

Preface: 5 points

- A. Impeachment deserved & warranted - Past time for action mid way through 2nd term.
 - B. There is no "electoral mandate" or political clout
 - C. Bush *is* the Republican President and NeoCon symbol.
 - D. Speaker Pelosi has repeatedly said since mid May 2006, such actions are "off the table" – no national leadership buy in for impeachment
 - E. History is judging Bush as worst president; Forget impeachment - Concentrate on the Hague for war crimes!
- 070801 Rasmussen Reports shows 48% Dem. Leadership trust, 43% Pelosi Approval Trust, 38% Bush approval

Political Philosophy: Ford: Wrong Action – Right Reason; 30 years for history to judge him correct. Reasoning given: to move country forward politically, and to concentrate on his job. Result: 70s% approval to low 30s% and election lost to Carter: penultimate political cost. Same will apply to Democrats regarding political power, influence, and 2008 election.

What I will talk about:

- 1) Meaning of Impeachment in House
- 2) Hypothetical Conviction
- 3) Consequences

Goal:

*****Keep and gain political advantage in national governance in 2008*****

Actions:

H.RES.1106

Title: Articles of Impeachment against George Walker Bush, President of the United States of America, and other officials, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Sponsor: [Rep McKinney, Cynthia A.](#) [GA-4] (introduced 12/8/2006) **Cosponsors (None)**

Latest Major Action: 12/8/2006 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.RES.635

Title: Creating a select committee to investigate the Administration's intent to go to war before congressional authorization, manipulation of pre-war intelligence, encouraging and countenancing torture, retaliating against critics, and to make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment.

Sponsor: [Rep Conyers, John, Jr.](#) [MI-14] (introduced 12/18/2005) **Cosponsors (38)**

Latest Major Action: 12/18/2005 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Rules.

Grassroots "Call for Accountability:

Francis A. Boyle, Professor of Law, University of Illinois Six Articles of Impeachment 17 Jan 2003 (108th Congress)

You Can Impeach the President

By Dan DeWalt

In mid January 2006, 5% of Newfane, VT's registered voters signed on to the DeWalt's petition to the town's selectboard agenda for a meeting March 7.

CA, HI, IN, AT, UT, following in line

Dan DeWalt is a woodworker

Authority:

Jefferson's Manual section LIII, 603, impeachment may be set in motion by charges transmitted from the legislature of a State

Uniform practice of the US House of Representative to receive petitions or resolutions from primary assemblies of the people

Political Suicide:

1) **No** successful presidential impeachment to date has resulted in more than a historical byline. Spin to a Democrats' vengeance based initiative for the stolen 2000 General Election and subsequent loss of 40 years of Washington legislative control.

Insufficient Democratic votes in the Senate as Clinton, Obama, Edwards, Kerry, Biden and others will be conspicuously absent while running their presidential campaigns for '08. Distractions from Healthcare, Education, Immigration, Economy and Taxes, Ethics, Minimum Wage (Federal law is \$5.15/hr), Wars, and Civil Rights The White House and Congressional races suffer in 2008 if impeachment continues even rhetorically. The votes are not there!!!

2) **Hypothetical:** successful conviction leaves Cheney as President with no requirement for appointing a VP . . . even Republicans see him as stronger than Bush; possible electoral run for two full terms.

If both are impeached, Pelosi becomes president. A power grab exacerbates the spin, and rightfully so??? But at what cost and for how long?

Very negative sidebar in current and future state Democratic political machinations.

3) **Impeachment** proceedings and success would re-energize the Republican base and play into their 2008 strategy and alienate some-to-many Democrats as well. Democrats won with swing and opposition help, via intention and apathy. **DO NOT PLAY INTO REPUBLICAN STRATEGY.**

Summary:

- 1) No good can result from suppression and subordination of more important issues for sake of historical byline against Bush.
- 2) Hypothetical Risk of President Cheney and Power Grab for President Pelosi.
- 3) Re-energizing the Republican base they themselves disenfranchised.

Keeping and Gaining Political Advantage:

Future State:

LEAVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT ALONE: "IT IS A MATTER OF SOFTWARE, NOT HARDWARE." – Hugh Downs

Closest USSC came to addressing the issue was Miller (1934) and they in only a single paragraph they upheld 2nd amendment challenges on the meaning of "Arms". A trend is developing among some circuit courts (10th excepted) toward individual ownership rights.

Remember:

Impeaching Bush is like impeaching the Wizard of OZ. He is an apparition. To be effective, we need the "Man behind the Curtain". And, at this time, there simply isn't the necessary time to allocate the human and economic capital for impeachment.

Metaphorically, pigs get fed, hogs go to slaughter. Democrats, **YOU**, are feasting in the House, but merely ordering your appetizer in the Senate. Think ahead . . . feast at the trough in 2008.