



Impeachment

What is impeachment, and what does the process look like? Dive into the history, definitions, and progression of this topic.

Conversation Questions

1. What is an impeachable offense?
2. Is impeaching the same as removing someone from office?

Key Definitions (from Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

- *Impeachment* – to charge [a public official] before a competent tribunal with misconduct in office.
- *Censure* – to formally reprimand [someone]: to express official censure of [someone]

Read

“The Invention-and Reinvention- of Impeachment” by Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*

<http://bit.ly/2Xps8jl>

Jill Lepore summarizes, in narrative style, the history and “invention” of impeachment. Dating back to 14th century England, the article details how impeachment has been historically defined, used, and leveraged.

“How the Impeachment Process Works” by Charlie Savage, *The New York Times*

<https://nyti.ms/2QIUUA5>

Charlie Savage provides a high-level overview of the impeachment process. The piece includes definitions, logistics, and basic history. He additionally includes a flow-chart of what an impeachment process may look like in 2019.





“Impeachment Hearing FAQ: Who Will Testify and How the Questioning Will Work” by Deirdre Walsh, NPR

<https://n.pr/2OmWEGs>

Deirdre Walsh details the most frequently asked questions regarding impeachment. This article is updated throughout the process with what happened during the hearings, who is testifying, where to tune in, and more.

“Impeachment” from the History, Art & Archives of the US House of Representatives

<http://bit.ly/2Omg3aq>

This website provides the origins of the impeachment process, including the Federalist 65 by Alexander Hamilton. It additionally provides constitutional framing and its uses throughout history.

“The Senate’s Impeachment Role” from the United States Senate

<http://bit.ly/357AQ8E>

This website gives a brief description of the Senate’s role in the impeachment process. It also includes historical development and where it originated.

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***Impeachment: A Daily Podcast* from WNYC Studios**

<https://n.pr/2CR0NNy>

Impeachment: A Daily Podcast reviews the hearings each day. Additionally, it provides prehistory, processes, and how an impeachment could affect the 2020 election.

