

## Articles of Impeachment - Summary

### Article I – Obstruction of Justice

Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath and obligations, has engaged personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct designed to delay and impede an investigation and to conceal information sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the course of its investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 United States presidential election, including any possible collusion between Russia and Donald J. Trump.

- National Security Advisor Michael Flynn misled Vice President Pence about his discussions with the Russian Ambassador to the United States.
- Donald J. Trump demanded F.B.I. Director James Comey’s loyalty, and asked Comey to let Flynn go.
- Donald J. Trump fired F.B.I. Director James Comey while the F.B.I. was investigating Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election including possible collusion with the Trump campaign.
- Donald J. Trump admitted in a television interview that he had the Russia investigation on his mind when he fired F.B.I. Director Comey.
- Donald J. Trump told the Russian Foreign Minister and Russian Ambassador to the United States, “I just fired the head of the F.B.I. He was crazy, a real nut job . . . I faced great pressure because of Russia. That’s taken off.”
- Donald J. Trump personally dictated a misleading statement for his son and former Trump campaign operative Donald Trump, Jr. to use to explain Trump Jr.’s meeting with a Russian attorney who had invited Trump Jr. to meet in order to give him damaging information about Hillary Clinton as part of the Russian government’s efforts to help his father’s campaign.

### Article II – Violation of Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution – Foreign Emoluments

*“No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office for Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.”*

-Article I, Section 9

Donald J. Trump has accepted, without the consent of Congress, emoluments from foreign states.

- Donald J. Trump refused to divest or place his assets into a blind trust.
- Donald J. Trump refused to release his tax returns.
- Donald J. Trump’s attorney has acknowledged his businesses receive funds from foreign governments.

- Donald J. Trump owns 77 percent of Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., owns the Trump Tower in New York City, and owns the Trump World Tower in New York City. Foreign payments received by Trump owned businesses, so far, include:
  - An event estimated to cost \$40,000 - \$60,000 held by the Embassy of Kuwait at the Trump International Hotel.
  - \$270,000 in payments from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for rooms, catering and parking as part of a lobbying effort at the Trump International Hotel.
  - \$30,000 from groups promoting Turkish American relations as part of a convention at the Trump International Hotel.
  - Rents from tenants at Trump Tower owned by foreign states including the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority.

**Article III – Violation of Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution – Domestic Emoluments**

*“The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.”*

-Article II, Section 1

Donald J. Trump has accepted emoluments from the United States other than this presidential salary.

- Donald J. Trump refused to divest or place his assets into a blind trust.
- Donald J. Trump refused to release his tax returns.
- Donald J. Trump has caused the U.S. government to spend money at businesses in which Donald J. Trump has an ownership interest including:
  - \$73,000 by the Secret Service for golf carts
  - \$1,092 by the National Security Council for lodging at Mar-a-Lago
- As of September 25, 2017, Donald J. Trump had visited at least one Trump-branded property on 85 days of his presidency, as compared to 164 days in which had not.

**Article IV – Undermining the Independence of the Federal Judiciary and the Rule of Law**

Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath and obligations, has engaged in a pattern of conduct designed to undermine the authority of the federal judiciary to carry out its constitutional responsibilities including:

- Calling a U.S. District Court judge a “so-called judge.”
- Pardoning former Sheriff Joe Arpaio for criminal contempt of court.

## **Article V - Undermining Freedom of the Press**

Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath and obligations, has engaged in a pattern of conduct designed to undermine the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including:

- Repeatedly calling press organizations “fake news.”
- Circulating a video of himself violently wrestling a man covered by the CNN logo.
- Personally attacking members of the press including a tweet that then-Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly had, “blood coming out of her whatever,” and a tweet that MSNBC anchor Mika Brzezinsk, “was badly bleeding from a face-lift.”