

## House Dems Release Sham Impeachment Inquiry Report

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Make no mistake. What's going on is one of the most disturbing political spectacles in US history — one right wing of the one-party state trying to defrock the other wing's leader for politicized reasons, not legitimate ones.

Daily theater in Washington is unrelated to removing Trump from office because the GOP-controlled Senate opposes the scam.

What's happening is all about Dems wanting Trump delegitimized and weakened for winning an election he was supposed to lose.

They aim to gain a political advantage in November 2020, hoping to win the White House and Senate, while retaining House control.

The longer the sham drags on with no tangible results, the more it may benefit Trump and Republicans at the expense of Dems, notably because a GOP-controlled Senate impeachment trial, if held, will politicize proceedings to its advantage.

With that outcome in mind, Dems mat cut their losses by abandoning impeachment in favor of meaningless censure and endless Trump bashing as part of their campaign strategy in the run-up to November 2020 elections.

On Tuesday, the House Intelligence Committee released "The Trump-Ukraine Impeachment Inquiry Report."

Without credible evidence, it accuses DJT of obstruction of justice by witness intimidation and tampering, soliciting foreign interference to benefit his reelection campaign, withholding military aid to Ukraine for political reasons, undermining the integrity of the US presidential election process, and endangering national security.

Short of specifically recommending articles of impeachment, the report calls for "mov(ing) forward with an impeachment inquiry," adding:

"No other president has flouted the Constitution and power of Congress to conduct oversight to this extent (sic)."

"If left unanswered, President Trump's ongoing effort to thwart Congress' impeachment power risks doing grave harm to the institution of Congress, the balance of power between our branches of government, and the Constitutional order that the President and every ember of Congress have sworn to protect and defend (sic)."

Late Tuesday, the House Intelligence Committee approved the report along party lines. It moves to the Judiciary Committee for its consideration, hearings to begin Wednesday, followed by members drafting articles of impeachment if things go this far.

Ahead of Tuesday's vote, White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said the following:

"At the end of a one-sided sham process, Chairman Schiff and the (Dems) utterly failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by President Trump," adding:

"This report reflects nothing more than their frustrations. (It) reads like the ramblings of a basement blogger straining to prove something where there is no evidence."

The GOP House Intelligence Committee responded to the Dems with its <u>own report</u>, stressing no evidence that corroborates charges by Dems , "no quid pro quo, bribery, extortion, or abuse of power," adding:

The impeachment inquiry "is an orchestrated campaign to upend our political system."

It's "trying to impeach a duly elected president based on the accusations and assumptions of unelected bureaucrats who disagreed with President Trump's policy initiatives and processes."

Polls show the nation is largely divided on removing Trump from office by impeachment.

On Tuesday, the Columbia Journalism Review (CJR) said

"(p)olls released before Thanksgiving showed, broadly, that the preceding weeks of televised testimony failed to increase public support for removing Trump from office via impeachment," adding:

"(I)mpeachment numbers (are) divided...down the middle..."(I)mpeachment is more a political process than a judicial one."

A Quinnipiac poll noted that a small but significant number of Americans remain undecided on the issue.

Unless bombshell information comes out, highly unlikely but possible, the impeachment scam is going nowhere. It laid an egg.

Based on what's gone on so far, it may end up hurting Dems and helping Trump's reelection campaign.

There's overwhelming just cause to remove him for "high crimes and misdemeanors," the same true for most of his predecessors, the vast majority of current and earlier congressional members, as well as most bureaucrats involved in foreign policy.

Dems aren't going anywhere near his real offenses because they share guilt in crimes of war, against humanity, breach of the public trust, and other constitutional violations.

That's the elephant in the room unaddressed issue, what dirty business in Washington is all about, its criminal class bipartisan.

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