

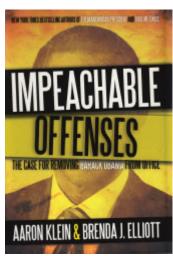




# The Case for Impeaching Barack Obama

Impeachable Offenses: The Case for Removing Barack Obama From Office, by Aaron Klein and Brenda Elliot, WND Books, 2013, 336 pages, hardcover.

Impeaching Obama has certainly been on the mind of many Americans in recent years. It has also been discussed by more than a few lawmakers, including Rep. Steve Stockman (R-Texas), who reportedly delivered copies of *Impeachable Offenses* to every member of Congress. Indeed, almost any single one of the dizzying array of abuses detailed in the book would seem to represent a solid case for removing Obama from office. Combined in one hard-hitting package, though, the authors present an unimpeachable argument in favor of impeachment.



Regular readers and subscribers of The New American magazine will be very familiar with the anticonstitutional activities Obama has unleashed that are explored in the book, such as the Benghazi and "Fast and Furious" scandals. And sources for the book are meticulously documented in an extensive bibliography that makes the case especially compelling.

Of course, the list of impeachable offenses outlined in the book is vast, but it could have been even longer. Several major scandals erupted after *Impeachable Offenses* was published, and some megascandals didn't receive the attention they deserve. While it is discussed, for example, the administration's claim that it has authority to murder Americans without charges, trial, or due process receives but a fraction of the attention that it merits. The lawless foisting of Common Core "education" on America in violation of federal law and the Constitution is another point that could have been explored. Finally, the usurpation of power implied in the NDAA "indefinite detention" provisions is another crime that should have been highlighted in great detail, although Congress is admittedly complicit.

TNA correspondent Joe Wolverton, an attorney, has even made the case that Obama could be detained indefinitely under the NDAA provisions for helping designated terrorist organizations in violation of federal law. Knowingly providing assistance to terrorist groups and leaders from Syria to Libya would appear to go well beyond simply a crime worthy of impeachment. When citizens perpetrate such crimes, long prison sentences are the norm.

### **Multiple Cases of Malfeasance**

To their credit, the authors acknowledge on multiple occasions that many of the lawless activities and programs taking place now have their roots in the usurpations of previous administrations — Democrat







and Republican. Still, the book makes a solid case that virtually all of the anti-constitutional scheming has expanded under Obama's reign.

After the preface, the book starts off with a devastating indictment of the Benghazi scandal, now sometimes referred to as "Benghazigate." Exposing lies from the administration and the establishment press, Aaron Klein and Brenda Elliot savage the president from all angles: from deliberately and lawlessly creating the circumstances that led to the deadly attack to trying to cover it up.

The next devastating indictment of the administration comes in a chapter about the "Fast and Furious" program to arm Mexican drug cartels. Fast and Furious, the book shows, was used for, among other purposes, concocting bogus statistics about U.S. guns supposedly being used for crime in Mexico. The authors also highlight government documents showing that federal officials were conspiring to use murders perpetrated with Fast and Furious guns to advance gun-control schemes.

The chapter on gun-running also highlights Attorney General Eric Holder's repeated lies under oath about the deadly scheme, as well as Obama's own lying. The coverup continues even after Holder was held in contempt of Congress. While acknowledging that Project Gun Runner schemes originally began under President George W. Bush, the book shows that it was radically expanded under Obama. It also describes in horrifying detail some of the administration's unilateral "executive" assaults on gun rights and lawless efforts to expand the number of Americans stripped of their right to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment.

On immigration reform, the book details Obama's unconstitutional refusal to enforce the law — de facto amnesty, in other words. The authors provide evidence that the scheming, apparently intended to ensure Democrat rule in perpetuity, was actually the president's handiwork, too. A significant section of the book is devoted to the administration's decisions to continually release criminal and even violent illegal immigrants from detention under various pretexts.

The president's cozy relationship with anti-American Islamists features prominently in several sections. "Since assuming office, President Obama has weakened the United States, both at home and abroad, by bolstering our foes, implying his support of a Muslim Brotherhood revolution, snubbing our allies, and playing down the very real threat of Islamic fundamentalism," the authors write, offering an in-depth look at the Brotherhood and its myriad links to the administration — there are at least several known Brotherhood operatives serving in the administration, including in policymaking roles at DHS. "Obama aided the rise to power of major enemies of Western civilization.

Also on the list of potentially impeachable crimes are Obama's "green" scams, which served mostly to squander taxpayer funds while enriching cronies. The president, the authors write, "has yet to be held accountable for the rank corruption, cronyism, and possible impeachable offenses related to his first-term green energy funding adventures using our taxpayer dollars."

The authors also delve into the lawless surveillance regime erected under the Bush administration and "expanded exponentially and at times possibly illegally under Obama."

### **Socialist Surveillance and Scheming**

Detailed as well is the increasingly Orwellian effort to have citizens report each other to authorities, including a plan hatched over a decade ago to turn millions of Americans into citizen-snitches. "If this sounds like shades of the Cold War-era Soviet Union, it is," the authors write, pointing to similar





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schemes currently being used by the Obama administration such as Janet "Big Sis" Napolitano's "If you see something, say something" campaign. Monitoring of Internet use and social networks is also commonplace, the book documents.

Perhaps one of the most alarming sections of the entire book deals with Homeland Security and its ongoing erection of a police state. The authors describe it as "the creation of a virtual domestic army, a federal power grab that could alter the balance of power while placing enormous, unconstitutional authority in the executive branch." Key among those efforts is the federal plot to commandeer state and local law enforcement, including through the use of so-called "fusion centers."

A chapter dedicated to exposing "the drone nation" highlights a broad array of issues. With the Obama administration's "hunter-killer" aerial machines now in use domestically and abroad, the book makes an excellent case that the machinations are out of control.

The possibilities for unconstitutional and deadly abuses are almost endless. Officials have openly discussed handing control over domestic drones to the military if a "need" arises. Abroad, the book documents, the Obama administration has developed a system whereby it unilaterally chooses whom to murder, sometimes without even knowing the identities of its victims. Thousands have been murdered already, including U.S. citizens.

Of course, no book on Obama's reign of lawlessness would be complete without a discussion of ObamaCare, and *Impeachable Offenses* does not disappoint. Noting that the administration and its allies have tried to claim the dubious Supreme Court ruling shows the scheme is constitutional, the authors show it is not — and more. Among other major concerns, the authors also point out that the administration continues to lawlessly rewrite the statute.

The last chapter deals with the "anti-war" president's anti-constitutional war in Libya, waged on behalf of jihadist rebels without any sort of authorization from Congress. The book makes a powerful case — even citing Obama's own words prior to becoming president — that it was a criminal act, not to mention spectacularly unwise. Among the most troubling arguments in the entire book is found in this section: The U.S. government has essentially transferred some of its legitimate authorities to the United Nations and other supranational bodies such as NATO. The obscure globalist doctrine cited to justify the criminal war — the so-called "Responsibility to Protect," or R2P — also features prominently.

"Our work clearly shows that President Obama is deeply and fundamentally subverting the United States Constitution and the powers of his office," the authors conclude. "An informed and aroused American public still has a chance to undo the progressive nightmare that has gone beyond the legitimate democratic process. And a scandalized Congress still has the ability to challenge Barack Obama's right to misgovern these United States."

The book, a good read, makes a solid case that President Obama *should* be impeached. Whether Congress will do its duty after failing to act so spectacularly in the past — not to mention enabling the crimes — remains to be seen.







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