

Bush and Republican Party Crimes

in many cases with the complicity of the Democratic Party

- **Bush has admitted Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act violations.** Penalty: up to \$10,000 fine, 5 years imprisonment, or both.
- **Bush's violations of Common Article 3 the Geneva Conventions on torture:** Treaties are at a Constitutional level of law.
 - Bush won't hold talk with Syria because he says it's a "terrorist nation", but he has sent people there to be tortured.
- **Bush has eliminated the right of *habeas corpus*:** The Military Commission's Act of 2006 kills the writ of *habeas corpus*. Attorney General Gonzales says there's no such right in the Constitution, only that "The privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." (Senator Salazar voted for this abomination.)
See Keith Olbermann on "The death of habeas corpus": <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15220450/>
- **Bush has overturned *Posse Comitatus*:** In a stealth maneuver, President Bush has signed into law a provision which ... will actually encourage the President to declare federal martial law. It ... revis[es] the Insurrection Act, ... laws that limit the President's ability to deploy troops within the U.S. The Insurrection Act has historically, along with the *Posse Comitatus* Act, helped to enforce strict prohibitions on military involvement in domestic law enforcement.
<http://www.towardfreedom.com/home/content/view/911/>
- **Bush's illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq:** based on false and misleading statements about the threat
 - **Bush doesn't support the troops:** He has not supplied them with needed vehicle and body armor.
 - **Bush doesn't support U.S. veterans:** Walter Reed scandal and submitting budgets that do not increase sufficiently to meet the increased need and even cut Veteran's Administration funding. Beyond the 23,000 cited as wounded: mental disorders 73,000, diseases of nervous system 61,000, symptoms signs and ill-defined conditions 67,000, diseases of muscular-skeletal system 87,000. **Total 311,000 wounded & impaired.** <http://www.vawatchdog.org/>
 - **Bush's "Long War":** Bush pursues a "long war" "war on terror," but a war against a "tactic of war" is an absurdity.
 - **Crimes against humanity:** Bush has inflicted over 650,000 deaths over the norm on Iraqi civilians.
- **Bush prepares to attack Iran:** Bush is now using the same kind of misleading statements in apparent preparation for an attack against Iran, while moving carrier groups to the region to make it possible.

- **When Bush says, "I'm the decider," he means, "I'm the dictator."**
- **Bush's "signing statements":** They declare he'll interpret legislative provisions his way and feels free to ignore some terms. Bush has essentially given himself a line item veto power by declaring portions of new laws unconstitutional and offering his own revisions.
 - **What Bush has done:** claimed that his executive powers allow him to bypass more than 1,100 laws enacted since he took office.
<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines07/0201-03.htm>
 - **Ignoring Congress:** Bush's statements declare "that he would interpret many sections of the new law 'in a manner consistent with the president's constitutional authority to supervise the unitary executive branch.' In plain English, this means that many of the limits that Congress imposed on Bush's power — and that he accepted when he took the money Congress appropriated — are null and void. Why? Because the president says so." <http://www.fff.org/comment/com0610c.asp>
 - **Governing in Secrecy:** Relative to the Homeland Security appropriations act and USA PATRIOT Act Bush has declared that he would interpret the law "in a manner consistent with the president's constitutional authority to ... withhold information." Bush believes he is entitled to govern in secrecy, and any provision of a law to the contrary violates his imperial prerogatives. <http://www.fff.org/comment/com0610c.asp>
- **RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association opposes, as contrary to the rule of law and our constitutional system of separation of powers,** the issuance of presidential signing statements that claim the authority or state the intention to disregard or decline to enforce all or part of a law the President has signed, or to interpret such a law in a manner inconsistent with the clear intent of Congress; http://www.abanet.org/op/signingstatements/aba_final_signing_statements_recommendation-report_7-24-06.pdf
- **Bush violates the Constitutional separation of powers and his oath of office:** He proclaims his right to ignore Congress and the courts, which violates the Constitutional separation of powers and his oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.
- **Example - March 9, 2007:**
http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/04/30/examples_of_the_presidents_signing_statements/
 - The law:** Justice Department officials must give reports to Congress by certain dates on how the FBI is using the USA Patriot Act to search homes and secretly seize papers.
 - Bush's signing statement:** The president can order Justice Department officials to withhold any information from Congress if he decides it could impair national security or executive branch operations.
- **The Military Industrial Complex now rules the nation.**