ISSUE: Impeachment / Should President Trump Be Impeached?

1. **Read the following article and answer the questions that follow it:**

***Presidential Impeachment***  (Which presidents in US history have been impeached? How does impeachment work? )

By Adam I.P. Smith. History Extra (BBC History Magazine)

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/modern/history-impeachment-president-trump-nixon-clinton-explained/>

Questions:

1. What did the Founders mean by the phrase “high crimes and misdemeanors,” and what did not apply? -What was the purpose of impeachment?
2. Paraphrase what Alexander Hamilton envisioned impeachment could do to the nation
3. What could’ve been the consequence of Andrew Johnson being convicted and removed from office in 1868?
4. What is the “historical prerequisite” for any serious move towards impeachment”?
5. What is the argument for the House to impeach, even in the face of an oppositional Senate that will never convict?
6. How could an impeachment backfire on the Democrats and work in Trump’s favor?

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**II. Create a T-chart with one side arguments in favor of Trump’s impeachment and the other arguments against impeachment, then read your assigned and take notes on the appropriate side:**

# ***A. Why the Framers would reject the Democrats' impeachment criteria*** By Alan Dershowiz, Opinion Contributor. *The Hill*: 09/27/19

<https://thehill.com/opinion/judiciary/463395-framers-rejected-democrats-criteria-for-impeachment-for-good-reason>

***B. The Case Against Impeaching President Trump:***

*NPR / Morning Edition:* 10/7/19 (press arrow for podcast recording)

<https://www.npr.org/2019/10/07/767792766/the-case-against-impeaching-president-trump>

***C. Don’t Impeach President Trump, Censure Him***

By Uwe Bott.  *The Globalist:* 10/7/19

<https://www.theglobalist.com/donald-trump-impeachment-censure-democrats-republicans-nancy-pelosi/>

***D. Democrats, Please Don’t Mess This Up. Impeach Trump for All His Crimes, Not Just for Ukraine*** By [Mehdi Hasan](https://theintercept.com/staff/mehdihasan/).  *The Intercept:* 9/26/19 <https://theintercept.com/2019/09/26/impeachment-trump-ukraine-democrats/>

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# **E. *Democrats Must Impeach Donald Trump to Defend the Republic. Also, It's Good Politics***

By Jack Holmes. Esquire: 9/23/19

<https://www.esquire.com/news-politics/a29188688/democrats-must-impeach-donald-trump/>