

## A Clinton Impeachment Timeline



### 2000

**Dec. 13, 2000** - In perhaps the most contested race ever, Vice President Gore concedes the presidential race to Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

**Nov. 7, 2000** - Election Day. The presidential race is too close to call and will remain that way for several weeks due to contested voting in Florida. Hillary Rodham Clinton wins New York Senate seat.

### 1999

**Feb. 12, 1999** - Senate acquits president on impeachment charges. A total of 67 votes were necessary to convict. Voting was 55 against and 45 in favor of the perjury charge. Obstruction of justice charge failed 50-50.

**Jan. 21, 1999** - On the final day of arguments, President Clinton's defense team pleads for "political sanity," stating that the prosecution's case rests on circumstantial evidence and unrelated facts.

### 1998

**Dec. 19, 1998** - House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against the president.

**Dec. 9, 1998** - House Judiciary Committee unveils articles of impeachment against President Clinton. Two articles allege that he lied in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and in his testimony before Starr's grand jury. The others allege that he abused the powers of his office and obstructed justice in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

**Nov. 13, 1998** - President Clinton settles the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, agreeing to pay Jones \$850,000 while admitting nothing. The independent counsel sends Congress information relating to former White House aide Kathleen Willey's allegations that the president made unwanted sexual advances.

**Oct. 8, 1998** - By a vote of 258-176 (with 31 Democrats voting yes) the House approves an open-ended impeachment inquiry of the president.

**Sept. 21, 1998** - Videotape of President Clinton's grand jury testimony, along with 2,800 pages of supporting evidence to Starr's report, is made public.

**Sept. 9, 1998** - Starr sends his report of possible impeachable offenses to Congress. The president tells a Florida audience, **"I let you down. I let my family down. I let this country down. But I'm trying to make it right. I determined to never let anything like that happen again."**

**Aug. 20, 1998** - President gives DNA sample to Starr for comparison with a reported semen stain on a dress owned by Monica Lewinsky.

**Aug. 17, 1998** - Via closed circuit television, President Clinton testifies to the Lewinsky grand jury. In an evening television address to the nation he admits that he had a **"not appropriate"** relationship with Lewinsky, but insists that he never told anyone to lie about it.

**July 28, 1998** - Monica Lewinsky reaches a tentative immunity deal with Starr.

**April 1998** - Arkansas federal judge dismisses Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, saying her complaint, even if true, would not constitute a violation of law.

**March 15, 1998** - Former Clinton aide Kathleen Willey appears on **CBS News' 60 Minutes** and says the president made unwelcome sexual advance towards her in 1993.

**Jan. 27, 1998** - Kenneth Starr opens grand jury probe into the Monica Lewinsky allegations. Appearing on NBC's *Today*, Hillary Rodham Clinton says the controversy has been fabricated by a **"vast right-wing conspiracy."** *The New York Times* reports that Lewinsky met with President Clinton at the White House two weeks after she was subpoenaed to give information in the Paula Jones case. Mr. Clinton makes no mention of the controversy in his State of the Union speech.

**Jan. 21, 1998** - *The Washington Post* reports the existence of taped recordings of President Clinton and Lewinsky. The president tells PBS's Jim Lehr, **"There is no improper relationship."**

**Jan. 17, 1998** - Testifying under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, President Clinton denies having had an affair with Monica Lewinsky. He reportedly acknowledges having had an affair with Gennifer Flowers, a charge he previously had denied.

**Jan. 13, 1998** - With FBI help, Tripp wears a body mike during a meeting with Lewinsky and records their conversation.

**Jan. 12, 1998** - Tripp contacts independent counsel Kenneth Starr's office, and gives them 20 hours of taped conversations she had with Lewinsky.

**Jan. 7, 1998** - In a sworn affidavit, Lewinsky denies having an affair with President Clinton.

## **1997**

**December 1997** - Linda Tripp reportedly tells Lewinsky that she will testify about their conversations regarding Lewinsky's alleged trysts with President Clinton.

**May 27, 1997** - Supreme Court rules Paula Jones may pursue her lawsuit against Mr. Clinton, while he's still in office.

## **1996**

**Nov. 5, 1996** - Mr. Clinton is re-elected president.

**April 1996** - Lewinsky leaves White House for Pentagon job.

## **1995**

**November 1995** - According to sources, Monica Lewinsky becomes involved in a sexual relationship with the president.

**July 19, 1995** - President Clinton reaffirms the goals of affirmative action saying, "**mend it, don't end it.**"

**June 1995** - Monica Lewinsky begins internship at White House.

## **1994**

**July 26, 1994** - Congressional hearings into Whitewater begin.

**May 6, 1994** - Sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton is filed by Paula Jones.

**Jan. 12, 1994** Attorney General Janet Reno announces the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Whitewater.

## **1993**

**Nov. 17, 1993** - House approves North American Free Trade Agreement – one of President Clinton's priorities.

**Oct. 3, 1993** - Humanitarian mission to Somalia turns into warfare as United Nations forces battle Somali warlord Aidid. A total of 18 Americans are killed.

**Jan. 29, 1993** - Mr. Clinton announces what will become the "**don't ask, don't tell**" policy, by lifting the ban on gays in the military.

**Jan. 25, 1993** - President Clinton names wife Hillary as head of task force on health care reform.

**Jan. 20, 1993** - William Jefferson Clinton sworn in as 42nd president of the U.S.

## **1992**

**Nov. 3, 1992** - Mr. Clinton wins presidential election.

**Jan. 24, 1992** - Flowers holds press conference stating she had a relationship with Mr. Clinton for 12 years. Excerpts from tape-recorded telephone conversations between the two are released.

**Jan. 23, 1992** - The Clintons appear on **CBS News' 60 Minutes**. Mr. Clinton tells correspondent **Steve Kroft** that he has "**caused pain**" in his marriage.

**Jan. 23, 1992** - *Star* tabloid issues story claiming Gennifer Flowers and Mr. Clinton had an "intimate" relationship.

## **1991**

**Oct. 2, 1991** - Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton announces he will run for president.