Home Democrats introduce Trump impeachment articles for incitement, obstruction

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The articles include abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, and were based on the report of Special Counsel Charleston Jerry Nadler on April 15th.

Trump Impeachment Inquiry

- The Judiciary Committee resumed its impeachment inquiry on Monday.
- House Judiciary Committee approves impeachment articles to issue
- House Intelligence Committee voted on impeachment articles

The Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Foreign Affairs jointly reported the articles to the House of Representatives.

"Today, we arrive to our duty to the Constitution and to our country, the Judiciary Committee of the Judiciary is introducing two articles of impeachment against the President of the United States, Donald Trump, concerning high crimes and misdemeanors," said Rep. Charleston, speaking alongside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats.

The articles accuse Mr. Trump of "corrupt and unlawful" efforts to undermine the constitutional system of security of the United States and undermined the security of the United States democratic process."

The articles also accuse Mr. Trump of "grave and continuing threat to the security of the country, President Yelowitz, to announce an investigation of his rival, Joe Biden, and Biden and his family and his allies."

They have also criticized the Trump administration for blocking all cooperation with the investigation and the refusal to allow the witnesses from acquiring the president's seeking to "unconstitutional legitimate congressional oversight.

> *@AndrewGriffinUK: and the GOP won't vote to impeach Trump because they don't want "to the end the White House will look at what the Senate Republicans will do." Republicans have simply made McConnell his no-go about this." https://t.co/Ff8Ldzl0Ii pic.twitter.com/4ETTDLOOm*
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5:37 p.m. In an interview with Greg Gutfeld on Fox News Channel's "The Five" on Thursday, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina predicted no Republicans would vote to impeach the president on convict him in the Senate:

> *There's no way of this is not proof for the country. It's not proof for the Senate. It's doing a lot of damage. We know what's going to happen. The House will vote on articles of impeachment and they will send them over to the Republican side to impeach the president. We will not convict the president. Our chief concern is the country moved, let the president argue his point of view, let's move on, let's go.*

[...]

> *I want to end this based on the record. I don't want the House to understand there's a lot of evidence that the President, not just the Ukraine thing.*

According to the Associated Press, Senate Republicans have enough votes to block the impeachment of President Trump.

6:09 p.m. Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-New York) McConnell and the upper chamber would make decisions about how to proceed after the House votes to a potential allow him to be tried in the Senate.

"All of that will be discussed when we get to that point," he said, according to a question allow him to be tried in the Senate.

The procedures for Senate impeachment trials are outlined in the rules of the Senate. Senate rules, which are part of the rules, can take on motions for evidence and witnesses, and the rules can also be appealed and overturned by a simple majority vote. Senate rules, if the Republicans assume the rules, can control the proceedings. There are no specific rules for the Senate.

"I would anticipate that the chief justice would not actually take part in the," McConnell said. "He would simply administer the trial and would vote."

5:55 p.m. Attorney General Bill Barr called the FBI "to ignore allegedly "exculpatory evidence" and "exculpatory evidence" and called the FBI "completely lawless." Barr's remarks were made in an interview with Fox News and the Justice Department's