still be in favor of impeaching the President?

Patriots love America and want its people to be safe and secure. Patriots are proud of America's heritage of democracy and freedom based on our Constitution. These traditions are more important than the individual politicians that serve us.

Please ask yourself this question. Suppose a President wanted to start a war, and that he lied to Congress about a threat from that country in order to justify a war. Then suppose that war resulted in thousands of American casualties, inflamed hatred against America, and created an open wound in the Middle East that will take years to heal. Would you, as a Patriot, favor impeaching that President?

The scenario I described is exactly what happened. George Bush was told numerous times that the "evidence" for Iraq having Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) was "highly dubious", that documents were forged, and that informants were unreliable. But Bush suppressed that knowledge and deliberately misled Congress by telling them that Iraq had WMD and was a serious threat. When we got to Iraq the truth was revealed.

Leading America into an illegal war by lying to Congress is not patriotic. Impeaching a President that commits that crime is the patriotic duty of everyone who loves America.

Supporting the Troops

While we discuss the impeachment of George Bush, it is important to also express our support for our troops overseas. These brave men and women are risking their lives because they love America. As soldiers, they do not question their Commander in Chief. But as citizens, it is our duty to make sure they do not fight and die in vain.

What Happened When?

Here is a brief summary of events relating to Bush and his justification for the war in Iraq.

Feb. 24, 2001: Colin Powell, at an Egyptian press conference, says "[Saddam Hussein] has not developed any significant capability with respect to weapons of mass destruction. He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbors."

March 9, 2002: CIA sends memo to White House saying it is highly unlikely that Niger sold uranium to Iraq.

July 23, 2002: Bush has already decided to invade Iraq. Minutes of a meeting with Tony Blair at Downing Street in London describe Bush's plans and the lack of legal justification for war. According to the minutes "Saddam was not threatening his neighbors, and his WMD capability was less than that of Libya, North Korea or Iran" so "the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy". **This implies that intelligence was being manipulated to justify the war in Iraq.**

October, 2002: CIA Director George Tenet personally asks Bush not to use the story about uranium from Niger in a speech in Cincinnati.

January 28, 2003: Bush uses uranium story in State of the Union speech to Congress to build support for invading Iraq.

March 20, 2003: After convincing Congress that Iraq has WMD, and a majority of Americans that Iraq was behind 9/11, Bush leads an invasion of Iraq. In fact, Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11, and had complied with UN resolutions.

June 16, 2005: Congressman John Conyers and 26 other Representatives hold a hearing on the Downing Street Memo and hear testimony about Bush's deceptions. Several witnesses call for a Resolution of Inquiry and some call for Impeachment.