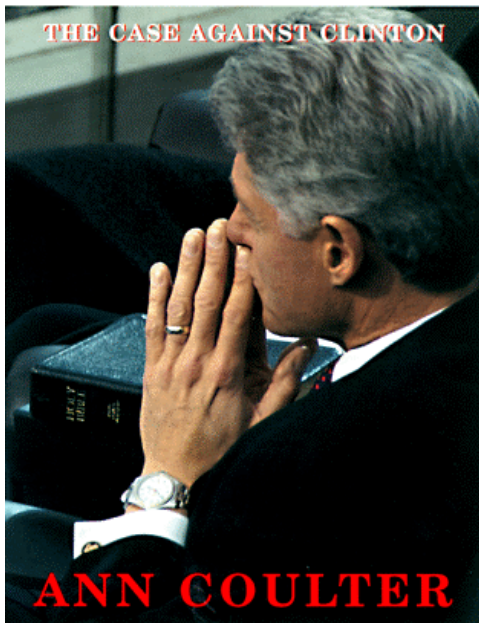


# Plagiarism Trap

## High Crimes and Misdemeanors



*Ann Coulter's words were not all her own. Coulter stole many of them from a co-worker whom she later disavowed even knowing.*

### February & March, 1998 – Other Authors

Circa Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Terence P. Jeffrey (Editor, *Human Events*) and Michael Chapman (Clinton reporter for *Human Events*), were originally tasked with writing an impeachment book.

Circa Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey dissolved the agreement because he didn't believe that Clinton had committed an impeachable offense.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Regnery asked Chapman to ghost-write the Coulter book.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Chapman presented Regnery with a proposal containing the same terms and conditions of his previous agreement with Jeffrey.

Circa Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ziebarth rejected Chapman's conditions.

Circa March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ann Coulter entered Chapman's office, requesting his files and research. Chapman later gave those files (paper and electronic) to Thomas M. Winter (Editor-in-Chief, *Human Events*) after assurances that he would receive some credit or acknowledgement for his work.

Early March – David Wagner (former writer for *Insight* magazine) took possession of the office next to Chapman's to ghost-write the manuscript for Coulter. Wagner used *Human Events* articles and booklets on impeachment.

### June 8, 1998 – Original Research

Coulter appeared on C-Span's *Washington Journal* boasting that "both my undergraduate at Cornell and University of Michigan professors have been quite impressed with what I've turned up on 'high crimes and misdemeanors.'"<sup>1</sup>

What, *exactly*, did Coulter "turn up" on "high crimes and misdemeanors" which was so impressive?

It appears Coulter drew heavily from Raoul Berger's book,<sup>2</sup> the Rodino Report,<sup>3</sup> and the *Federalist Papers*.

Indeed, the preponderance of materials directly related to "high crimes and misdemeanors" is actually contained in those three sources. *Hardly* "original" research. One could reasonably contend that Hillary Rodham "turned up" *more* on "high crimes and misdemeanors" in the Rodino Report than Ann Coulter did in *High Crimes*.

### August, 1998 – Book Publication

Regnery published *High Crimes and Misdemeanors* under Coulter's sole byline.

### October 13, 1998 – No Conservatives Welcome

Correct sourcing appears to be a continual problem for Coulter. "I don't rely on any disputed facts or try to get into disputed issues and resolve them. I'll leave that to other people," Coulter claimed in a radio interview. "I also don't cite a *single* conservative newspaper columnist/journalist. I rely *exclusively* on the liberal elite media."<sup>4</sup>

Among Coulter’s oft-repeated assertions is that her sources were all from *liberal* circles. No one, to my knowledge has challenged this claim. Yet, a perusal of her endnotes alone disproves her statement. Among the “liberal” sources Coulter cites: the Associated Press, *Esquire*, Gannett News Service, *Investor’s Business Daily*, *Forbes*, *Human Events*, *National Journal*, *Newsweek*, *The American Spectator*, *The Weekly Standard*, *Washingtonian*, Joseph diGenova, Peter Brimelow, Tony Snow.

Indeed, Coulter even makes an oblique reference to herself in one of her endnotes: “The *Human Events* legal reporter was consistently correct in predicting legal rulings in the *Jones* case.”<sup>5</sup> (So, by a peculiar twist of fate, Ann Coulter is really a closet liberal!)

### December 17, 1998 – Michael Chapman

Michael Chapman sent a letter to the Trustees of the Phillips Foundation:

“From what I have seen so far, verbatim passages from my writing are found on pages 121, 122, 219 and 220 of the *High Crimes* book. Rewritten passages are reproduced on pages 125, 126, 127 and 220. Other material I wrote is paraphrased on pages 123, 124, 203, 204, 205, 214, and 218.

“Furthermore, mostly all of chapter 18, ‘Wampumgate,’ is a rewrite or paraphrase of reporting I did for *HE*.”

### October 2001 – *Boston Globe*

Rumors about Chapman’s work reached the *Boston Globe*<sup>6</sup> and Coulter’s attack machine *immediately* went into action. Coulter threatened lawsuits and denied ever knowing – or having heard of – Michael Chapman. (Rather strange as Coulter and Chapman attended weekly editorial meetings at *Human Events*.)

<b>Michael Chapman, “A Case for Impeachment,” <i>Human Events</i>, 5/23/97</b>	<b>Ann Coulter, <i>High Crimes and Misdemeanors</i>, Regnery, 1998</b>
<b>page 13:</b> “Four Democratic fundraisers have stated that former DNC Finance Chairman Marvin Rosen explicitly advocated selling access to the President...”	<b>Page 219:</b> “At least four Democratic fund-raising officials have revealed that former DNC Finance Chairman Marvin Rosen explicitly advocated selling access to the president ...”
<b>page 13:</b> “A DNC fundraiser told Nynex executives they would receive invitations to White House ‘coffees’ if they joined the DNC’s ‘Managing Trustees’ program and agreed to donate \$100,000 ...”	<b>Page 219:</b> “A DNC fundraiser told Nynex Corporation executives that they would receive invitations to White House coffees if they joined the DNC’s ‘Managing Trustees’ program and agreed to donate \$100,000 ...”
<b>page 28:</b> “Harry Thomason, the Hollywood TV executive famous for producing ‘Evening Shade’ and ‘Designing Women,’ ... He is an old friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, having first met the future President when Thomason was a high school football coach in the 1970s in Arkansas. ... Thomason, meanwhile, started to spread rumors about the Travel Office.”	<b>Page 121:</b> “Harry Thomason, the Hollywood television executive famous for producing such shows as <i>Evening Shade</i> and <i>Designing Women</i> , was a major Clinton fund-raiser. He is an old friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, having first met the future president when Thomason was an Arkansas high school football coach in the 1970s. ... Thomason spread rumors about the Travel Office.”

<sup>1</sup> Ann Coulter, *Washington Journal*, C-Span, June 8, 1998.  
<sup>2</sup> Raoul Berger, *Impeachment: The Constitutional Problems*, 1973.  
<sup>3</sup> Staff report, House Committee on the Judiciary, 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress, “Constitutional Grounds for Presidential Impeachment,” February 22, 1974.  
<sup>4</sup> Ann Coulter, *Janet Parshall’s America*, WAVA, October 13, 1998.  
<sup>5</sup> Ann Coulter, *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton*, Regnery, 1998, pg. 325.  
<sup>6</sup> Alex Beam, *Boston Globe*, October 18, 2001.