

In August, 2005, After Downing Street helped to promote Cindy Sheehan's efforts in Crawford, Texas, and launched a new website at MeetWithCindy.org, which served as the main website for Cindy's campaign. Cindy's work made the Downing Street Memo news again, as she told national media audiences that reading the Memo had angered her and convinced her that her son had been sent to die for a lie.

After Downing Street has helped to organize and publicize hearings on Iraq and Iran held by the Congressional Progressive Caucus, including serving as host to broadcast the hearings on the Pacifica Radio Network.

Since December of 2005, After Downing Street has focused its lobbying efforts on promoting House Resolution 635, introduced by Congressman John Conyers upon release of his report (on which After Downing Street consulted) "The Constitution in Crisis". In May 2006, After Downing Street persuaded United for Peace and Justice to include this bill in its list of bills to lobby for and helped prepare UFPJ members to lobby on the topic. As new pieces of evidence have appeared, including the January 2003 White House Memo, After Downing Street has collected them on the left side of the website and worked to promote them in the media. After Downing Street has also taken the lead in persuading (and paying) polling companies to poll the public on the questions of censure and impeachment.

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After Downing Street collected over 40,000 signatures on a petition urging the President not to attack Iran. On May 18, 2006, we held a rally with allies in front of the White House and delivered the petition. We then marched to Donald Rumsfeld's home, together with our friend Ray McGovern, and delivered a letter through his mail slot asking for an explanation of his pre-war lies.

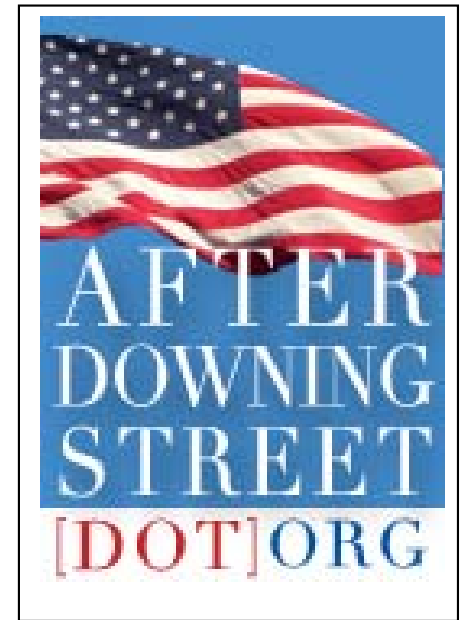
Impeachment Resource Center

Bloggers working with After Downing Street discovered that the rules of the House of Representatives allow a state legislature to initiate impeachment proceedings by submitting a petition. After Downing Street is organizing activists around the country to pass resolutions to create those petitions at the state and local levels.

We have created a resource center that is helping local groups to lobby Congress to pursue an investigation into grounds for impeachment, and to lobby local and state governments to pass impeachment resolutions, as well to promote to local media outlets our demand for a return to the rule of law.



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After Downing Street is a nonpartisan coalition of over 200 veterans groups, peace groups, and political activist groups that has worked since May 2005 to pressure both Congress and the media to investigate whether President Bush has committed impeachable offenses in connection with the Iraq war. The coalition takes its name from the emergence in May and June of 2005 of several documents that quickly came to be known as the Downing Street Memos.

Who's in the coalition:

afterdowningstreet.org/coalition

Exposing Fraudulent Basis for War Key to Ending It

After Downing Street has worked closely with the peace movement in the U.S. and abroad, organizing national days on which events have been held in hundreds of cities, lobbying in Congress for investigations, censure, and impeachment, introducing and passing pro-impeachment resolutions at the local and state levels, and organizing the peace movement to address the issue of accountability for the war. In the process, we have seen the percentage of Americans who believe the war was based on lies climb and the percentage of Americans who want the troops brought home rise right behind it.



After Downing Street was launched in May, 2005, when Co-Founder John Bonifaz sent a memo to Congressman John Conyers. Within weeks, After Downing Street developed a highly trafficked website and a community of hundreds of bloggers intent on pressuring the corporate media. By mid-June 2005, the pressure had made the Downing Street Memos a front page story and a topic of conversation on the cable news shows.

Pundits cited this phenomenon as the first clear example of the public's ability to appeal to the blogosphere to overrule editors and producers' decisions not to cover an important story.



On June 16, 2005, Congressman John Conyers and dozens of other Congress Members held an unofficial hearing on the Downing Street Memos in the basement of the U.S. Capitol. After Downing Street assisted in recruiting witnesses, alerting the media, organizing a rally at the White House, and collecting over 500,000 citizens' and 120 Congress Members' signatures on a letter to the President. Witnesses at the hearing were Joe Wilson, Ray McGovern, John Bonifaz, and then-little-known Cindy Sheehan.

Congress Members joined activists outside the White House following the hearing, and delivered the letter and signatures to the gate. This day of events galvanized a national community of activists and became a model for many future rallies and hearings.

"An online movement of bloggers and political activist groups is trying to keep the Downing Street memos in the public eye and stoking support for a congressional investigation. The memos, sent among top British foreign intelligence officials, state that President George W. Bush was predisposed to going to war with Iraq and 'intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy.' The After Downing Street movement wants Congress to examine whether Bush's path to war is grounds for impeachment." -- *Newsday*

AfterDowningStreet.org is a source for quick access to key pieces of evidence, upcoming events and ways to take action, and the latest news about the war and related crimes. We've published over 12,000 articles and numerous photos and videos, and become a daily source of information for many following the war, including images and accounts from Iraq and from the peace movement that have not found outlets among the corporate media.



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JOHN NICHOLS

MVP -- Watchdog Branch:

"The media did a slightly better job of monitoring political wrongdoing in 2005 than it did during the first four years of the Bush-Cheney presidency -- when it actually would have mattered. But the real work of exposing the misdeeds of the administration is still being done by activist groups. And the most inspired of these in 2005 was After Downing Street."