

# ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

AGAINST PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH  
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## A SUMMARY

### ARTICLE/ALLEGATION

#### **One SECRET PROPAGANDA**

The President has illegally spent public dollars on a secret propaganda campaign to manufacture a false case for war.

#### **Two DECEPTION (Iraq and 9/11)**

The President has executed a calculated strategy to mislead the public and Congress into believing that Iraq was connected to the 9/11 attacks.

#### **Three DECEPTION (Iraq and WMD)**

The President has intentionally deceived the public and Congress regarding the current status of Iraq's WMD possession and manufacture.

#### **Four DECEPTION (Iraq and Threat)**

The President has executed a wide-ranging strategy to deceive the public into believing that Iraq posed an imminent threat.

#### **Five ILLEGAL MISSPENDING**

The President has secretly, and without notice to Congress, used funds appropriated for Afghanistan to prepare to invade Iraq.

#### **Six UNAUTHORIZED WAR**

The President has exceeded his Constitutional authority to wage war by invading Iraq without meeting the requirements of Congress's Authorization to Use Military Force.

#### **Seven UNDECLARED WAR**

The President invaded Iraq without a congressional declaration of war.

#### **Eight UNPROVOKED WAR**

The President directed an unprovoked attack against Iraq without UN authorization.

#### **Nine ENDANGERING TROOPS**

The President has knowingly endangered U.S. troops by failing to provide available body and vehicle armor.

#### **Ten FALSE MILITARY STORIES**

The President has promoted false propaganda about U.S. military deaths and injuries, including those of Specialist Pat Tillman and Private Jessica Lynch.

#### **Eleven ILLEGAL PERMANENT BASES**

The President has illegally used public funds to construct permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq.

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#### **Twelve INITIATING WAR FOR OIL**

The President invaded Iraq for the purpose of, in part, seizing control of its oil.

#### **Thirteen SECRET ENERGY TASK FORCE**

The President created a secret task force to guide U.S. energy and military policy and then thwarted attempts to investigate that policy.

#### **Fourteen MISPRISION OF FELONY**

The President facilitated the exposure of classified information about former covert CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson and the subsequent cover-up of that illegal activity

#### **Fifteen IMMUNIZING CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ**

The President has established policies immunizing U.S. contractors from criminal prosecution in violation of his obligation under international and U.S. law.

#### **Sixteen FRAUD and WASTE IN IRAQ CONTRACTS**

The President has recklessly facilitated and allowed fraud and waste of billions of US tax dollars paid for no bid, cost-plus contracts to associates of Executive Branch officials for military needs and construction in Iraq and has stymied investigations into such fraud and waste.

#### **Seventeen ILLEGAL DETENTIONS**

The President has detained indefinitely and without charges both U.S. citizens and foreign captives.

#### **Eighteen TORTURE**

The President has secretly authorized and encouraged the use of torture against captives.

#### **Nineteen KIDNAPPING**

The President has secretly authorized and encouraged the illegal kidnapping and transport of persons to nations known to practice torture.

#### **Twenty IMPRISONING CHILDREN**

The President has authorized or permitted the arrest and detention as "enemy combatants" in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay of at least 2500 children under the age of 18, including some as young as 10.

#### **Twenty-one DECEPTION (Iran and Threat)**

The President is misleading Congress and the American people about the threat of a nuclear attack from Iran.

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### **Twenty-two CREATING SECRET LAWS**

The President has requested opinions from the Justice Dept Office of Legal Counsel, and then hid them from the public by abusing his power to classify state secrets, thereby creating, in effect, a body of secret laws.

### **Twenty-three MILITARY DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The President has illegally established programs to use the military in domestic law enforcement.

### **Twenty-four ILLEGAL SPYING**

The President has intentionally authorized and encouraged illegal electronic surveillance on American citizens.

### **Twenty-five ILLEGAL DATABASE OF PRIVATE INFO**

The President has illegally arranged with telecommunications companies to create a large database containing information regarding American citizens' private telephone calls and emails.

### **Twenty-six VIOLATING LAWS VIA SIGNING STATEMENTS**

The President has repeatedly used signing statements to announce that he intends to violate the very laws he is signing and then has, in fact, violated those laws.

### **Twenty-seven NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENAS**

The President has repeatedly caused his current and former agents and subordinates to refuse to comply with Congressional subpoenas.

### **Twenty-eight UNDERMINING FREE and FAIR ELECTIONS**

The President has conspired to undermine free and fair elections by obstructing and interfering with the Justice Department's independence in legal oversight of elections.

### **Twenty-nine VOTING RIGHTS ACT VIOLATIONS**

The President has conspired to willfully corrupt and manipulate the electoral process of the United States in connection with the 2004 and 2006 elections.

### **Thirty DECEPTION (MEDICARE)**

The President has championed policies and legislation designed to cripple Medicare and deceived the public and Congress about the cost and effects of his Administration's Medicare bill.

### **Thirty-one FAILURE TO PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO HURRICANE KATRINA**

The President failed to prepare for the predicted Hurricane Katrina disaster, to respond to the dire need there of which he was informed, and has now failed to rebuild the destroyed area.

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### **Thirty-two DECEPTION (GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE)**

The President has manipulated scientific information and otherwise deceived the public and Congress with regard to the grave danger to citizens' health and security posed by global climate change.

### **Thirty-three IGNORING WARNINGS RE: 9/11**

The President failed to take proper steps to protect the nation prior to the 9/11 attacks by ignoring repeated warnings from his top security advisers regarding the likely imminence of a terrorist attack.

### **Thirty-four OBSTRUCTING 9/11 INVESTIGATION**

The President first attempted to prevent all investigation into the 9/11 attacks, then obstructed investigations of the 9/11 Commission and failed to respond to their requests for information.

### **Thirty-five ENDANGERING HEALTH OF 9/11 RESPONDERS**

The President recklessly endangered the health of 9/11 responders by causing and allowing the Environmental Protection Agency to issue false, unsubstantiated and misleading information about the air quality in the area after the attacks.

## GROUND FORS FOR IMPEACHMENT

The Constitution provides for impeachment of all elected and appointed government officials who violate their oaths of office to protect and defend the Constitution and execute their duties of office, or who commit "treason, bribery, or high crimes and misdemeanors". "High crimes" refer to statutory and non-statutory crimes against the state that can only be committed by a person in high office. The legislation summarized above was referred to the House Judiciary Committee for hearings, which could lead to a vote for impeachment and removal from office, which is then referred to the Senate for an investigation, a full hearing and a resolution.

**Please call House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: (202) 225-4965  
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to demand hearings**

**Ask your Representative to co-sponsor H Res. 1258**

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