

Lobbying Congress to Restore American Integrity, Honor, and Democracy

Preparing for Your Visit

- **Make an appointment *now*.**

Contact your Senators and Representatives or their key staff persons as early as possible. Tell them a group of their constituents wishes to propose congressional actions to repair the damage done by the Bush Administration and restore integrity, honor and democracy to the United States. If they ask for details, tell them your concerns include the 9/11 Commission Report, impeachment, the War on Terror and the restoration of our constitutional rights.

- **Try to recruit a large group of constituents for the visit.**

Numbers speak. If you have more than a few people, the member's staff will arrange for a larger room.

- **Select a variety of constituents.**

If possible, try to vary your group by age, ethnicity, clergy (in collar)/laity, military (in uniform)/civilian, etc. Business/community leaders are a plus and should be identified in advance.

- **Optimally, choose four effective spokespersons.**

Select one to open and present the first theme; two to present the second and third themes; and one for the fourth theme and the closing. Practice by role-playing before your appointment.

- **Arrange to show a one-minute video clip of WTC 7 collapsing.**

The clip is available with this package from DC911Truth.org; you will need a laptop and – if you have a large group – a projector and screen or blank wall space on which to show the clip.

- **Plan for five minutes to present each theme.**

Dialogue with the member will extend the time, but try to keep each theme limited to 5 minutes-- unless the member becomes deeply engaged and wants more information and discussion.

- **Stress the action requested at the end of each theme presentation and hand them a copy of “Congress’ Finest Hour: Restoring American Integrity, Honor and Democracy,” a one-page flyer with supporting attachments.**

Review the themes and supporting arguments on the following pages.

Notes For Your Presentation

Opening:

Tell your Representatives/Senators or their staff that you know they're under pressure, that the issues you've come to discuss are difficult ones, but that each is critical to repairing the damage done by the Bush Administration and restoring integrity, honor and democracy to the United States.

Four Lobby Themes:

The following list includes the most important points and the recommendations to make for each. You can present them in order of the ones you feel strongest about, but be sure to cover all four, since they're interrelated and reinforce each other.

* *An asterisk indicates that references will be provided on a separate attachment to be handed out.*

1. Investigate the Omissions and Distortions in the 9/11 Commission Report

- **Woefully flawed report**

The Commission was required by law to investigate fully the “facts and circumstances relating to the terrorist attacks” of 9/11. Yet it accepted without question the Administration’s account of 19 Arab hijackers led by Osama Bin Laden, a claim for which the FBI admits it has “no hard evidence.”* As a result, the greatest crime in U.S. history has never been criminally investigated.

- The Administration delayed naming a commission for an unprecedented 441 days, only after repeated public pressure from the victims’ families. Bush and Cheney refused to be interviewed except off the record, in secret, together, and not under oath.
- The Administration and a Republican Congress appointed the commissioners. Most had serious conflicts of interest.*
- Lee Hamilton was quoted on CBC News saying that the Commission was “set up to fail” (started late, not enough time, underfunded); Kean and Hamilton both complained that the Administration had lied to them, yet no action was taken; Max Cleland had many objections and was forced off the Commission.
- Theologian and author David Ray Griffin has identified 115 misrepresentations and omissions in the report.*
- Most of the critical questions by the victims’ families were ignored or unanswered.*

- **Suspicious WTC Building 7 collapse not mentioned in report**

- Show the one-minute video clip. This 47-story building in the WTC complex collapsed several hours *after* the towers. It came straight down in 6.5 seconds. It was not hit by a plane, had relatively small fires and limited damage. NIST has repeatedly delayed a final report about why it collapsed.
- WTC 7 housed several government offices (SEC, CIA, IRS, DoD, Secret Service, NY Mayor’s Office of Emergency Mgmt). The SEC office was investigating the Enron and WorldCom scandals, and evidence of stolen billions was lost.

- **Pre-9/11 blueprint by neoconservative Project for a New American Century (PNAC)**

Document titled *Rebuilding our Defenses* (September 2000) stated that “a catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor” was needed in order to gain popular support for U.S. geo-political supremacy and dominance of world’s resources. Many of the signers (Abrams, Armitage, Bolton, Cheney, Libby, Perle, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz,) later held key positions in the Bush Administration.

- **A 2006 Zogby poll shows 84% of those surveyed said they had been lied to about 9/11**
Congress must respond to this constituency.

Actions Demanded:

- Independent, well-funded investigation with subpoena powers and stakeholder representation on the commission: victims' families, first responders, subject matter experts (such as Dr. David Ray Griffin, physicist Dr. Steven Jones and other professionals listed in Engineers and Architects for 9/11 Truth).
- Testimony in public and under oath.
- Release of all documents and testimony from the 9/11 Commission "investigation."

2. Impeach Cheney and Bush

- **The Constitution says Congress SHALL impeach for high crimes and misdemeanors.** Impeachment is not optional. It is a remedy that belongs to the people; the Speaker cannot simply declare it to be "off the table."
- **Acts by Cheney and Bush amount to high crimes and misdemeanors.** *Hand them the list to be provided.**
- **Not to impeach hands to future administrations the tools that can be used for similarly criminal and unconstitutional acts** – a point stressed by Bruce Fein, Constitutional scholar and Deputy Attorney General in the Reagan Administration, on a recent Bill Moyers Journal program on PBS.
- **83 American cities and towns have passed impeachment resolutions** (*including Takoma Park, for MD Reps and Senators; those from other states should mention their towns/cities**).
- **50% of Americans favor impeachment** (54% for Cheney; 45% for Bush in the July 5, 2007 American Research Group poll; 69% of Democrats favored impeaching Bush and 75% of them favored impeaching Cheney in the same poll).
- **This administration must be stopped.** We cannot simply wait 16 months for the next administration: they could start another war; sponsor another terror attack in the U.S.; continue torture, reckless endangerment and disregard for human life; bankrupt the U.S.; steal the 2008 election; destroy liberty at home and further destroy our name around the world.

Actions Demanded:

- For Representatives: Co-sponsor HRes 333 to impeach Cheney – *Hand them a copy.**
- For Senators: Vote to convict.

Make this point:

The Democrats could easily impeach both Bush and Cheney in the House, as impeachment only requires a majority vote. They could not convict in the Senate without Republican support, as conviction requires ratification by two-thirds of the Senators present. Nevertheless, a House vote for impeachment would take the wind out of the sails of war, save countless lives and perhaps even save humanity from nuclear holocaust...*Paul Craig Roberts, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Reagan administration, former Associate Editor of the Wall Street Journal editorial page and Contributing Editor of National Review, coauthor of The Tyranny of Good Intentions. "Bush's America," 8/15/07, Information Clearinghouse.*

3. End the So-Called "War on Terror"

- Acts of terror are performed by individuals and factions, not states (except for real war).
- Such acts should be criminally investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice through criminal justice processes; individuals should not be framed by government agents and pursued without evidence, as in the recent Ft. Dix, Miami, and JFK airport incidents; innocent people should not be killed, maimed, tortured and *disappeared* .

- The *War on Terror* is first and foremost propaganda—a war on people’s minds and on civilized discourse, carried out to terrorize people, with meaningless color codes and constant warnings—all drummed through the mainstream media.
- There was no connection between 9/11 and Iraq. None.
- This supposedly endless war has not been declared by Congress.
- This war is making us less safe and bankrupting our future in terms of a failing infrastructure, polluted air and water, inadequate health care, poor public education, etc.
- Terrorism cannot be vanquished militarily. Attempting to do so is a set-up for endless war and endless bounty for war profiteers.
- World-wide, the majority of people are more terrorized by the actions of this Administration and its state-sponsored terrorism than by any specific terrorist group.
- The way to support our troops is to refuse to deploy them in wars based on lies.

Action Demanded: Stop funding for the Iraq war and all other wars of choice; bring the troops home now.

4. Restore Our Constitutional Rights

The honored American traditions of the rule of law and the primacy of human rights have been desecrated by the President and Congress. They have approved:

- Spying on citizens without cause.
- Tapping telephones and email without warrants.
- Kidnapping, imprisoning and torturing people without real trials.
- The suspension and negation of the Bill of Rights and the Writ of Habeas Corpus.
- Violations of the Geneva Conventions by targeting civilians.
- Seizing the property of anyone deemed to be helping the Iraqi opposition (which they could interpret as those in the U.S. peace movement).

The legislative branch cannot give to the executive branch rights that the Constitution gives to the people.

Action Demanded: Restore our constitutional rights and cherished liberties by supporting legislation to overturn and undo these laws and executive orders. *Refer to rights listed and discuss briefly.**

Closing:

The Democratic strategy of waiting for the 2008 election will not work. Not only can the administration do great additional harm to U.S. citizens and the world between now and January 2009, but the people are so upset with the Democrats for letting Bush and Cheney get away with all this that they may not vote Democrat unless they see some strong opposition to the Administration from the Democratic Congress.

If you add your name and voice to opposing them, including pushing for impeachment and in the other ways we have outlined here, it would be the finest, most important thing you could do in office – and for our country. We hope you will. We stand ready to help you in any way we can.