

Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

**The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.**

Section 3 – The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

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## **FEATURE:**

# **Impeachment: week in review**

A Monday one paragraph summary report and analysis; followed by recaps (with links) for about ten representative on-line articles and essays – 800 to 1,000 words

**Week ending 11/5/2017 (~1,000 words)**

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**Minneapolis 11/6/17** – Special counsel Robert Mueller’s recent indictment of Paul Manafort and his aide, and the guilty plea of a Trump Campaign foreign policy advisor have been digested for a week – with the result of a decided tick up one notch upward in the “Generic Impeach-o-meter” that measures the likelihood of President Trump’s impeachment and removal. There appears to be both a solid legal case against Manafort – but more important, the nexus of interconnections between political forces in the Ukraine and Russia seem to strongly suggest Manafort was acting for years as if Russia was his de facto client. Given the long prison sentence he appears to be facing, this cannot bode well for President Trump. Meanwhile, the Asia trip will remove Trump from swirling events in Washington as the “political year” heads to a conclusion. Multiple political “crackups” – including a failure by Republicans to pass “tax reform,” and problems with increasing the debt ceiling and resolving the “Dreamers” status – all seem possible if not likely.

### **The Mueller Investigation – Manafort’s indictment is in a noticeably higher gear**

The [Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com) has compiled a list of nine people who are either Trump family members, a Trump lawyer, or Trump campaign officials and aides, who met with Russian nationals during the campaign and/or the transition period. The crucial unanswered question is whether there was any agreement resulting from or related to these meetings to collude or coordinate actions that would benefit Russia.

An analysis from [The Guardian's Washington Bureau Chief David Grant](http://www.theguardian.com) suggests President Trump may now be fully realizing the serious danger Robert Mueller's investigation represents. Grant quotes former CIA Analyst John Sypher: “The fact the Mueller investigation would be willing to bring charges on everything from money laundering to tax evasion against Manafort, who was Trump’s campaign chairman, is a big deal and

suggests to me there's a lot more there." [Sypher published a detailed analysis](#) of the "Steele Dossier" September 6th.

In a [NY Times op-ed](#), Evelyn Farkas, an Obama Administration Defense Department official responsible for Russia and the Ukraine, recounts the interconnections between Russia and the Ukrainian political forces that had a client relationship with President Trump's former Campaign Chairman, Paul Manafort for about a decade -- and at least through 2016. An obvious question for the Mueller investigation is whether this nexus of interconnections represents a situation where Russia was a de facto client of Mr. Manafort.

In a [Time Magazine](#) essay, history Professor Allan Lichtman, who predicted Trump's election, repeats his prediction that President Trump will be impeached. In his recent book, *The Case for Impeachment*, Prof. Lichtman lays out various scenarios for how impeachment could happen -- his essay concludes: "A Russian sword of Damocles is hanging over this American president by the slenderest of threads. When this sword falls even Republicans, as in the Nixon case, will likely be compelled to begin impeachment proceedings. Otherwise Trump, whose approval ratings are already at historic lows, will take them down in the midterm elections of 2018.

## **The campaign for impeachment – is it partly or entirely “practical politics?”**

[Politico reports](#) U.S. House minority leader Nancy said impeaching President Trump is "not someplace that I think we should go," even if Democrats win the House in 2018. Pelosi left the door open if concrete criminal evidence emerges.

[Newsweek reports](#) on California billionaire Tom Steyer's obvious disagreement with Ms. Pelosi -- Steyer's petition to impeach President Trump went over one million signatures less than two weeks after he began his TV/media campaign. Steyer reportedly spent over \$90 million helping Democratic candidates in the last election cycle, and is also reported to be considering running for the seat held by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA.) Boxer is 84 and is seeking re-election to her sixth term. Based on Steyer's reported \$10 million outlay for his petition campaign, one possible view of the situation is that he's spent about \$10 for a name and contact information for over one million donors.

[An annual survey by the Cato Institute](#) shows "political correctness" has caused an unprecedented chill in political discussion. Republicans are highly inclined (73%) to keep some ideas to themselves -- a majority of independents (58%) also reported self-censorship. Only a majority of democrats (53%) said they did not feel a need to self-censor.

## **Trump vs. Protesting NFL Athletes – Week 7**

After week seven of "Trump vs NFL protesters," [The Hill reports](#) that scattered protests are still continuing; however, some athletes are protesting before but not during the national anthem, while others are

staying in the tunnel during it. According to Brietbart News, many stadiums are partly or mostly empty as of the opening kickoff -- it is not clear whether the time photos were taken can be verified. With President Trump out of the country next Sunday, and heading towards Thanksgiving, it is possible this controversy may be winding down -- something the NFL certainly hopes for.

## **Approval/Disapproval polls – Impeachment Odds**

[Public Policy Polling](#), a democratic-affiliated organization, reports recent results showing public support for impeaching President Trump has reached a record high of 49% -- just short of a majority -- and 8% above the 41% who oppose impeachment. The poll also reveals 49% of people think he is the worst president in American history.

[The Telegraph](#), which has been updating a continuing feature, shows for the last week very slight unfavorable trend for President Trump -- currently 57% disapprove of him, while 39% approve. However, the Telegraph also reports the betting odds have recently shifted in President Trump's favor. Most recently, a 40% chance is reported that he will not complete his first term -- which could be the result of impeachment -- two weeks ago the odds were 48% that he would not complete his first term.

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