

Gore: No Impeachment!

In a Public Broadcasting System interview with Gwen Ifill on May 30, Al Gore attacked the idea of impeachment as a waste of time. At one point in the interview, Gore referred to Dick Cheney's role: "Although President Bush has since tried to specifically distance himself from that argument [that Saddam Hussein caused 9/11], Vice President Cheney still has not, so maybe there's a split within the Administration."

At the mention of Cheney, the interviewer then asked about impeachment:

Ifill: You've been a leader. You served in Bill Clinton's Administration as Vice President. You watched as the Republican Congress impeached him. Do you think that the Democratic-led Congress right now should be making efforts to impeach George W. Bush?

Gore: I haven't made that case....

Ifill: Why not?

Gore: Well, with a year and a half to go in his term and with no consensus in the nation as a whole to support such a proposition, any realistic analysis of that as a policy option would lead one to question the allocation of time and resources.

Ifill: You don't think it's a good use of time?

Gore: Well, I don't think it is. I don't think it would be likely to be successful.