

What is impeachment?



- The U.S. Constitution states a president or federal official “shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes or misdemeanours.”
- The process is started by the House of Representatives, and needs a majority to pass.
- In the Senate, a two-thirds vote is necessary for removal.

Articles of impeachment against President Trump:

- Abuse of power
- Obstruction of Congress

Presidents impeached

- Andrew Johnson, the 17th president, for Violating the Tenure of Office Act. Was acquitted on May 26, 1868.
- Bill Clinton, the 42nd president, for perjury and obstruction of justice. Acquitted on Feb. 12, 1999.

Impeachment not just for presidents

- Since 1797 the House of Representatives has impeached 16 federal officials. These include two presidents.
- Of those, the Senate has convicted and removed seven, all of them judges. Not included in this list are the office holders who have resigned rather than face impeachment.