

Remarks of Ross C. “Rocky” Anderson Rally in Favor of Impeachment of the President of the United States

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Part One

We are proud patriots – people who love our country so much that we are here to raise our voices out of deep concern for our nation.

We embrace the fundamental values underlying our Constitution so dearly that we have come here today to let the world know that we, as Americans, abhor the kidnapping, disappearance, and imprisonment of people without charges even being brought against them . . .

That we, as Americans, abhor unconstitutional warrantless wiretapping . . .

That we, as Americans, abhor the torture of human beings and will not stand by silently when it is being done in the name of our country . .

And that we, as Americans, will always stand up and fight against an outrageous, tragic, war of aggression that violates international law, that has alienated many of our long-time allies around the world, and that was sold to Congress, to the American people, and to the world at large on the basis of blatant lies.

That is not what we, as Americans, stand for. That is not what our country stands for. And we want the world to know it.

As mayor of the capital city of the reddest state in the nation, I am proud to join with millions of good, patriotic Americans who are standing up and willing to raise their voices against this madness.

We have a tremendous opportunity to come together as a nation – not as red or blue, not as black or white, not as rich or poor – but as a people who share the common values underlying our Constitution and the formation of this great nation.

Fundamental morality, commitment to the rule of law, and our love for our Constitution compel us to take a stand and speak up.

We proudly say “no” – we proudly shout “no” – to the outrageous abuses of power, the violations of law, and the heinous violations of human rights committed by George Bush and his administration. Let’s all join together in shouting “no” so loudly that no one will ever again imagine they can get away with these sorts of atrocities in the name of our great nation.

Do we support the assertion of power by one man to engage in warrantless wiretapping of American citizens?

Do we support the torture of our fellow human beings?

Do we support the kidnapping, disappearance, and brutal imprisonment of people?

Do we support the killing, maiming, and displacement of hundreds of thousands of people on the basis of lies and ever-changing justifications?

Do we support an imperial president whose repeated, blatant, arrogant disregard for US and international law has transformed our country into a pariah state among the community of nations?

Do we support a complacent, complicit Congress so far unwilling to hold this president to account for his outrages?

Do we stand for a centralized, corporate media that behave as if our newspapers and Fox News are no more than bulletin boards for unquestioned government propaganda?

We can unify in our insistence that President Bush and his associates be held accountable for their unconscionable actions. We can unify in our insistence upon the truth, upon peace-making, upon more humane treatment of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Let us say “no” to the outrages, while saying “yes” to peace, the truth, and accountability.

Let us build a better nation, and a better world, together.