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# **ACCOUNTABILITY AND JUSTICE**

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**Six Years in Iraq: Time for Accountability:** To prevent future wars we must restore the rule of law. This can be done by prosecuting former high officials who are guilty of war crimes, including the supreme crime of aggressive war. We must also limit unconstitutional presidential power, restore power to Congress, and hold Congress accountable to the people.

The crimes and abuses for which we need accountability and justice include illegal wars of aggression, warrantless spying, detentions without charge, rendition, torture, murder, misspending of funds, misleading Congress and the public, using the military domestically, creating secret laws, rewriting laws with signing statements, politicizing the Justice Department, and much more.

Attorney General Eric Holder must appoint a special counsel to prosecute Bush, Cheney, and their accomplices. In June 2008, 56 Democratic Congress Members, led by Congressman John Conyers wrote to Attorney General Mukasey asking for a special prosecutor. Ask your Congress member and senators to send a similar letter to Holder.

Numerous organizations, including chapters of PDA, are formally asking the attorney general to appoint a special prosecutor for Bush and Cheney. Add your group at [prosecutebushcheney.org](http://prosecutebushcheney.org)

Jay Bybee drafted "legal" opinions for Bush that purported to legalize torture. He is now an appellate court judge. Ask your Congress member to introduce a bill for his impeachment.

Bush and Obama have sought to block lawsuits on behalf of the victims of torture and warrantless spying by claiming "state secrets". Leading Democrats in both houses have introduced the State Secrets Protection Act, to require court review of such claims. Ask you Congress member and senators to cosponsor.

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