

Bush criticizes Clinton, but says scandal will fade

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Reno, Nev. — Former President Bush thinks Bill Clinton lacks respect for the presidency, but Bush predicts the country will bounce back after Clinton's impeachment trial ends.

"I have tried to stay out of all the Washington mess," Bush said Saturday at the end of a keynote address to the Safari Club International's 27th annual hunters' convention. "But I must confess I have been deeply concerned by what appears to be a lack of respect for the office I was so very proud to hold."

Speaking to an audience of international big game hunters and conservationists, Bush was confident any national embarrassment caused by Clinton's sex scandal would be short-lived.



George Bush, speaking to a convention of hunters, said his successor lacks respect.

"Our country is strong and it is resilient. And the presidency, the office of the presidency, is strong and it is resilient," Bush said. "The trials of the present will soon pass away and once again our country will be respected and strong around the world."

Impeached by Congress on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice in the Monica Lewinsky sex case, Clinton is being tried in the Senate.