

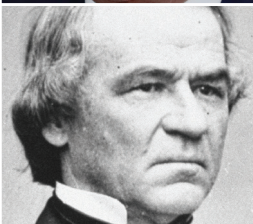
# How U.S. impeachment process works

The U.S. House of Representatives has launched a formal impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump, accusing him of violating the Constitution by seeking foreign help to smear Democrat rival Joe Biden



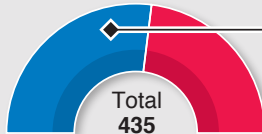
## 1 U.S. House of Representatives

Any member can introduce resolution of impeachment if they suspect president is guilty of **“treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours”**



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**House Judiciary Committee:** Normally votes on whether grounds for impeachment exist, but Democrats could appoint special committee to oversee process or move straight to House vote



Simple majority in House, where Democrats hold 235 seats, sends process to Senate



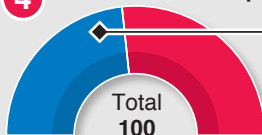
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**Senate trial:** Chief justice of Supreme Court presides, while House members form prosecution and senators act as jury. President can appoint defence lawyers

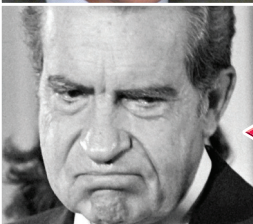


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**Senate vote on impeachment**



Democrats hold 47 seats. Two-thirds majority required to remove president from office



Vice president then takes over for remainder of term

▶ Trump joins three other presidents who have faced impeachment – **Andrew Johnson** and **Bill Clinton**, who were acquitted by Senate, and **Richard Nixon**, who resigned to avoid being impeached