

IMPEACHMENT AND CONVICTION

*The President,
Vice President, and
all civil Officers of
the United States, shall
be removed from Office
on Impeachment for,
and Conviction of,
Treason, Bribery,
or other high Crimes
and Misdemeanors.*

– U.S. CONSTITUTION
ART. II, SEC. 4

Impeachment is a critical check that means that **no one—not even the President—is above the law.** But it's only half the story. To impeach is to *formally charge* a federal official. It takes a conviction to *remove* that official from office.

IMPEACHMENT

*The House of
Representatives
shall have the
sole Power of
Impeachment.*

–U.S. CONSTITUTION
ART. I, SEC. 2
CLAUSE 5

CONVICTION

*The Senate
shall have the
sole Power to try
Impeachment.*

–U.S. CONSTITUTION
ART. I, SEC. 3
CLAUSES 6-7

RESOLUTION

Must originate in the House

INVESTIGATION

House committees investigate

VOTE

Judiciary committee recommends impeachment; whole House votes

IMPEACHMENT

A simple majority (> 50%) means impeachment; now to the Senate

TRIAL

Each side presents evidence

DELIBERATION

Senators serve as a private jury

VOTE

The whole Senate votes in public

CONVICTION

A supermajority (2/3) means conviction; time for removal

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

If the House of Representatives votes to impeach, and the Senate votes to convict, then the official will be removed from office.



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