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Article Review

The article titled ‘Pelosi announces impeachment inquiry, says Trump’s courting of foreign political help is a betrayal of national security’ was published in the Washington Post on September 24, 2019 (Bade et al.). The article was authored by Rachael Bade, Mike DeBonis, and Karoun Demirjian, who are the congressional reporters working for the House of Representatives. Demirjian also writes on the issues of national security. This assignment is aimed at analyzing the article in from different lenses, while mainly referring it to the constitutional savoir-faire.

# Article summary

The article is about the constitutional proceedings about procedure the Congress will work for the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump. The article starts with a brief account of what actually led to starting the impeachment proceedings against President Trump. In the first few paragraphs, the authors give a brief account of how President Trump acknowledged that he urged Ukrainian President to investigate his democrat contender. The article refer to statements made by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi where she accused President Trump of violating the oath of office and committing an act of betraying national security. The article then points toward how this impeachment campaign will further create a rift among the democratic and republicans before the 2020 elections. The authors then go on to cover the congressional proceedings, which might follow a 24-hour long, intense period. They have referred to the responses of some old republicans like John Lewis, who believes that the time of impeaching President Trump has arrived. In the later paragraphs of the article, the authors discuss the incidences which stimulated the impeachment campaign. The article talk about possible manners the differences between the Democrats and the GOPs can come to an end. As for them, this historic move will have sewer repercussions for the upcoming elections of 2020.

# Analysis of constitutional issues

The authors have, although refrained from referring to any clause or articles of the constitution of the US. However, some video reports included in the article mentions the article of impeachment, which has already been enacted by House speakers. The article of impeachment is the legal set of charges, which results in creating a draft against the public official (President Trump in this case) who is charged with any action against the constitution or his oath. The article of impeachments does not immediately remove the official, rather initiates a congressional proceeding, which later decided the fate of that public official. Article II, Section IV of the American constitution, provides sole rights to the House speakers for impeaching public officials. It also makes the Senate, a court for the trial of impeachment. The authors have refrained from referring to articles of Constitution which talk about impeachment; as the formal proceeding in the house of the representative is not formally started.

# Analysis of non- governmental linkage institutions

Throughout the article, the authors have refrained from mentioning what they believe the future of the impeachment campaign might be. Interesting to note is the manner, the aspirations of both Republicans and Democrats are mentioned. The authors believe that both political parties are tightly holding their cards, which they plan to put forth in the strategic foreplay. The authors talk more about Republicans who cite political interests as motive behind the impeachment campaign. Whereas, the authors have given a prominent space in the initial paragraphs to the Democrats, citing the statements of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In the later paragraphs, it has been referred by authors as to how the Presidents seeking a legal opinion from the lawmakers, as it is widely believed that democrats hold the requisite number to make the impeachment campaign successful.

# Analysis of government issues

The article talks about probable impeachment initiative planned against the President, therefore, the authors have resorted to referring to the White House and the US Congress. The White House, who is being currently run by the Republican President Trump, therefore, the GOP’s senators are expected to voice against the impeachment campaign. Unlike Senator John Lewis, who is vociferous against this impeachment campaign. The authors have referred to the telephonic communication between the Ukrainian President and President Trump. Although the White House has not directly referred to in the article, the authors have cited various events that have come from the Presidential staff. As the Presidency will be playing a major role in the complete scenario, similarly, United States Congress is other governmental institution which is referred by the authors. They have cited various statements of Nancy Pelosi, who is the incumbent house speakers. In short, the article chiefly mentions about a row between the White House and the United States Congress.

# Impact on the President’s legacy

It is not the first time that an American President is impeached. With the official proclamation of the impeachment procedure in Congress, President Donald J. Trump will be the third President who will face the impeachment campaign. Despite acing the impeachment charges, the first two Presidents were not removed from the office; however, the future of President Trump is still indecisive. As the previous impeachment campaigns remained to fail in removing the President from office, therefore, the authors have refrained from writing about what will be the future of President Trump. Since the President of the United States holds a great legacy, therefore an impeachment campaign always leaves a negative repercussion over the political attire of the personalities. Therefore, the 2020 election will receive a significant impact of the most recent impeachment campaign.

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